



supporting just transition efforts



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Just Transition Institute Greece

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About JTIG

The Just Transition Institute Greece (JTIG) is a non-profit civil partnership with the main goal of designing and implementing scientific activities in support of the effort of the affected areas to the developmental transformation during the period of lignite phase out.

It was founded in 2020 in Kozani by people who live and work professionally in the wider region of Western Macedonia. The regular and non-regular members of the Institute together with its honorary members wish to take an active part in shaping the social, environmental and economic perspective of the affected areas, for a sustainable future during and after the transition period.



JTIG is the only nation-wide institution working and focusing on J.T. aspects, as a non-profit organization.

Meet The Team



Karamarkos Konstaninos *Strategic Planner*

Freelancer, Mechanical Engineer of AUTH with economics and technical studies, has postgraduate studies in Strategic Management and MBA. His activities in the technical-consulting field of urban and regional development strategic projects and his thirty years of experience in the preparation, organization, management and coordination of co-financed projects in Greece and the EU are crucial. He is focusing on the fields of entrepreneurship & smart specialization in projects of Greece & the EU. He is a collaborator of Regions & Municipalities of the country, the Council of Europe, as well as a lead expert of the Urbact, Interreg Europe, Horizon and EEA programs.



Nikou Konstantinos *Business Strategist*

Business Consultant since 2004. Equipped with a combined background of applied informatics and corporate investment expertise, he assists private companies into setting and implement sound and sustainable business plans. As of 2025 he is CEO of University of Western Macedonia.

He holds a MBA from the International Hellenic University (Greece) and a MSC in Financial Engineering from the ISMA University of Reading.

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Kostarellas Ioannis

Media expert

Professional in the field of communications with a background in economics and information systems. He is a professional journalist for the last 15 years. He has acted for 4 years as a Communication's Officer of the Municipality of Kozani with an active role in the initiatives undertaken for the Just Transition. He also specializes in Social Media. He had been teaching information systems University of Western Macedonia). Currently he is collaborating with private educational institutions in his capacity as a Certified Adult Educator (EOPPEP) in information systems and Social Media.



Michailidis Ilias

Training Expert

Graduate of the Physics Department of the Aristotle University of Thessaloniki, with postgraduate studies in Environmental Physics. As a scientific collaborator of the atmosphere physics laboratory of AUTH has worked on air pollution issues. As a professional in education, he co-directs secondary schools, a Center for Creative Employment of Children and a center for lifelong learning. He participates in the professional trade union bodies of first and second degree educators. He is the president of the Association of educators of Western Macedonia (SEFDYM) and special secretary of the board of directors of the Federation of Educators of Greece (OEFE). He Participates in Regional Development project groups.

Vision, Aims & Targets

Vision

Assistance & support to institutions, companies, employees, unemployed and citizens in the transition areas that face the greatest challenges of their modern history.

Aims

To support, promote & implement actions towards sustainable development during the period of transformation & regeneration of the economy, mainly in the areas of the country that are in the process of just transition, after their gradual complete lignite phase out (Western Macedonia and Megalopolis).

Targets

Interventions of economic development pillars such as green energy, smart agriculture, sustainable tourism, small industry/ artisanship and industry, the digital economy and of course the education – training of those who lose their jobs, but also of the unemployed or underemployed workers. The dynamic activation of the human resources of the transition areas is also a separate goal.



Milestones

Until today, the JTIG has succeeded a track record of active involvement in the just transition process at an EU level

2021

- Key member of the Just Transition Platform (JTP) Working Group, for the formulation of the Horizontal Strategy of the Stakeholders at EU level.

2022

- Part of the COALition project which is funded by Horizon Europe 2021-2027.
- EU coal regions exchange programme.

2023

- Just Transition Living Lab which was established by Just Transition Institute Greece and University of Western Macedonia was accepted as member of European Network of Living Labs-ENoLL.
- Just Transition Institute Greece is part of Transformer Project User Forum.

2024

- As of June 2024 Just Transition Institute Greece is member of Regional/Spatial Committee for Just Transition in Western Macedonia.

2025

- As of September 2025, the Just Transition Institute Greece is part of the stakeholders group of the projects titled SMARTFORM 'Accelerating EU mission on net-zero transition through community-led innovation' , Green LUPO project 'Greening land-use policies by land management to protect and restore nature and biodiversity', BiodivErSe project – 'Accelerating Multifunctional Innovative Photovoltaic Energy Systems through Biodiversity Sensitive Assessment' within the framework of the INTERREG Europe Programme 2021–2027.



Building Capacity Through European Excellence

The JTIG members have a track record of innovative European projects implementation (Interreg, Horizon etc), as well as EU institutions and Global Organizations accreditation (i.e. EBRD Advisors, Climate Pact Ambassadors, Industrial Transition Working Groups) and therefore there is an established capacity in these areas and will for a know-how transfer to other members of the community (chambers, SMEs, citizens etc).



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