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A mini podcast series in Greek about water scarcity.
Listen to a story about water scarcity in Greece based on interviews and oral history accounts.

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- Πειράζει που είμαι φίρμα; CD Cheap: low quality – high fun
- Impro tribute to Friedrich Goulda – CD Cheap: low quality – high fun
- original music Water Scarcity

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It's the middle of August, on a popular Greek island.

Boats are constantly arriving at the port bringing thousands of tourists ashore.

After swimming in the pool, they shower before they go out to enjoy the island nightlife.

Back at her home, one of the island residents has just realised her water has been cut off for the 3rd time this summer. She will have to use bottled water for cooking today.

A desalination unit was built last year to cater for the needs of the community, but as the influx of tourists in the summer can swell the island population tenfold, the system is struggling to keep up.

Water scarcity is a challenge not only for the Greek islands, some of the driest places in the Mediterranean, but also for parts of Greece with annual rainfall that is double that of London! So, what's actually going on?

We talked to lots of people trying to understand the nature of the problem of Water Scarcity in Greece. We interviewed people who are experiencing water scarcity, residents of several parts of Greece. Then, we talked to people in academia who are researching the problem and looking for innovative solutions and with practitioners who engage the local communities to tackle the problem together.

They have all been fighting water scarcity their own way, and, it turns out, the solutions are already out there, from desalination units to reclaiming wastewater methods and from reviving old nature-based solutions to developing innovative decentralized techniques for saving water.

So, why is water scarcity still such a challenge?

A topic as complex as this requires input from people across the board, as it affects literally everyone.

So in this podcast we'll do exactly that. Talk to experts and laypeople alike, initiate a dialogue and offer you stories of failure, effort and occasional success. Most of all, real stories of how people handle the scarcity of what, everyone seems to agree, is a common good.

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