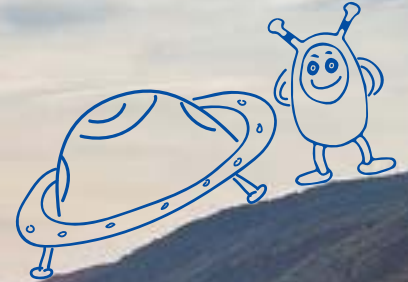


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## Editorial

**In December 2018, the European Commission launched a communication campaign to enhance its image** in selected countries among which Greece. The campaign aimed at promoting the projects financed by the EU and their significance to the development of the Regions of the European Union.

**Olympia Odos is the only motorway selected among the Greek projects.** Therefore, as of October 7 and for one month, people traveling to Western Greece will have the opportunity to take a selfie in front of the specific billboard installed at Psathopyrgos Customer Service Center and share it with citizens from all over Europe on the social media.

**This autumn is dedicated to safety.** Safety on the road, safety at the place of work, safety everywhere. Nothing is more precious than human life. We, the employees of the motorways, are very well aware of this.

**September 26 was the European Day Without a Road Death** and we all achieved this goal of zero death. EDWARD project invites each one of us to make our own road safety pledge so that every day would be a Day Without a Road Death.

**“Health & Safety at Work: by choice not by chance!”** is the motto of the Safety Week 2019 of Vinci Concessions, the major shareholder of Olympia Odos.

**More distinctions for Olympia Odos.** Olympia Odos was named national winner by the European Business Awards 2019. The European Winners will be announced in Poland, in December 2019 and we are eager to find out our performance in the Innovation competition in which we participated.

We wish you a Happy Autumn and Safe Trips!

## National Customer Service Week

Olympia Odos celebrates Service!

For the third year Olympia Odos participated in the National Customer Service Week organized under the auspices of the Greek Customer Service Institute (EIEP), thus promoting the vital role of customer service and awarding both the people on the front line and those who support the maintenance and operation of the infrastructure from other posts.

So, the first week of October, from 7 to 12 October, the service started in special activities organized for the drivers and the OLYMPIA PASS subscribers, as well as in internal activities intended for our employees.

We thank you for placing your trust and confidence in us!

# We celebrate Service!



## 7-12 October

## The News of the MSSs

### Renovation of Velo MSS & Terkenlis Shop in Akrata MSS

Olympia Odos motorway is equipped with 11 Motorists Service Stations (MSS) in total, five in the direction to Patras and six in the direction to Athens. At the MSSs you can stop to refuel, check your vehicle, have a coffee, a snack or eat, while in some of them there is also a mini market with local products.

The Psathopyrgos MSSs are the first “green” Stations in Greece, constructed in accordance with the most modern building and energy saving regulations; there you can also recharge your electric vehicle (EV charge).

Recently the MSSs at Velo have been renovated and so you can find *BP* fuels and *Grigoris Snacks*.

Moreover, the Akrata MSSs (on both traffic directions) welcome the *Terkenlis* pastry shops from Thessaloniki and are waiting to treat you to their tasty brioches and pastries!



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○ Business  
○ Awards®

**NATIONAL  
WINNER**

**2019**

## European Business Awards 2019

### National Winner & Ones to watch

Olympia Odos received an important distinction at the renowned **European Business Awards 2019**. Our company was named **National Winner** in the category “**Innovation**”, while it was also included on the list of **Ones to Watch** businesses.

120,000 companies were engaged in this year’s competition, while 2,700 businesses were selected during the first round (Ones to Watch) and 300 were named National Winners from 33 countries across Europe.

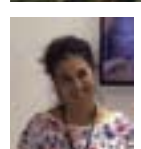
Mr. Panayiotis Papanikolas, Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of Olympia Odos, said, “*This distinction achieved by our Company in the field of Innovation awards a deliberate effort to offer quality services using modern tools and exploiting the possibilities offered by technology. We thank the judges for recognizing our effort, but first of all we thank the travelers for placing their trust and confidence in us every day.*”

The European Business Awards is a renowned business competition in which participate businesses across Europe assessed for their course, progress and innovation.

## EU Campaign about Olympia Odos

# OLYMPIA ODOS

## A ROAD FROM ANOTHER PLANET



The communication campaign "EU in my Region" launched by the European Union is running in selected countries since December 2018. Olympia Odos is among the projects selected to be promoted in Greece. **Ms. Christina Dritsa**, Head of Communication of the Managing Authority for the Operational Program, "Transport Infrastructure, Environment and Sustainable Development" explains to us the features of this campaign.

### What is the objective of the campaign and for whom is it intended?

The campaign aims at showcasing, in an attractive manner, the fact that the actions financed by the EU are particularly important for the development and the strengthening of the Regions of the European Union. Eight (8) Regions have been selected in Greece, among which the Region of Western Greece, looking out for important projects to be promoted to their users and the general public, by exploiting modern video means and promoting the projects in the social media.

### Why Olympia Odos?

The "Elefsina-Korinthos-Patras" Motorway, i.e. Olympia Odos, is one of the most important national strategic projects co-financed by the European Union constructed in Greece in the last twenty years.

It is a 220 km modern motorway, complying with the European standards, linking the Peloponnese with the other parts of Greece, as well as Europe through the relevant connections with the ports of Greece. It links the Regions of Attica, Peloponnese and Western Greece, boosts their regional development, and supports their economic and social activities, their tourism as well as their inter-regional cooperation. It enables trips to the Regions of Epirus and Ionian Islands through its connection to the Rion-Antirion Bridge. At the same time, it boosts combined transport, road and maritime, to and from Europe.

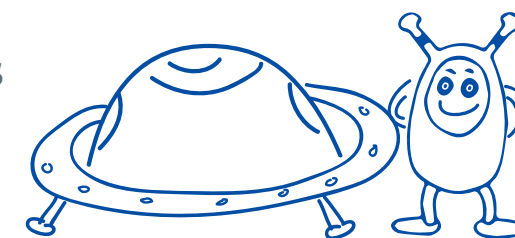
Its implementation required the construction of many large and complex structures, in a difficult geological environment, by implementing innovative practices and capitalizing on specific know-how.

Since the Project's completion and the commencement of its operation, the users of Olympia Odos enjoy comfortable, safe and quick trips and many destination choices.

On all the above grounds, OLYMPIA ODOS was selected as the most appropriate project in the Region of Western Greece to be promoted and showcased within the context of the "EU delivers in the Regions" campaign.

# Participate in this campaign along with thousands of other Europeans!

A modern motorway for safe trips all over the year!  
Are you ready to discover it?



An interactive and personalized experience for the travelers and the residents of the Region, within the context of the European campaign.

Citizens from five countries of the European Union take photos at various projects in their respective countries and share them on the social media.

Because each project in each area is a unique place in Europe!

### When

From October 7 to November 7

### Where

Psathopyrgos MSS, in the direction of Patras

### How to participate, in 3 steps:

- Stand in front of the electronic sign and take a selfie.
- Type on the screen, if you wish so, a hashtag expressing your feelings.
- Type in your e-mail to receive your photo and post it on social media.





## BRIDGES Café

### Nothing like it!

Bridges Café, located at 86 Patreos Street, is the first cafeteria in Patras employing people with mental health problems. This Café was established to contribute to the vocational and social re-integration of people with mental health problems who are members of the Mental Health Association of Patras (SOPSI). Seventeen members of the Association have been trained since September 2017, most of whom are working at the "Bridges" Café.

The Café is a cultural venue which has hosted more than 170 events to date, such as music concerts, book presentations, exhibitions of photos, performances of plays, presentation of documentary films, activities for children, etc.

At "Bridges" Café you can enjoy tasteful cakes, beverages, and meals, as well as its famous brunch **every Sunday from 10 am to 13 pm.**

86 Patreos St, Open daily from 09:00 to 22:00



# TEDx Patras

Saturday, 7 December 2019

EVENT PARTNER



The 5th consecutive TEDxPatras more enriched and improved returns at the Congress & Cultural Center of the University of Patras, on **Saturday, December 7, 2019**. This event, which has become an established institution for the city of Patras, presents revolutionary ideas, emotional stories and fascinating life stories offering an unforgettable experience to all participants.

More than 15 speakers, 4 performances and engaging workshops organized by more than 45 volunteers compose this event that shall not be missed. The core theme of this year's TEDxPatras is "**Uncertainty**". Uncertainty is everywhere. In our personal, professional and social life. We deal with it or make use of it in various sectors: sciences, the natural and anthropogenic environment, the economy and culture. Uncertainty for one or more. For a life or more. For a society or more. For the whole world. For now and then. For the present and the future.

For more information: [2019.tedxpatras.com](http://2019.tedxpatras.com)



## 26/9 EUROPEAN DAY WITHOUT A ROAD DEATH

# #projectEDWARD

### Drivers **ONLY** drive!

This was the motto of the 2019 European Day Without A Road Death in which OLYMPIA ODOS participated in by putting up posters at the Toll Stations and posting messages on the Variable Message Signs of the Motorway.

The EDWARD project is an initiative undertaken by the European Association of Talled Motorways (ASECAP) inviting all of us to make our own road safety pledge so that **every day** would be a Day Without a Road Death.

### Day without:

- Speed
- Alcohol
- Mobile phone



## Safety Week 2019

### Health & Safety at Work: By choice not by chance!



Safety is one of the fundamental values of VINCI Concessions, the major shareholder of Olympia Odos that complies with the aim of the Group for zero accidents.

**The philosophy of the Group regarding Health & Safety at Work is based on the mentality for preventing accidents instead of dealing with them.**

*"This is the only way to be one step ahead. Adopting best practices, finding solutions and adopting innovation will help us achieve our goals collectively. To be collectively successful, we need to think once again about how we act individually; the first to do so are the project managers", says Mr. Nicolas Notebaert, Chief Executive Officer of VINCI Concessions and Chairman of VINCI Highways.*

OLYMPIA ODOS participated with various activities in the Safety Week 2019 (October 7-11) within the context of which an Information Day was organized with presentations, videos and an experiential workshop with scenarios based on our everyday routine.

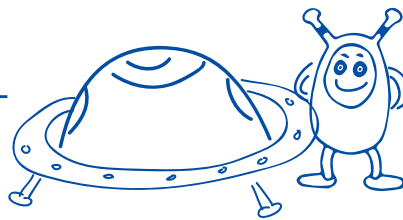






# OLYMPIA ODOS

## A ROAD FROM ANOTHER PLANET



The construction of Olympia Odos, the motorway that connects Elefsina with Corinth and Patra, was completed **thanks to Europe's support**. Drivers now enjoy short, safe routes and high-quality services 24 hours/day.



#EUinmyRegion

## Get the OLYMPIA PASS and win!



- Discounts up to 60%
- Easy trips along 4 cooperating motorways\*;
- Easy and quick passage, without any delay;
- Online services and free management of your account, 24 hours a day;



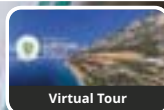
### Just...

- Register on the O-pass online service at [www.olympiaodos.gr](http://www.olympiaodos.gr) or
- Call: 22960 95555 or
- Visit one of the four Olympia Odos Customer Service Centers!

### Customer Service

Call **22960 95555** from Monday to Friday (8:00 AM to -18:00 PM) or e-mail: [customercare@olympiaoperation.gr](mailto:customercare@olympiaoperation.gr)

See more of what we offer at: [www.olympiaodos.gr](http://www.olympiaodos.gr)



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