**Press Release**

**“Environment is of immediate priority”**

The wide meeting being held at the central offices of Viotia Periphery was an initiative of the Deputy Head of Viotia Periphery Mr. G. Mouklioti and had as main topic the integration of environmental issues into the development and production process of enterprises.

The meeting attended Mr. N. Mpetsios, responsible for the Environment and Spatial Planning in Central Greece, the president of the Federation of Greek Industries in Viotia Mr. N. Koudounis, the Director of Environment and Spatial Planning of the Periphery of Central Greece Mr. Evag. Terzis and responsible Periphery officials of Viotia.

The Periphery of Central Greece recognizing the major role of industrial activity on strategy and development aiming to achieve its targets with regard to improve the quality of investments and products, the maintenance and the increase of employment, the stimulation of openness and exportation ability of enterprises, supports entrepreneurship while focusing on the integration of environmental issues and welfare in the production process.

In this context, an attempt was made to find ways to resolve procedural issues relatively to licensing and operation within the upcoming legislative, environmental and other provisions. The pilot environmental LIFE+ program being implemented by Viotia Region with a total budget of 1.763.295, 00 € was thoroughly presented (co-financed by the European financial instrument for the Environment LIFE+) and the next steps were defined ensuring the successful implementation of the project.

The meeting between Social Partners ended to a positive and optimistic atmosphere also the commitment for immediate and honest cooperation having as a common target the benefit of Central Region and Greece.

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