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PRESS RELEASE

**Dodoni actively supports the Epirus community and the Holy Metropolis of Ioannina**

*Over 1.2 million portions of products to vulnerable social groups*

Over the past five years, **Dodoni Dairy industry** has donated **more than 1.2 million portions of products** and **over half a million euro** to social responsibility programmes in the wider region of Epirus - living proof of the trust that the local community places in the company every day.

In this context, on Tuesday 27 March, 2018, **DODONI's** Deputy CEO Mr. Michalis Paganagiotakis met with His Eminence Metropolitan Maximus at the Holy Metropolis of Ioannina, with a view to further supporting the charitable work of the Metropolis and our fellow citizens who are facing financial difficulties.

During the meeting, the work carried out by both sides in support of the vulnerable social groups in the region was reviewed. Special attention was paid to **DODONI's** contribution to the **Metropolis of Ioannina** and to their partnership in the important initiative **for the creation of a recycling park in Ioannina**.

In order to fully meet the nutritional needs of the vulnerable groups of Epirus, **DODONI** has been supporting the Metropolis for many years now, recognizing the very important work carried out by His Eminence and the Metropolis in its pastoral, philanthropic, social and pedagogical activities. The company contributes by offering its everyday products to all the local parishes that have soup kitchens, the **Nursing home** of the Metropolis and poor and needy families. At the same time, it lends ongoing support to events held for children and to the **Centre for the Creative Employment of Children managed by the Metropolis and the Archdiocese**, thus contributing towards the children's healthy and balanced development.

**DODONI's Deputy CEO Mr. Michalis Paganagiotakis**, stated the following: "At **DODONI**, right from the start, we took the initiative to strengthen the charitable work of the Holy Metropolis of Ioannina and of His Eminence Maximus, having fully understood his burning desire, and great efforts, to alleviate the pain of those in need. His work, however, is multifaceted, as is our support for it, since for us at **DODONI**, social solidarity and responsibility are familiar concepts that we have truly embraced and demonstrated for many years, by transforming the taste of DODONI, the Taste of Good, into a contribution. Driven primarily by the ethos that the entire DODONI family embodies, we will continue to be at the forefront of initiatives and actions of local bodies that help to improve the quality of life of our fellow citizens".

Metropolitan Maximus said in turn, "*We are grateful that, from the minute I came to the Metropolis of Ioannina, our DODONI has actively supported us in our daily efforts, particularly as regards the relief of our fellow citizens in difficulty. The company is also lending us invaluable support and assistance in a series of actions that we have launched. Even more important, however, is the help it is providing as a major sponsor of the environmental training and recycling centre, which will, very shortly, be up and running in Ioannina. For all of this I am deeply thankful and, of course, for Mr. Panagiotakis' visit here today as well. In fact, I now also consider him a personal friend.*"

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**About DODONI**

DODONI SA was founded in 1963. With 55 years of authentic tradition and history, the company, based in Ioannina, produces authentic, purely Greek dairy and cheese products, using 100% Greek cow, sheep and goat milk collected



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daily from a wide network of 5,500 Greek farmers, active primarily in the Epirus region. With more than 10,000 sales points in the domestic market and exports to 45 countries around the world, DODONI produces 9 categories of dairy and cheese products in 130 different SKUs, distinguished by their unique taste, quality and 100% Greek identity. For more information, please visit: [www.dodoni.eu](http://www.dodoni.eu), <https://www.facebook.com/Dodoni.SA>, <https://www.instagram.com/dodoni.eu/>

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