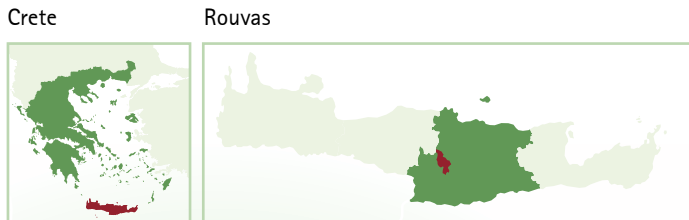




Greece

Messara

total co-ordination of Rural Transport



The Municipality of Rouvas in the Messara Valley in Southern Crete decided to undertake student transport to the local elementary and secondary school in the main village of Gergeri. Until now parents had to drive their children to school or students had to use the regular bus service. The Municipality already owned a mini-bus that was used only occasionally for school trips or social events. Now the mini-bus has been put into full service following 2 different routes and a fixed timetable each weekday.

At the same time inhabitants living in outer settlements can use the empty seats for trips to the shops or to other services that are available only in Gergeri. The addition of a second destination, namely the health centre located in a town 15 kilometres away, was of great importance for the elderly population. Until now the elderly had to rely on relatives or acquaintances for a visit to the doctor since in Greece possession of a drivers licence is very rare for this age group.

The experience of operating combined school and passenger transport, gained since the demonstration started in December 2002, will enable the Municipal Government to compete for and gain access to the available state funding for transport.



Routes

7:10	Gergeri - Metochia - Apomarma - Nivritos - Panasos - Gergeri
8:10	Gergeri - Metochia - Apomarma - Nivritos - Panasos - Aghia Varvara
11:00	Aghia Varvara - Panasos - Nivritos - Metochia - Apomarma - Gergeri
12:00	Gergeri - Metochia - Apomarma - Nivritos - Gergeri
13:30	Gergeri - Panasos - Nivritos - Metochia - Apomarma - Gergeri

Busses always stop at Gergeri

- Kindergarten
- Elementary School
- Lower Secondary School
- Grocer
- Seniors Day Care Centre
- Health Care
- Café
- Bank

- Road
- Main Road
- Route
- Village / Stop
- Route Start / Stop