



THE GOULANDRIS NATURAL HISTORY MUSEUM
 GREEK BIOTOPE/WETLAND CENTRE



AGENDA

Technical Workshop/Training: Territorial connectivity

6 – 7 February 2019

Athens, Hotel Philippos (3 Mitseon str. Acropolis, Athens)

TARGET: Support joint assessment of ecosystems' connectivity beyond the boundaries of protected areas in the BalkanMed territory focusing on wetland ecosystems outside the NATURA2000 network.

REQUIREMENTS (expertise, data, hardware, software)

Knowledge on the available national biodiversity datasets (from national reports or research studies), on protected networks, on national designated sites and GIS experience in spatial analysis is required. Experts should bring their own laptop with sample data (i.e wetlands layer, NATURA 2000 datasets, Biodiversity data, CORINE Land Cover) and with GIS software installed (ArcGIS or QGIS with spatial analyst capabilities) and with the most recent version of the open source GuidosToolbox (available here: <http://forest.jrc.ec.europa.eu/download/software/guidos/>).

WORKPLAN:

DAY 1		
Time	Topic	Presenter
9.30 – 10.00	Registration of participants	
10.00 – 10.15	Welcome	George Dimaras, Deputy Minister of Environment & Energy
10.15 – 10.30	The need for a joint ecosystem connectivity assessment in the Balkan Mediterranean territory	EKBY





10.30 – 10.45	New technologies from space to support mapping and monitoring of potential wetland areas	NOA
10.45 – 11.30	Overview and practical steps of the WetMainAreas approach for territorial ecosystem connectivity assessment	EKBY
11.30 – 12.00	<i>Coffee break</i>	
12.00 – 13.30	Short progress on the preliminary work for wetland mapping and connectivity assessment & collected available datasets	University of Forestry Sofia EKBY National Environmental Agency of Albania St. Kliment Ohridski University Region of Thessaly Municipality of Gotse Delchev
13.30 – 14.30	<i>Lunch break</i>	
14.30 – 16.30	Working Session: data organization, reclassification of CLC and creation of the landscape mosaic, wetland distance connectivity, structural connectivity (use of GUIDOS tool), spatial relationships of wetlands, NATURA2000 sites and of well – connected areas of high biodiversity value	Moderated by EKBY ALL
16.30 – 17.00	End of meeting	
18:00	Meet up outside Hotel Herodion and walk to the National Observatory of Athens in Thisseio for a tour and star watching (weather permitting)	Hosted by NOA
20:00	After the tour we will walk to a traditional local restaurant for an Invited Dinner	Hosted by NOA





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DAY 2		
9.30 – 11.30	Working session results, problems and possible solutions. 10 minutes presentation per involved partner & Discussion	Moderated by EKBY ALL
11.30 – 12.00	<i>Coffee break</i>	
12.00 – 13.30	Progress & Milestones of WetMainAreas activities. 10 minutes presentation per partner & Discussion	Moderated by Project Leader ALL
13.30 – 14.30	<i>Lunch break</i>	
14.30 – 15.00	End of meeting	



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