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What an incredible, beautiful image this is today here in Limenas.

- I see People from Astrid where three years ago We started this fight when we learned that Energean had commissioned the American company Haliburton to begin studies for storage.
- I see People, from Potos to Limenaria, Potamia, Limenas and from every other corner of Thassos to shout

NO CO2 in OUR YARD

- **Good evening Thassos, Good evening Kavala...**
- **Good evening, friends, ladies and gentlemen.**
- **Good evening to the representatives of the Municipality**
- **Good evening to all the Associations and Organizations that support us honor with their presence.**
- **... and many greetings to the local media in far-off Kavala**

Why are we standing here today?

- We stand today near a sea that has nourished generations,
  It united peoples, it kept our history alive.
- We stand today near a sea that is part of our soul.

- We stand today near a sea from which we eat our bread
- And yet, today, EU climate policy wants to convert**this sea and Thassos**in**experimental field**.

- In a warehouse for the waste of an industrial era that It ends.

They call it***carbon dioxide capture and storage carbon*.**

- We call it**risk**,
- We call it**fraud**,
- We call it**betrayal of effort of our fathers and grandfathers who built with blood**

the**A tourism that is flourishing today!**

the**A tourism that reaches1.5 cm. visitors**

We stand here today to show...**the first red one card**to those who decide against us and without us!

We support the**decision of the City Council and the Mayor of Thassos**who thundered a clear NO against in Storage. We know it is not easy. But NO is necessary for our island, our life and our future.

A damaged nature cannot be fixed by anything.

We don't say NO to profits, we say NO to<u>obscenely</u> profits at the expense of the Citizen with the Citizen's money!

- They tell us: "The project is safe."
- They tell us: "The project is innovation."
- They tell us: “The project is for the good of the climate.”
- But they don't tell us who**will be accountable**if something goes wrong wrong.
  - If gas suddenly leaks.
  - If there is a gradual acidification of the water
  - The answer is known:
    -**<u>No one will be to blame.</u>** .

First the fish leave, then the fishermen, then tourism and finally the citizens

We stand here today to show...**the second red one card**

- To all those who**they are playing with our lives** betting on the compensatory measures card. **We answer that the value of life is not measured** . This attitude shows a lot.... but

  • does not show LEADERSHIP

  • does not show STRATEGY and

  • does not show INSIGHT for our country

- **No compensatory measure will solve the basic problem. problem we face on the island!**

Thassos does not sacrifice itself, especially when it is not a project of national importance.

We still stand here today to show and**on the third red card**

• To all politicians in the region, members of parliament and mayors, who avoid a clear position on the project.

• A clear NO or a clear YES...a straight line..**an end to the speculum..... AN END TO THE SPECULATION. Thassos does not sacrifice itself.**

• The next elections will not be long in coming. Here we will **we are** Here we will**let's say**! Here you will**let's measure ourselves**!

- **Do what the Mayor of Thassos did, Mr. Kyriakides. Mr. Kyriakides not only took a clear position against storage, he also took on the economic and political**

responsibility for appealing to the Territorial Council.

Precautionary Principle

We stand today to show**that the people of Thassos demand the implementation of<u>Precautionary Principle</u>**

- A project is being built in<u>our yard</u> with public money **without guarantees for our lives and without plans to evacuate settlements in the event of a sudden leak in a highly active tectonic area and a stone's throw from our coasts**!

- Precaution is an act of responsibility! Real responsibility It means transparency, not make-up. We demand it from the state!

- Real ecology means reducing emissions – not to bury them.

- Consider that we closed Lignite.... Why CO2 could not be sequestered there.
  Who wins?

- What is being done is not climate protection – it is protection of interests.

- It is a new form of colonialism. It is the climate colonialism.

The application of The Precautionary Principle is the basis of Tourism

We all know that the economic **development of Thassos is based** at the forefront of tourism. CCS will not bring **on the island neither one € more**

On the contrary, we will live with the constant risk of an accident, which will have negative consequences in all directions.

- Who will come to buy a house when they know that the pressure will be exerted before his eyes
- Who will come on vacation when they know that in the summer **a test evacuation exercise of settlements near the reservoir may be carried out**?

It is not a day for technical or operational matters.

Friends, ladies and gentlemen,

I will not address today technical issues or the business models that are set up based on Climate Contracts or carbon contacts for difference. We know who will win and we know who will lose. We have learned the game!

I just want to inform you that the Coordinating Committee of Thassos Organizations is making sure that the problem is known outside of Greece.

Together with the Kavala initiative, we launched a series of **Cross-border activities**What are these:

1. We prepare a Petition and Hearing for the**European Parliament**
2. We met for a week and at**Aberdeen, Scotland** where we talked to people from Denmark and the Netherlands **very extensive problems surrounding CCS Technology**.
3. We have held and are holding meetings with various organizations from Europe and America such as**International Center Environmental Law**CIEL, the**Center for International Environmental Law**

- And we won't stop here. We'll continue.**entering the knives of our thoughts are sharp**to each direction

- we are ready**to be pitted against each other**with those who aim in the decline of our island.

And one last thing that has to do with our organization

The organizational core of the Coordinating Committee of Thassos Organizations**is based in the village and its associations**. They are the soul of the organization and we thank them. This is where the central message of today's event comes from.

"We hold on to what unites us."

We made this choice because we focus on common ground, values, or goals shared by different sides. The implementation of this project will harm rich and poor, left and right. We suggested that until we solve the problem, differences, ideological conflicts, or party rivalries be set aside!

Yes we are different but in relation to CCS Prinos we are united because simply

- **We all want Thassos as a source of life.**
- **And not as a repository for pollutants.**

Friends, dear fellow countrymen.

Strength in unity.**And we hold on to what unites us: love for the place and responsibility towards our children.**

I think the time has come to hang from the walls the dusty swords of our fathers and grandfathers who**they built me their lifeblood is tourism on the island**

- to**polish**these swords and to**lean on this sacred land**

- And yes**let's call again**what some Thassite **thundered last January in**nunnery

• The sea is our life and tourism is our our bread

• We will not keep silent!

- ***We don't want you. Take them and leave….***

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- **Be well everyone.**
- **The fight continues! If we are united we will win**