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Professor Dimitris Kallioras

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Dear Professor Dimitris Kallioras:

We, the coordinators of the EU-REAL meetings, are very pleased to confirm that the 22nd EU-REAL Meeting will be hosted by the Department of Planning and Regional Development of the University of Thessaly and will take place in Volos, Greece, on September 2027.

We would like to thank you and the Department for your willingness to host the Meeting and for the considerable work already undertaken in preparing the proposal and the initial organisational arrangements. The proposed framework provides an excellent basis for the 22nd EU-REAL Meeting and is very much in keeping with the character of EU-REAL as a focused and collaborative forum for regional science, quantitative spatial analysis, policy evaluation, and academic exchange.

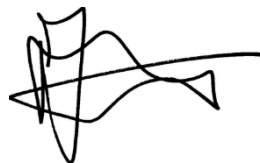
We particularly welcome the proposal to hold the academic sessions at the Department's facilities on the Faculty of Engineering campus, together with the arrangements envisaged for coffee breaks and lunches during the Meeting. The proposed programme, including the welcome dinner and the possibility of an excursion to Mount Pelion, should also provide valuable opportunities for informal interaction and networking among participants.

The proposed arrangements for arrivals and departures, including the possibility of providing shuttle transport, will be particularly helpful for international participants travelling to Volos.

Volos itself, with its location between the Pagasetic Gulf and Mount Pelion, together with the academic environment of the University of Thessaly, should provide an excellent setting for bringing the EU-REAL community together in 2027.

We look forward to working closely with you, the Department and the local organising committee over the coming months to finalise the scientific programme, organisational arrangements, social programme and other practical details for the Meeting.

With best wishes,
Sincerely.



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