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## **Good Practices: GREEN VILLAGE, GREECE**



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<b>Practice number</b>	6
<b>Name of the Practice</b>	<i>International Canyoning Festival Greece</i>
<b>Category</b>	<i>2. Active Tourism</i>
<b>Type</b>	<i>4. Activity/Event</i>
<b>Developer / initiator</b>	<i>Hellas Canyon</i>
<b>Short description</b>	<i>An annual ten day festival dedicated to canyoning. It also offers alternative proposals of spectacular road trips and visits to historical locations all across Greece.</i>
<b>Goal</b>	<i>The goal is to promote canyoning and active tourism, to raise awareness on safety and environmental issues and to increase the visibility of specific destinations across Greece</i>
<b>Detailed description</b>	<p><i>Canyoning, also known as canyoneering, is the act of navigating down a fast-flowing mountain stream in a gorge using a variety of techniques including abseiling, climbing, sliding and jumping.</i></p> <p><i>The canyon itself is a natural gorge that has been carved out of the mountainside by a water current. They are usually quite steep, with dramatic cliff drops on both sides and a number of waterfalls to encounter along the way too. Some waterfalls form natural toboggans, which are natural slides where people can go down with minimal effort – and this proves to be lots of fun! Others involve abseiling or can be jumped.</i></p> <p><i>The sport of canyoning involves several outdoor skills, including hiking, climbing, swimming, abseiling, sliding, stemming, chimneying and rappelling. It is designed for exploring hard-to-reach areas of the natural landscape by following water routes and navigating the different streams, pools and waterfalls.</i></p> <p><i>From Crete on the South to Samothraki island on the far North, from Samos island on the East to Kefalonia island on the West, more than 300 canyons have been discovered and technically secured for autonomous, guided and professional descents. Canyoning thrives as an extreme sport since 1998 and many meetings have successfully gathered over the years canyoners from all over the world to various locations.</i></p>

	<i>Hellas Canyon is an organisation that is active since 1999, realizing more than 100 activities every year for groups from around the world. All members are certified and professionally trained to be tireless, kind, fast and equipped leaders for your unique and safe activities in nature. It also supports the organisation of the International Canyoning Festival which takes place in Greece every year as a celebration to canyoning.</i>
<b>Innovativeness</b>	<i>A specialised event dedicated to the promotion of the niche alternative tourism form with the aim to increase the quality of the alternative tourism offer of the targeted regions in Greece and also increase their visibility towards an international audience of canyoning and active tourists.</i>
<b>Financial aspect</b>	€€ = Moderate investment
<b>Country</b>	Greece
<b>Transferability</b>	<i>Synergies can be created with the organisation and the festival and further development of the canyoning tourism offer for destinations that are fit.</i>
<b>Website and/or relevant links</b>	<a href="https://hellascanyon.com/en/">https://hellascanyon.com/en/</a>