

## Press Release

The General Hospital of Ioannina “G. Hatzikosta” participates in the implementation of the project **EpirusMedEye - Enhancing Healthcare Access in Municipality of Dropull through Greece – Albania Cooperation Background**. The project is funded by the European Union in the framework Interreg IPA Greece-Albania program.

The project EpirusMedEye started on 13 Οκτωβρίου 2025 and has a duration of 24 months. It aims to enhance the healthcare infrastructure in the Municipality of Dropull by integrating advanced telemedicine systems and providing necessary medical equipment to local health centers.

This initiative will significantly improve access to quality health services for the region's remote and rural populations, who are currently underserved due to geographic isolation and an aging demographic profile.

The primary objective is to ensure equitable access to healthcare by upgrading local health facilities with modern telemedicine technology and providing the necessary training to staff.

As partner of the project, the General Hospital of Ioannina "G. Hatzikosta" will be equipped with new medical technology equipment, the EpirusMedEye telemedicine platform and it will offer health education services.

The project is implemented in collaboration with the Municipality of Dropull, the Diagnosis Med N.G.O in Albania and the National Strategic Reference Framework (NSRF) Executive Agency of Ministry of Health in Greece, where it is also the lead partner of the project.

On December 4 and 5, 2025, the kick off meeting of the project will be held in Frontzou Politia in Ioannina, organized by the General Hospital of Ioannina "G. Hatzikosta". The meeting will be attended and prefaced by Mr. Socrates Sourvinos Consul General of Greece in Gjirokaster, also representing Mrs. Konstantina Kamitsi Ambassador of Greece in Tirana.