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DYPA and local government join forces for more job

Yianna Hormova, Governor of the Greek Public Employment Service, discussed the promotion of cooperation between DYPA and the municipalities for the creation of new jobs, the development of skills and the utilisation of infrastructure at the Annual Convention of the Central Union of Municipalities of Greece (KEDE) held in Kalamata from 5 to 7 November.

Ms. Hormova referred to her own experience in the local government during the period from 2015 till 2019, and noted that she feels twice as happy being among mayors once again.

She also highlighted that DYPA has expanded its role beyond merely granting the unemployment benefit by supporting jobseekers and businesses in need of skilled staff. According to the data she presented, since 2019 more than 300.000 jobseekers found jobs via DYPA's activities and more than 33.000 persons received a subsidy and became entrepreneurs. She also referred to the work benefit which allows unemployment beneficiaries finding a full-time job to continue to receive 50% of their benefit for the remaining benefit period provided that the legal requirements are met.

DYPA Governor presented the main collaboration fields with the municipalities. DYPA operates 28 owned childcare centres, 25 of which already hold a fire safety certificate. Renovations are done aiming to increase the number of available places for infants. At the same time, fields of study/ specialties at the 50 EPAS Schools are tailored to the needs of local labour markets, as was the case in Grevena, with a focus on industrial automation, and in Karpenisi, where vocational training was aligned with the needs of the hospitality sector.

Ms. Hormova also referred to the allocation of premises in former Workers' Housing settlements to municipalities, numbering more than 600, as well as to the operation of 118 Employment Promotion Centres (KPA2) and 23 partnerships for skills development programmes. Ms. Hormova requested closer collaboration with the municipalities for the renovation of DYPA's more than 5000 buildings, noting

that the structural integrity assessmentsts funded by the RRF have been completed.

She also placed special emphasis on the design of the first employment programme for systematical teleworking addressed to 38 small mountain municipalities with 8.500 registered unemployed persons where employment opportunities are limited. At the same time, she stated that a new employment programme aimed at hiring 1.000 Persons with Disabilities in municipal/ regional authority enterprises as Niki Kerameos, Minister of Labour and Social Security, has already signed the relevant Joint Ministerial Decision.

Regarding the employment programme for unemployed people aged 55+, Ms. Hormova noted that 42,000 persons have been employed through this particular scheme, more than 60% of them in municipal/ regional authority enterprises, compared with just 1,000 beneficiaries up to 2020. Under the programme's last phase 5.500 out of the 8.000 jobs were allocated to municipal/ regional authority enterprises according to KEDE's decision. She also recognised the municipalities' need for more jobs and clarified that this programme is exclusively funded by national resources while DYPA covers 75% of the costs and municipalities contributing the remaining 25%.

She further explained that for DYPA a key issue is the employment to be extended after the end of the subsidy. For this reason, efforts are being made, wherever feasible, to enhance employment opportunities in the private sector so that beneficiaries can access better prospects for career development and long-term employment.

Finally, the Governor stressed that DYPA is always willing to discuss the needs and development projects of each municipality and to support local communities through its programmes, infrastructure and tools.