

PRESS RELEASE

2nd Messinia Pro-Am attracts record number of golfers from around the world

November 16, 2017 – The countdown to the 2nd [Messinia Pro-Am](#) tournament at **Costa Navarino** has now begun. Taking place **21-24 February 2018**, it has already received extensive interest globally, counting participants from **14 countries**.

This year has seen a much higher interest from golfers; so far, **more than 35 teams** have registered. Each of the 50 teams will consist of one professional and three amateur golfers who will compete in three rounds at the two 18-hole signature golf courses. [The Dunes Course](#) and [The Bay Course](#) are set amidst the eternal olive trees overlooking the stunning views of the Ionian Sea and the Bay of Navarino.

The total prize fund of the 2nd Messinia Pro Am is **€50,000** and is the 2nd biggest fund in golf tournaments in Europe. Messinia Pro-Am supports a **charity cause**, the **SOS Children's Villages** that create families for children in need, help them shape their own futures and share in the development of their communities. SOS Children's Villages support children who are orphaned, abandoned or whose families are unable to care for them and enable children to live according to their own culture and religion, and to be active members of the community.

Registrations are open via the official website: messiniaproam.costanavarino.com.

This year Costa Navarino is proud to have been selected by the International Association of Golf Tour Operators (**IAGTO**) as the '**European Golf Resort of the Year 2017**'. The Messinia Pro-Am will also involve a rich programme of events and entertainment, including thematic gastronomy nights.

Watch highlights the **teaser video** of the 2nd Messinia Pro-Am here: <https://youtu.be/KTGhIsOIXZQ>

The winner of the 1st Messinia Pro-Am, **Federico Elli (PGAs of Italy)** stated: *"It's always an amazing experience to come back to Costa Navarino! I feel blessed to play on such great golf courses and relax after the match in that wonderful hotel... and it's even more exciting when you are coming back to defend the title at Messinia Pro-Am!"*.

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In addition, [Kyvernitis Travel](#) the **official travel partner** of the second Messinia Pro-Am will coordinate and ensure a smooth registration process.

Official supporters of the tournament are the companies [J.VOURAKIS SONS EE](#) and [Siampis](#).

Messinia Pro-Am will also be **assisted by** [ECOLAB](#), [Kayak](#), [Stefanouris](#) and [Messiniaki Paradosi](#).

Special accommodation packages are available at The **Westin Resort Costa Navarino**: messiniaproam.costanavarino.com.

Messinia Pro-Am is organized in cooperation with the **PGAs of Europe**, under The Auspices of **PGA of Greece** and the [Hellenic Golf Federation](#) and the Hellenic Olympic Academy

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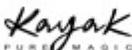


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Costa Navarino:

Costa Navarino is the prime, sustainable destination in the Mediterranean, located in the Greek region of Messinia in the southwest Peloponnese. One of the most unspoiled and breathtaking seaside Mediterranean landscapes, this area has been shaped by 4,500 years of history. Its philosophy is driven by a genuine desire to promote Messinia, while protecting and preserving its natural beauty and heritage. It will comprise a number of distinct sites featuring 5-star deluxe hotels, luxury residences, conference facilities, spa and thalassotherapy centres, signature golf courses, as well as a wide range of unique year-round activities for adults and children. Navarino Dunes, the first area, is home to two luxury 5-star hotels, The Romanos, a Luxury Collection Resort and The Westin Resort Costa Navarino; The Dunes Course – the first signature golf course in Greece-Anazoe Spa, a 4,000sq.m. spa & thalassotherapy centre; the state-of-the-art conference centre House of Events; specially designed facilities for children; as well as a variety of gastronomy venues, sports, outdoor and cultural activities. Navarino Bay, the second area is home to the signature golf course, The Bay Course. Download high resolution photos and logos from the press section in downloads on the website www.costanavarino.com, using the password Nestor.