

**WESTERN GREECE PARTICIPATES IN THE EUROPEAN INNOVATION
PROGRAMME “FILES” THAT DEALS WITH REINFORCEMENT
ACTIONS ON EMPLOYMENT AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP**

The Region of Western Greece, the BIC of Western Greece, the Labor Institute (INE/ΓΣΕΕ) and the EEO Group participate in a European project entitled “FILES: Future-oriented Implementation of Local Employment Strategies” composed of 16 bodies from 4 different European countries, which was approved within the framework of Innovative Measures Program of the 6th Article of the European Social Fund (ESF). In the project framework the kick-off meeting of all the partners took place in November 14th 2005 in Doebeln, Germany.

The Western Greece was represented by a sound delegation consisted of six persons of the four local bodies. Head of the local collaboration is the Region of Western Greece which was represented by 3 persons, while the other 3 partners were represented by one executive each. The other bodies that participated in the meeting were from Germany, Sweden and Belgium.

The main goal of the FILES project is the improvement of the capability of local and regional bodies for interventions and initiatives, especially on employment and social sustainable development issues, during important economic changes and restructuring. For the success of the above goal specific actions will be planned and implemented, such as:

1. the creation of the forum of social associates (INE/ΓΣΕΕ)
2. the promotion of Local/Regional Strategies through internet forums
3. Pre-vocational and vocational training, and advisory assistance to unemployed women (EEO Group)
4. the promotion (reward) of women’s entrepreneurship (BIC of Westen Greece)

The FILES project comes to continue the relative activity of the Region of Western Greece which was initiated by the “WISE” project, while the reinforcement on employment of disadvantaged population groups in Western Greece composes a permanent priority of Secretary General of the Region of Western Greece, Mr. Panagiotis Kavadas, as well as of political persons who participate in this activity such as the President of BIC and of the Ilia’s Chamber, Mr. Agelos Agelopoulos and of the President of INE/ΓΣΕΕ Mr. Christos Polyzogopoulos.