GUIDE TO DESTINATION MANAGEMENT PLANNING PILOT PROGRAMME FOR GREEK DESTINATIONS





European Bank for Reconstruction and Development (EBRD) in cooperation with The Ministry of Tourism and the Greek Tourism Confederation AGENDA

A Project Overview

The Destination Management Plans

The Destination Management Planning Guide

Next steps

Key Project Partners





TEAM
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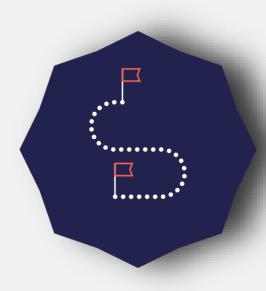
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CHAMBER OF DODECANESE



Pilot Destination Management Plans for Rhodes & Santorini - The Brief



SCOPE

- Create a clear vision for sustainable tourism development and identify priorities for destination management in each island.
- Engage local stakeholders and communities in destination management planning.



OBJECTIVES

- Maximise destination performance (e.g. visitor spending, longevity of tourist season) and develop solutions for negative impacts (e.g. phenomena related to overtourism).
- Facilitate the development of experiences that meet visitor needs and expectations, reflect the destination vision and brand and facilitate the elements of a journey within a destination.

Definition: Destination Management Planning as the Basis for Sustainable Tourism

Destination Management Planning is a process that enables people in a destination to decide how they want tourism to contribute to their economic and social life and take steps to achieve this.

This should cover "all the aspects of a destination that contribute to a visitor's experience, taking account of the needs of visitors, local residents, businesses and the environment."

The VERB Model **Environment** Visitor Residents Businesses

Context of Destination Management Planning



National policies on attracting new, higher yield markets

The search for experiences and authenticity

Thomas Cook collapse drives market restructuring

Sustainability takes centre stage

Aegean planned expansion of winter timetable

Increasing focus on managing the destination

The Deliverables







Dissemination
workshops
Chania and Corfu
PPT + Video

Project Report
Presentation to
National
Stakeholders
PPT + Video

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Timetable

Desk research	MAY
Workshops, individual discussions and site visits	JUNE
Situation Report	JUNE - JULY
Surveys of industry, consumers and community	JULY - AUGUST
Interviews with key stakeholders and experts	JULY - AUGUST
Strategy Discussion Papers	AUGUST
Draft Destination Management Plans & DM Guide	SEPTEMBER - OCTOBER
Presentations to stakeholders – Rhodes and Santorini	OCTOBER
Dissemination events (Chania, Corfu, Athens)	OCTOBER
Project completion	by 31 OCTOBER





Pilot Destination Management Plans for Rhodes & Santorini

THE DESTINATION MANAGEMENT PLANS WERE DESIGNED TO:

- Provide a high level
 'road map' for tourism
- 2. Identify 'strategic priorities' for the development of tourism
- Provide broad action plans for enabling activities
- 4. Outline options for an implementation structure
- 5. Suggest where more detailed plans will be required

THE DESTINATION MANAGEMENT PLANS WERE NOT DESIGNED TO:

- X
- 1. Provide detailed costed plans for every area of action
- X
- 2. Provide solutions to issues that require specialist / technical expertise (e.g. legal, land use planning for development projects, investment planning)



Include detailed budget / HR commitments by partners

DMP Approach

4 QUESTIONS

1. Where is your destination in tourism now? SITUATION ANALYSIS

2. Where does your destination want its tourism to be in 2030?

THE VISION

3. How does your destinations get there?
THE STRATEGY & ACTION PLAN

4. How will we measure success? MONITORING

DMP Approach

4 CORE PRINCIPLES

- 1. Targeting those visitors who will provide the greatest benefit to the destination, in terms of spend, length of stay, season of visit, propensity to travel beyond the 'honeypots', and, most importantly, their (responsible) behaviour in the destination.
- 2. Developing the destination, its infrastructure and tourism products and experiences, so that it appeals to those visitors who will provide the greatest benefit to the destination.

- 3. Identifying and managing any potentially **negative impacts** of tourism before they damage the place or undermine community cohesion.
- 4. Securing residents' understanding of tourism as a driver of the local economy, social cohesion, and environmental conservation, so that they welcome visitors and commit to tourism as an important and positive contributor to their daily lives.

Situation report

TYPES OF CONTENT

- Destination
 managementrelated
 initiatives and issues
- Destination
 management trends
 & PESTEL context

Stakeholder mapping

Competitor analysis

Destination supply analysis & initial tourism product assessment

Destination demand analysis & initial tourism market assessment

Organisations Involved in the Policy Workshop in Rhodes

Chamber of Dodecanese

Rhodes KTEL S.A.

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Municipality of RhodesDirectorates of Tourismand Culture

Association of Taxi Owners

Rhodes Traders
Association

Municipal Port Fund of South Dodecanese

Rhodes Hoteliers
Association

University of Aegean

Region of South Aegean
- Directorates of Tourism,
Sports and Lifelong
Learning

Rhodes Hotel
Managers Association

Rhodes Institute of Vocational Training

Association of Travel Agents

Key Issues Discussed in the Policy Workshops



Primary challenges



Geographic markets & lifestyle segments with high potential



Main competitors



Most important destination values / attractions



Priorities for destination management

Expert Interviews in Rhodes ORGANISATIONS & BUSINESSES

- Municipality of Rhodes
- Region of South Aegean
- Rhodes Hoteliers
 Association
- Rhodes Hotel
 Managers Association

- Association of Travel Agents
- Rhodes KTEL S.A.
- Rhodes Traders
 Association
- Dodecanese Directorate under the Greek National Tourism Organization

- Church Committee
 Tsampika Monastery
- Olive Oil Factory and Folklore Museum
- Monolithos Community
 Association
- University of the Aegean

Expert Interviews in Santorini ORGANISATIONS & BUSINESSES

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Region of South Aegean

Restaurant Krinaki

Domaine Sigalas

Researchers involved in the Master Plan for the Cultural Route of Santorini

Santorini Hoteliers **Association**

Conferences

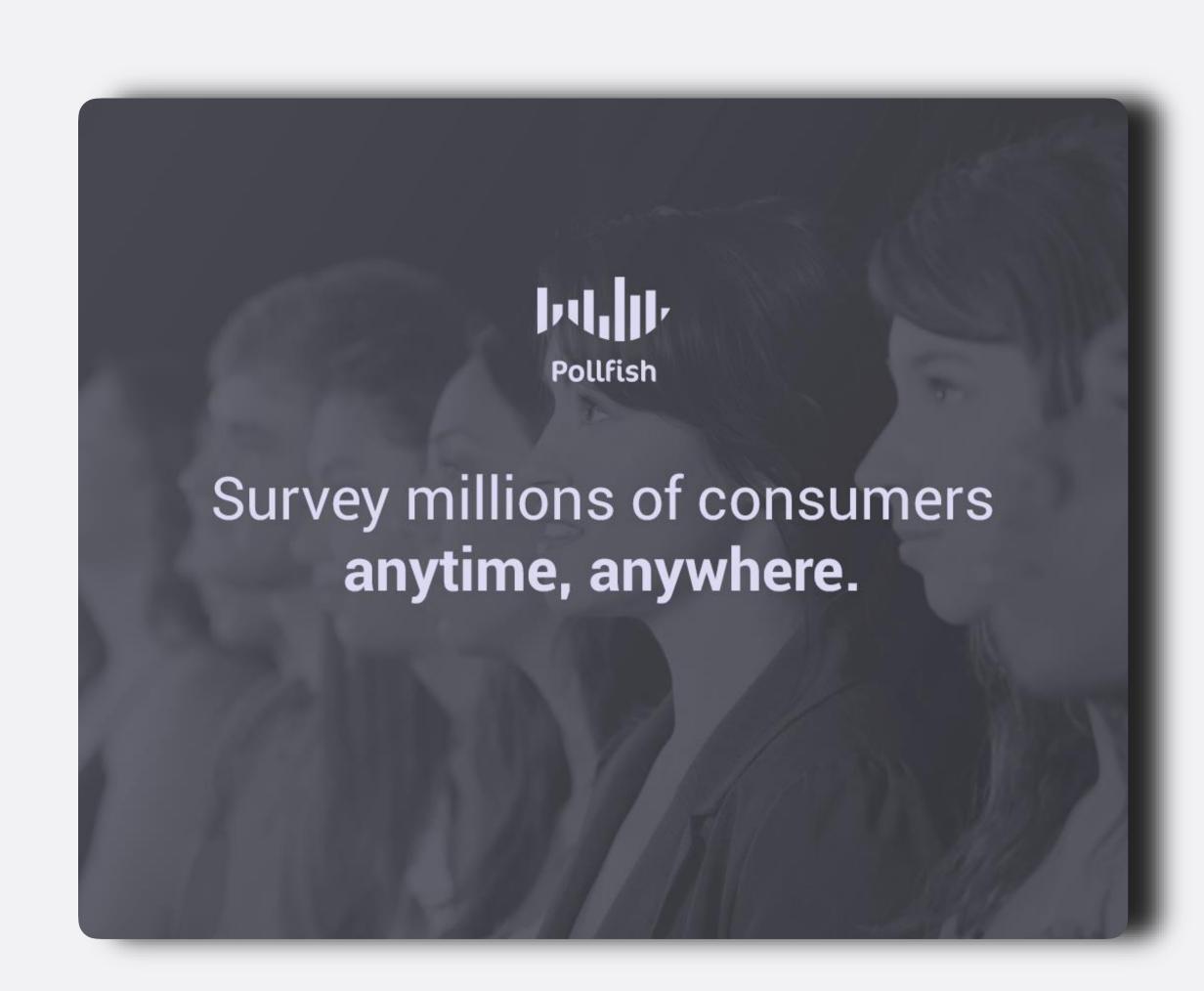
- **Nomikos Estate**

Institute for the Study and Monitoring of the Santorini Volcano

An online tool enabled targeting a total sample of 1600 recent visitors across 4 surveys; 2 for Rhodes (UK, DE) and 2 for Santorini (UK, US)

Subjects Covered in the Visitor Surveys Included:

- Profile of visitors and key travel arrangements
- Holiday trip planning details
- In destination experiences
- Post visit perceptions of Rhodes/Santorini



4 online surveys focused on the aspirations of the local businesses and community members with respect to how Rhodes & Santorini are perceived as destinations to live, work and play.

Subjects Covered in the local Surveys Included (e.g.):

- Profile of respondents
- Satisfaction with tourism development on the island
- Growth of short term rentals
- Attitudes to day visitors coming by cruise and ferry (Santorini survey)
- The types of experiences offering the greatest growth potential (business survey)

- Key target markets and competitor destinations (business survey)
- The most important challenges facing the island
- The positive and negative impacts of tourism
- Suggestions for the future of tourism



The Two Visions



VISION FOR RHODES BY 2030

"An all-year-round sustainable destination of choice, through the creation and promotion of exceptional visitor experiences, designed for markets that are interested in exploring the island as a whole for its heritage, culture and outdoor activities, across all four seasons of the year; and which will bring optimum benefits for the people of Rhodes".



VISION FOR SANTORINI BY 2030

"An exclusive, paradise island, recognised globally as a leader in sustainable tourism management, where tourism and agriculture underpin a successful, sustainable economy and vibrant community life, and contribute to the conservation of its cultural heritage and natural environment".

The Two Sets of Strategic Priorities

for Rhodes

- 1 Rhodes for All Seasonsthe "Flagship" initiative 4 Action Areas 15 recommended actions
- Repositioning Rhodesenhancing its image and broadening its appeal
 6 Action Areas
 18 recommended actions

Creating Sustainable Rhodessustainable in terms of environment/natural resources, communities, visitors, businesses 8 Action Areas 28 recommended actions

- Managing Visitors in the City- maximizing visitor enjoyment and quality of life
 4 Action Areas
 13 recommended actions
- Extending the Footprintspreading tourism
 benefits to business and
 communities across the
 island
 5 Action Areas
 20 recommended actions
- Enhancing the Visitor
 Experience- focusing on quality
 5 Action Areas
 20 recommended actions

The Two Sets of Strategic Priorities

for Santorini

Making Santorini
sustainable for the
decades to come
13 action areas
47 recommended actions

Managing tourism to ensure residents' quality of life and quality of visitor experience – ensuring that these match the brand 11 action areas

11 action areas 43 recommended actions

Ensuring Santorini
achieves optimum
value from tourism
5 action areas
15 recommended actions

Developing **new experiences** for the off-season, providing a model for improving summer tourism 5 action areas

12 recommended actions

Conserving the quality of Santorini's built and natural environment
4 action areas
11 recommended actions

Enhancing the brand
10 action areas
16 recommended actions

Strategic Focus

for Rhodes

- (!) Seasonal extension:
 - C. 60%
- (!) Visitor management in peak season:
 - C. 15%

- (!) Increase main season visitor value, through attracting new markets:
 - C. 25[%]

for Santorini

- (!) Manage main season visitor pressure:
 - C. 80%
- (!) Seasonal extension:
 - C. 20%

Supporting Priorities

Crisis Preparedness / Civil Protection

- Legal framework for crisis response
- Crisis management plan
- Operational framework for emergency response
- Crisis recovery plan

Enabling / Supporting Actions (cross-cutting)

- Industry education and training food and drink, customer service, online marketing and information provision
- Partnership facilitation

- Research and intelligence
- Performance measurement / management
- ICT systems and applications
- Effective law enforcement

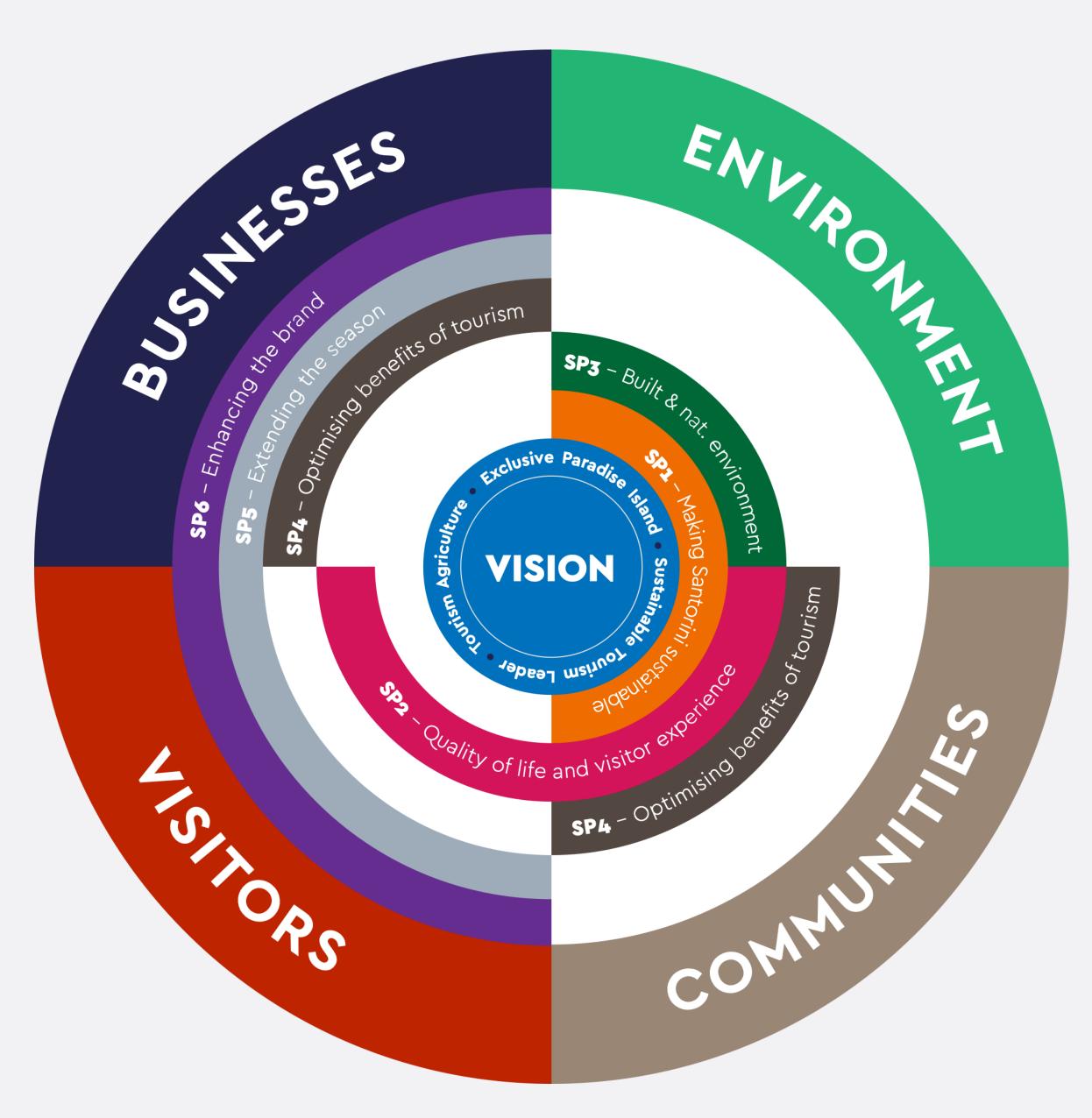


The Strategic Priorities and Beneficiaries in Rhodes

The diagram shows the intended impact of the strategic priorities (the inner rings) on each of the four primary beneficiaries of the DMP (the quadrants).

- SP1 Rhodes for All Seasons
- **SP2** Repositioning Rhodes:
- SP3 Creating Sustainable Rhodes

- SP4 Managing Visitors in the City
- SP5 Extending the Footprint
 - **SP6** Enhancing the Visitor Experience



The Strategic Priorities and Beneficiaries in Santorini

The diagram shows the intended impact of the strategic priorities (the inner rings) on each of the four primary beneficiaries of the DMP (the quadrants).

- SP1 Making Santorini sustainable
- SP4 Optimising benefits of tourism
- **SP2** Quality of life and visitor experience
- SP5 Extending the season
- SP3 Built and natural environment
- **SP6** Enhancing the brand

Action Plan - Format of Content of Annex 1 of DMPs

Action Area	Actions	Suggested Lead	Performance Measures	
Removal of traffic from Oia and Fira + park and walk - chargeable parking, varying by time of day, time of year	 Ensure adequate parking for all types of vehicles on outskirts of Oia and Fira. 	Santorini Municipality	 Parking areas created, sufficient to cope with demand. 	
	 Extend and enforce 'pedestrian only' and 'no parking' zones. 		 Pedestrian-only zones developed and enforced. 	
	 Introduce ticketed entry at peak periods, to be purchased in advance. (See below) 		Ticketed entry system in placeDrop-off zones created and enforced.	
	 Create suitable drop-off zones for coaches in suitable places. 		brop on zones created and emoreca.	
Enhanced public transportation for visitors – easy to use	Publicise public transport timetable to key locations	Santorini Municipality	Public transport timetable produced and disseminated.	
	(e.g. Oia, Kamari, Akrotiri).Extend relevant public bus frequencies between major locations		 'Visitor-friendly' timetable in place for public bus service. 	
	(e.g. hotel areas, towns and visitor sites) in peak season.		• 'Santorini travel card' in place.	
	 Implement travel card for unlimited local travel. (A 'Santorini Card' is among the recommendations of the Cultural Route's Master Plan.) 		 'Santorini Culture Bus' operational. 	
	 Set up 'Santorini Culture Bus' – round itineraries providing access to all the key sites of the Cultural Route – in cooperation with the private sector. 		 Public transport stops conveniently close to major attractions. 	
	 Establish public transport stops at/close to all major attractions / museums. 			

Action Plan - Format of Content of Annex 1 of DMPs

Action Area	Actions	Targets	KPIs	Responsibility Lead / Support	Resource / Budget
Independent scientific assessment of the carrying capacity of Santorini and of Oia	 Commission scientific assessment of the island's carrying capacities in critical areas, from acknowledged expert. Create local register of capacity of tourism suppliers – operators' licenses for all types of accommodation establishments, food operators, rented cars/motorbikes, etc. Develop a short registration information document to demonstrate to industry operators the benefits associated with official registration under the terms of the DMP. 	created with helpful and	 1 study with clear recommendations by June 2020. Comprehensive register created by October 2020. Clear and persuasive document created by June 2020. 	To be completed by LIB/DMO in consultation with local stakeholders once makeup of LIB and level of resources have been determined.	in consultation with local stakeholders once makeup of
Action to ensure that tourism volumes relate to carrying capacity	 Limit number of cruise ships per day at peak times (e.g. 3-5, dep. on vessel capacity). Stagger cruise ship arrivals throughout the day at peak times. Set a cap on the number of cruise passenger disembarkations per day at Fira (e.g. 5,000-8,000) and Athinios. Develop a schedule of embarkation and disembarkation times. 	 Limit per day in place and enforced Staggered schedule in place and enforced Cap in in place and enforced Embarkation/disembarkation 	 Agree limit per day in time for 2021 season and enforce it. Agree staggered schedule in time for 2021 season and enforce it. Agree cap in time for 2021 season and enforce it. Agree embarkation/disembarkation 		

Marketing Plan 1

Rhodes

- Business Challenge:
 "One-dimensionally popular"
 (dominance of main season beach)
- Positioning: "Familiar, Yet Undiscovered"
- Brand proposition:
 "Historic beach"
 beyond the beach: layers of history,
 surprisingly green, refreshingly active
 intriguing and invigorating

Santorini

- Business Challenge:
 "Born in Anger, Threatened by Love"
 (globally iconic scenery risks attracting too many visitors)
- Positioning:
 "Scenic and sensual"
 volcanic character, indulgent enjoyment
 feeds the body and the soul
- Brand proposition:
 "Romantic gastronomy"

Marketing Plan 2

Target Markets - Rationale



Current and future potential value

volume x spend x repeat visit propensity





Sustainability

Impact on the island's natural environment, physical infrastructure, resources, and community - e.g. propensity to:

- spread benefits around the island,
- visit outside the main season
- consume fewer scarce resources
- minimise congestion
- contribute towards heritage preservation and natural environment conservation

Marketing Plan 3

Four Guiding Principles



Focus on attracting visitors who will contribute most and impact least.



Need to achieve maximum impact with limited resources.

Targeted marketing

Marketing should not be spread too thinly and should focus on a limited range of the best prospects for the destination.

Product-market fit

Focus on those who would most appreciate the destination's range of appeals and therefore be likely to stay longer and spend more, rather than on short stay, lowerspending "Instagram" visitors.

Marketing Plan 4

Rhodes Target Segments



- "Culturally curious" visitors from UK and Germany, followed by Netherlands and Sweden
- "Outdoor enthusiasts" visitors from UK and Germany, followed by Netherlands and Sweden
- "Off-season short breakers" from UK and Germany, followed by Netherlands, Poland, Israel and Russia



Secondary Segments

Maximise Value

- "Special interest devotees" from UK and Germany, followed by Netherlands and Sweden
- "MICE" primarily small conference and incentive visitors - from UK and Germany, followed by Sweden



Maintain and Nurture

- "Sun and sea/beach worshippers" families and youth groups, from UK and Germany, followed by Sweden, Poland and Israel
- "Cruise visitors" mixed age groups, but predominantly older couples, from Europe and USA

Marketing Plan 4

Santorini Target Segments



Invest and Grow

- "Romantic escapers/honeymooners" from Italy and UK, followed by France, Germany, Switzerland, Austria, Netherlands and Spain
- "Foodies"
 from USA, Italy and UK, followed by France, Germany,
 Switzerland, Austria and Netherlands
- "Off-season short breakers"
 from UK and Germany, followed by Netherlands,
 Poland, Israel and Russia



"Cruise visitors"
 mainly 'empty-nester' couples from UK and
 USA, plus groups of friends from USA and
 other European countries – albeit offering
 lower value by virtue of their day visit



Long-Term, Aspirational - Develop

"Sybarites"
from USA, Italy, UK, France and Russia –
subject to future development of luxury
spa and gastronomic experiences

Visitor Experience Development Plan

VISITOR EXPERIENCE PYRAMID

A hierarchy of experience development supporting the destination brand

Brand promise Reassuringly familiar – yet surprisingly undiscovered

USPs

Combination of cultural and architectural heritage with green natural environment

Theme & Stories

- Family vineyards
- Aeons of history
- Colossus and famous residents (e.g. Cicero, Caesar et al)
- Maritime trade with the ancient world
- Folk tales and myths
- Archaeology

Rhodes Signature Routes

- Wine and Food
- Magical Monolithos
- Outdoor Expeditions
- Old Town

- Family Fun
- Archaeology
- Reset and Recharge

Supporting Experiences & Events

Undiscovered gems, varied landscape, diversity of cultural, Colossal characters, active escape, sun and sea +

Related Products and Experiences

Outdoor activities, history/cultural heritage, special interest (retreats, classes, activities), seasonal events, conferences and meetings, training

3 scenarios were formed with regard to how local stakeholders can work together and make progress on delivering the DMPs' strategic priorities.

Critical Success Factors

- Establishment of effective partnership mechanisms for steering and implementing the DMP.
- Full and active engagement of the Regional and Municipal Authorities.

Endorsement and active support from the Ministry of Tourism and other Ministries, as required.

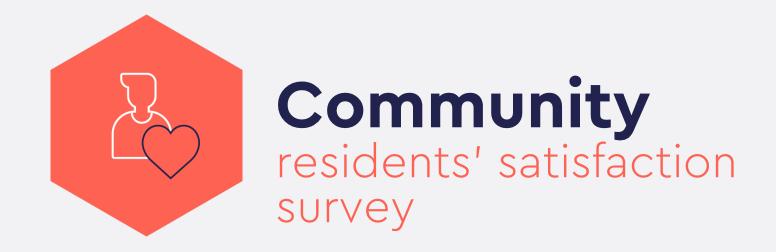
- Involvement and support of all tourism-related sectors of the economy, primarily through the medium of the Dodecanese Chamber and SETE
- Close collaboration of all other key stakeholders, including those responsible for transportation infrastructure and utility services.
- The ability to secure the required funding and deploy appropriately skilled human resources to implement the recommendations of this DMP.

Critical Success Factors

Securing the understanding of the people and communities of Rhodes/Santorini to the Vision and Strategic Priorities of the DMP; and their active engagement in its implementation

Recognition of the importance for tourism of resolving environmental issues including sustainable energy usage, waste management, water consumption, and pollution; and of ensuring affordable housing for residents.

Monitoring Progress











Project Communications

Ensure Stakeholders are kept up to date via











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THE DESTINATION MANAGEMENG PLANNING GUIDE

Objectives of the Guide



Explain role and value of destination management planning



Encourage destinations throughout Greece to develop DMPs



Explain the process for developing a DMP



Identify potential challenges in developing a DMP



Inspire confidence in developing a DMP through a clear step-by-step approach



1.INTRODUCTION

Context and Approach to Destination Management Planning

1.1

Background and Purpose of this Guide

1.2

Destination
Management as the
Basis for
Sustainable Tourism

1.3

Destination Management Planning

1.4

The Approach to Destination Management Planning in Outline

1.5

Key Aspects of the Approach to Preparing a DMP



2. THE WORK PROGRAMME

for Preparing a Destination Management Plan

2.1

Outline Work Programme 2.2

Briefing and Inception Meeting

2.3

Desk Research

2.4

Communication and Consultations

2.5

Primary Research 2.6

Situation Analysis Report 2.7

Plan Development



3.STRUCTURE, CONTENT AND KEY COMPONENTS

of a Destination Management Plan

3.1

Outline Structure 3.2

Strategic Aim, Vision and Objectives 3.3

Strategic Priorities and Action Plan

3.4

Marketing Plan

3.5

Visitor Experience and Product Development Framework

3.6

Monitoring

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Governance Options for DMP Implementation 3.8

Destination Insights



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ANNEX 1

Destination Management Trends and Context ANNEX 2

Political, Economic, Social, Technological, Environmental and Legal Context (PESTEL)

ANNEX 3A

Action Plan Template
Core Version

ANNEX 3B

Action Plan Template
Longer Version

ANNEX 4

Marketing Action Plan

ANNEX 5

Useful Data Sources



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NEXT STEPS



Next steps

- For Rhodes and Santorini DMPs
 - Key stakeholders to meet to review the DMP and establish two Task Groups
 - To review and elaborate the Action Plan
 - To agree on responsibilities and resources
 - Results to be reported by end of 2019

- 2 For the DM Guide
 - Identify one or more destinations that are keen to develop DMPs
 - Organise intensive training session(s) for organisations:
 - To enable them to understand the DMP process;
 - To encourage them to begin developing DMPs for their destination, applying the Guide;
 - To determine suitable management and implementation arrangements
 TOPOSOPHY

PLACE MAKING & MARKETING AGENCY

Next steps

3

For the Ministry

- Meet with EBRD and EU to discuss potential for programme or project funding
- Review options for establishing DMP Implementation Bodies and prepare plan to facilitate preferred model(s) with new governmental measures.
- Consider the need and opportunity to roll out DMP concept to other areas on a phased basis, starting with one or two that are keen to use the DMP Guide.
- Organise regional workshops for promote roll out and introduce the DMP Guide



The Importance of Leadership



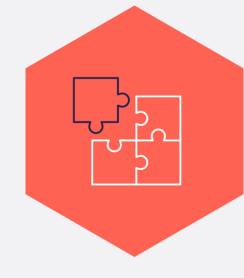
Bringing key stakeholders together in a joint mission



Setting a clear vision and strategy



Ensuring the right mechanisms exist to enable effective implementation of the strategy



Leading in securing support (time and money) from politicians, business leaders and other key players in the wider community



Keeping destination management on track, correcting course as needed



Championing destination management planning as a critical tool for sustainable development

THANK YOU!