



**Foundation Project**  
**Buddhist Retreat Center Olympus**  
**Vromoneria, Ano Palios Panteleimonas, East**  
**Olympus,**  
**commune Dion-Olympus, prefecture Pieria, Greece**  
**Annual Activity Report 2019**



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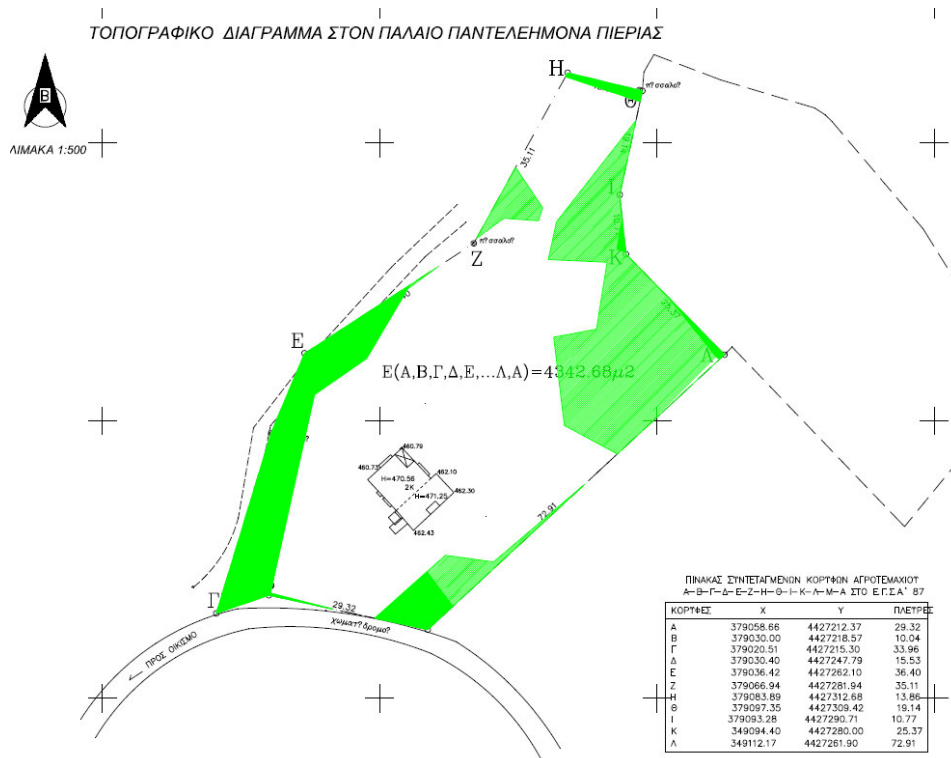
## 1 Description of the project

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The real estate Olympus Retreat Center in Vromoneria, Palios Panteleimonas, East Olympus, commune Dion-Olympus, prefecture Pieria, Greece is located on the lower Olympus mountain overlooking the bay of Platamonas and the old crusaders castle only 5 minutes ride from the village of Palios Panteleimon and approximately 1,5 hour ride from Thessaloniki. The unfinished boarding house to be shall be transformed in a Buddhist retreat Center.

Basic data:

- Ground area: 4100 m<sup>2</sup>
- Built-over area: 316 m<sup>2</sup>
- Located in an environmentally and historically protected area with obligations to build in a traditional style with legal building license
- Owner: Diamondway Buddhist Foundation, Karma Kagyu Lineage seated in Darmstadt Germany
- Registration in the land Registry of Katerini in Volume 641 and with serial number 274.
- Purchase date: 19.9.2017 Purchase contract: document number 11313, year 2017 (translated contract and plans attached)



After the decision of Lama Ole Nydahl, the International Diamond Way Buddhist Foundation donated 108.000,00 Euro and Olympus RC was nominated as a project eligible for international fundraising.

This defines the new project:

Connection to the utilities, completion of construction and preparation of the interior of the building found on the grounds of the property to become a functional Retreat Center for Diamond Way practitioners from Thessaloniki, the Balkans and the whole world.

## 2 International Diamond Way Buddhist Foundation, Karma Kagyu Lineage seated in Darmstadt Germany

The following person is in charge of the management and development of the property until the current plans are completed (document of appointment attached):

- Christos Maglousidis

### 3 Activities

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Olympus Retreat Center shall be locally supported by the members of Thessaloniki Diamond Way Buddhist Center (currently 17 active members) and its activity will be supported by the Diamond Way Centers in the Balkans, meaning Greece, Bulgaria, Serbia, Montenegro, Slovenia, Romania and Hungary.

The main activities of the Olympus retreat Center shall be short retreats and Buddhist Courses.

In 2019 we had some working weekends with friends from the Balkans, we had a group of German friends staying on site and constructing and we had many visits of the Sangha for meditation and checking of the progress.



## 4 Building activities 2019

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Team of Engineers: Achilleas Tilegrafos, Civil Engineer  
Maria Panteki, Architect  
Technical Team: Alexandros Boutziotis  
Elisavet Parthenioti  
Maria Panteki

Project budget as revised in November 2019: 223.272,00€

Tasks completed until 31/12/2019:

- Excavations
- Concrete beds and fence (temporary)
- Masonry (external and internal walls, insulation)
- External windows and doors
- Metal constructions (metal doors and railings)
- Plastering
- Part of installations (electrical, plumbing and heating)
- Part of surrounding setup (gates, gravel coating of the road)
- Electricity and water supply connection
- Facade restauration

Total payments until 31/12/2019: 106.177,12 €

Tasks to be continued in 2020:

- Internal doors
- Floors (wooden and tile)
- Sanitary (bathrooms)
- Painting
- Rest of installations
- Rest of surrounding setup (storm drains and sewers)
- Closets and kitchen furniture
- Wood constructions (ceilings, railings)
- Wi-fi connection

Estimated plan of when the works should be completed into the stage when we can start to use the place is **the spring 2020**.

Level plans for the development are included.

## Ground Level:



## Middle Level



## Upper Level



## OLYMPUS RC Upper Level

- 1 gampa
- 2 library
- 3 3-bed dormitory
- 4 bathroom
- 5 Lama room

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## 5 Finances

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The Foundation has already placed a budget of 108000

The rest is being gathered by international fund raising.

## 6 Photos

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