

## PRESS RELEASE

### **The first office building in Greece certified according to LEED Platinum, by GRIVALIA**

GRIVALIA's building along Thessalonikis street in Tavros, was certified according to **LEED for Existing Buildings: Operations & Maintenance** and achieved the highest certification rating **LEED Platinum**. The certification was the result of implementing LEED for Operations & Maintenance system, which takes into consideration a series of interventions and monitoring of their effectiveness.

It is the first office building in Greece, to receive the utmost distinction.

Interventions performed on the building included:

- Irrigation infrastructure improvements,
- Collection of rain water to be used for irrigation purposes
- Reduction of the "urban heat island" phenomenon through the application of reflective materials on the roof,
- Attenuation of light pollution from external lighting,
- Improvement of E/M systems operation,
- Enactment of innovative processes and policies at building level for a holistic approach to sustainability (green supplies, waste management, e.t.c.),
- Installation of energy & water consumption meters
- Green e-certificates acquisition to enhance energy production from renewable energy sources equal to the annual energy consumption of the building.

The tenant's contribution to the distinction was decisive; innovative policies and procedures were adopted and implemented, for a holistic management of sustainability (waste management, cleaning supplies, outdoor space management, e.t.c.).

The above resulted in a) water and energy savings, b) improved thermal conditions and internal air quality (increased supply of fresh air, effective air conditioning filters, e.t.c.), c) improved building footprint.

LEED (Leadership in Energy & Environmental Design) is the most widely recognized international green building certification system, which was developed by the U.S. Green Building Council. The system certifies that the operation of a building is according to the principles for sustainable development, which aim at the efficient performance of the building in terms of energy and environmental efficiency.

The LEED Platinum certified asset, is a contemporary office complex located in the area of Tavros and consisting of two buildings with a total surface of 24.314sqm. The asset is fully leased to **Eurobank Group**, the contribution of which was decisive in the achievement of this high goal.

GRIVALIA is planning to certify 3 additional buildings of its existing portfolio, within 2016.