

## ERFC & Municipality of Sacred Town of Messolonghi

### PRESS RELEASE

- *2nd meeting of MUSE Project, 27 and 28 September 2018*
- *Stakeholders meeting - Press conference, 29 September 2018*

*VENUE: Museum of Engraving Arts "Vasso Katraki" (Aetoliko-Messolonghi)*

The Municipality of Sacred Town of Messolonghi in co-operation with the European Regional Framework for Cooperation (ERFC) will host a three-day session for the partners of the project MUSE at the Museum of Engraving Arts "Vasso Katraki" in Aetoliko. More specifically, the steering committee meeting will take place on 27 and 28 September 2018. The following day, on Saturday 29 September 2018, right after the meeting with the local stakeholders (starting at 9h pm), the partners will hold a press conference (at 12h midday), aiming at presenting to the local community the objectives of the project.

Lead Partner of the project is the Municipality of Tricase; the project partners are CIHEAM BARI, the Municipality of Messolonghi, the Port Authority of Corfu and the European Regional Framework for Cooperation (ERFC-Greece).

The port museums as a dynamic place of research, collection, exchange and deepening of knowledge linked to the traditions of the sea and of coastal communities will try to develop actions in some areas at high risk of depopulation and abandonment, by creating a network between the three port museums (Tricase in Italy, Messolonghi and Corfu in Greece) and by strengthening facilities and services for cultural, natural and scientific tourism.

The port museum for the region of Messolonghi will be established in Aetoliko. Through the involvement of the local community, the port museum will enhance the cultural heritage -tangible and intangible-, develops the territory, supports local economies, promotes responsible tourism contributing to the sustainability of the coastal marine ecosystem.

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