



PRESS RELEASE

Another project with important actions in the field of health is being implemented in the current period by the 4th Health District of Macedonia and Thrace and is heading towards its end with significant achievements for health in the cross-border area. The project **"Joint Actions for the Protection and Improvement of Public Health in the Cross-Border Area"** with the acronym "IpA Shield II", was approved and implemented under the Interreg Cross-Border Cooperation Program "Greece-Republic of North Macedonia" 2014-2020 by the General Hospital Kilis (in the capacity of Lead Partner), the 4th Health District of Macedonia and Thrace, the National Emergency Center, the General Hospital of Gevgelija and the Health Center of Valandovo. The project follows the successful "IpA Shield" project implemented in the previous programming period.

The project aims to improve the effectiveness of the primary health care services offered with an emphasis on the prevention and especially the prevention of diabetes, especially in children, and the effectiveness of secondary care, through the upgrading of existing medical services and equipment and the creation of new in the cross-border area. Within the framework of the project, important actions are implemented that concern:

- The upgrading of the infrastructure and services of the General Hospital of Kilis, the General Hospital of Thessaloniki "Ippokrateio" as well as the Health Centers of Polykastro, Drosatos and GN-KY Goumenissa, which belong to the area of responsibility of the 4th Health District of Macedonia
- The strengthening and modernization of the emergency management system in the Regional Unit of Kilis and
- The implementation of diabetes information and awareness actions on both sides of the border.

The "IpA Shield II" project has a total budget of 1,237,065.47 euros and is co-financed by 85% from the European Union and 15% from the national funds of the participating countries under the Interreg IPA Cross-Border Cooperation Program "Greece- Republic of North Macedonia" 2014-2020.

You can find more information about the IpA Shield II project and its actions on its website at <https://ipashieldii.eu/>

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