

Dear Mr. Elon Musk,

Please find attached the full text of the report, as requested by Mr. Robert Jackson, who is currently in Kefalonia, in order for you to be informed of its contents and to confirm that it does not violate any industrial confidentiality regulations.

Elon Musk to Build Small-Scale Rocket Launch Facility on Mount Ainos, Kefalonia - The First European SpaceX Base

Scientific team from the company visited the National Park - Draft Memorandum for Observatory Reactivation - Local authorities remain officially uninformed

Few visitors could believe their eyes when, just days ago, a team of experts equipped with advanced technology was spotted moving in a coordinated manner near the summit of Mount Ainos. The team carried 360° cameras, drones, field laptops, and satellite transmitters.

As exclusively revealed by kefaloniapress.gr, the visitors were in fact a scientific delegation from SpaceX, the company founded by Elon Musk, which is considering the summit of Mount Ainos on the Greek island of Kefalonia as a potential site for its first European "Micro Launch Base."

Why Kefalonia?

According to reliable sources, SpaceX's interest was drawn to Kefalonia due to a unique combination of geophysical and geostrategic advantages, including:

- Consistently clear atmospheric conditions throughout the year
- A remote, elevated location ideal for low-risk experimental launches
- Pre-existing military infrastructure, which facilitates licensing procedures

- A modern but currently inactive astronomical observatory, which may be integrated into the project

The proposed facility would support the launch of small, unmanned rockets (Starhopper-type) used for telecommunications missions, scientific observation, and orbit tracking research. SpaceX is reportedly seeking alternative international locations as part of its broader Micro Launch Base Network initiative.

The Observatory and the Memorandum of Understanding

During their visit, the SpaceX delegation also inspected the modern observatory facility on Mount Ainos, which, despite being equipped with state-of-the-art telescopes, has remained closed in recent years with no official explanation.

According to exclusive sources, a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) has already been drafted between SpaceX and a Greek astronomical institute, outlining the reactivation and integration of the observatory into a satellite orbit monitoring program.

The MoU reportedly includes plans for equipment upgrades and specialized training of Greek scientists by SpaceX personnel.

"Mount Ainos feels like our own Baja California," a SpaceX mission coordinator reportedly stated, adding: "Mr. Musk is deeply interested in locations that combine technology, natural isolation, and spiritual depth."

Silence and Unofficial Awareness

As of this writing, local authorities in Kefalonia-including the Ionian Islands Region, the Municipality,

and the Chamber of Commerce-have not received any official notification of the project.

However, sources confirm that they were informally informed about the arrival of a scientific team from abroad, who had requested access to Mount Ainos for "research on geophysical and atmospheric conditions."

There has been no official comment from either Greek institutions or SpaceX.

What's Next?

If the preliminary technical evaluations of the site prove successful, SpaceX is expected to send a second delegation later this year to conduct full terrain mapping and define a safe launch zone.

Initial test launches of small-scale unmanned vehicles are projected for 2026, under the supervision of European regulatory bodies.

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