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Main street empty  
The outdoor floor heating system at work  
(the heating is coming from a sustainable geothermal resource).



Summer time  
Street party



The program brought big changes in the life of the city center. People accustomed to the car use, had to come to terms with unprecedented restrictions. For reasons like that, prior to the implementation the administration launched a consulting procedure with the public and the architects. This dialogue proved to be critical for the appreciation of the project and its final success. However difficult the implementation of such an intervention into the commercial heart of city was, the people sowed remarkable patience during the period of the works. Today, three years after the start --and the works close to the end but still pending-- the acceptance of the rehabilitation program is almost unanimous. A feeling of recovery of both, the functionality of the public space and the urban identity, is spread all over the town, with the most hopeful sign being the re-opening --despite the enduring economic crisis-- of some shops in the very place of the intervention, the "new" main street of Karpensi.

