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Memorandum of Cooperation between the Ministry of Digital Governance and Archipelago Network for the development of the project Digital Cyclades

The Ministry of Digital Governance and Archipelago Network have signed a Memorandum of Cooperation for the implementation of "Digital Cyclades," a unified open access digital platform that brings together, organizes, and highlights the audiovisual cultural heritage of the Cyclades.

The project is implemented with the financial support and under the auspices of the Hellenic Ministry of Culture, while the collaboration with the Ministry of Digital Governance strengthens its strategic dimension, aligning it with the national vision for digital transformation and open access to knowledge.

The platform, which launches in 2026, consolidates for the first time all audiovisual collections produced by Archipelago Network, serving as a central hub for the cultural and scientific mapping of the Cyclades. Drawing on the organization's multi-year research across eleven islands, it showcases the modern cultural and environmental heritage of the Cyclades—from wooden boatbuilding and pottery to mining history and biodiversity—through a contemporary, participatory, and open access interface. With local communities at its core, "Digital Cyclades" enhances the international presence of the islands, highlighting the creativity and lived experience of their people as a living digital archive for the future.

Through the collaboration of the two institutions, "Digital Cyclades" aims to become a key tool for cultural documentation, digitization, and dissemination, significantly contributing to the visibility and promotion of contemporary Cycladic audiovisual culture in Greece and beyond.

About Archipelago Network

The Aegean islands are havens of diasporic culture, traditional knowledge, and biodiversity. Yet today, accelerating forces such as overtourism and the global climate crisis exert local pressures on these coastal communities, threatening knowledge systems and environmental equilibriums. In this context, Archipelago Network takes up the Cyclades islands as laboratories for field research, residencies, publications, online projects, and public programs. The initiative works at the intersection of visual practices, cultural life, and the natural environment, providing open access to its digital collections while contributing to the development of local and regional memory through documentation and outreach activities.

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