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2nd Technical Meeting and the 2nd Steering Committee at Sapienza University in Rome.

The 2nd Technical Meeting and Steering Committee of the HERIT ADAPT project took place on July 11-12, 2024, at Sapienza University in Rome. Attended by Mr. Panagiotis Sakellaropoulos, Deputy Governor of Tourism Development for Western Greece, the meeting highlighted the project's significance in protecting cultural heritage monuments from climate change and over-tourism. The HERIT ADAPT initiative aims to promote sustainable tourism while enhancing the resilience of sites like the UNESCO World Heritage Temple of Epicurean Apollo in Iliia. Sakellaropoulos expressed satisfaction with the project's progress and announced that the next meeting will be held in Patras in October 2024.

The 3rd Project Meeting, organized by the Lead Partner, the Region of Western Greece, successfully took place on Thursday, October 17, 2024, at the Archaeological Museum of Patras.

Mr. Nektarios Farmakis, the Regional Governor of Western Greece, launched the HERIT ADAPT Kick-off Conference on the same day, emphasizing that sustainable and high-quality cultural tourism is a key priority for his government. He highlighted the Temple of Epicurus Apollo, selected by the project, as a landmark monument of national significance. The Deputy Minister of Climate Crisis and Cultural Protection of Greece, Mr. Triantopoulos, stated that climate change poses a severe threat and requires collaboration among all stakeholders to effectively mitigate its impacts.

On October 18, 2024, the HERIT ADAPT Info Day, led by the Region of Western Greece, gathered partners to advance sustainable tourism and resilience.

Notable participants included Vasilios Papaioannou, who presented the SPARC project (Municipality of Patras), John Mardikis from EPLO, Dr. Konstantinos Papadopoulos from the Ephorate of Antiquities and Konstantinos Tzamaloukas, who presented the ADRION INNOXENIA PLUS project (Region of Western Greece).

2nd Working Meeting in the offices Ephorate of Antiquities of Iliia.

On July 25, 2024, the Region of Western Greece, as the Lead Partner of the HERIT ADAPT project, convened the 2nd meeting of its working group with the Ephorate of Antiquities of Iliia. Key participants included project leaders and researchers, who discussed preparatory actions for implementing a sustainable tourism model aimed at enhancing the resilience of cultural heritage monuments against climate change. This model will be piloted in eight selected Euro-MED areas, including the UNESCO-listed Temple of Epicurean Apollo. The Ephorate, as an Associated Partner, will support technical activities such as 3D modeling and AI-driven analysis of the site. The meeting also emphasized the formation of local Territorial Working Groups to develop Sustainable Tourism Models, with plans for future discussions involving local municipalities and stakeholders.

