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The 1<sup>st</sup> Workshop of the recently approved by the European Commission project “FILES: Future-Oriented Implementation of Local Employment Strategies” has been successfully concluded in April 11<sup>th</sup> 2006 with the participation of all the project partners.

The Workshop has been realized in April 10<sup>th</sup> at Thermo of Aitolokarnania while the meeting of the International Steering Committee of the project took place in April 11<sup>th</sup> at the premises of the Regional Development Fund of Region of Western Greece.

During the Workshop, presentations and suggestions from all the project partners have taken place that had as a goal the distinction of problems that the participant Regions confront about the employment of human potential, the Strategies that have been developed in the local societies for the confrontation of these problems as well as the complementarity of the action plans.

Afterwards, four working teams were created that exchanged their opinions about the pilot actions of the project and the cooperation among Regions. These workshop teams have been composed on the following fields: (a) economic development, (b) research and SME cooperation, (c) equal aspects and (d) potential of the social capital.

As Mr. Vallindras, the Director of the Regional Development Fund of Region of Western Greece, pointed out at the meeting, the FILES project has as a target the exchange of experiences and the determination of the best practices, in order to provide adaptability in changes that occur and to contribute in the long term to the amelioration of the competitiveness and of the sustainable social development.

The FILES project is realized in the framework of the Innovating Measures Programme of the European Social Fund – Article 6, and concerns the implementation of Local Employment Strategies taking into consideration the already existing restructuring as well as the restructuring that will follow in the next years at the social structure of the participant Regions.

The FILES project bonds the efforts of 17 partners from 4 areas in Europe in the common target of the reinforcement of the capability of taking initiatives at a regional level and of the strategic planning in times of economic changes and social restructuring.

In this project, apart from the **Regional Development Fund of Region of Western Greece** that will be the local coordinator for implementing the Local Employment Strategy in Western Greece, the other Greek partners that participate are the Labor Institute - Department of Western Greece (INE/GSEE-ADED), the Business Innovation Center of Western Greece and the European Enterprise Organisation (EEO Group).