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Conference venue:
Spierer Conference Hall
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Agias Varvaras 11, Drama, Greece

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Monday, 4th of November 2024

09:15-17:00

- 09:15-09:30 Admission and Registration of Participants
09:30-10:00 Introduction to the 3-day event and its objectives

SETTING THE SCENE FOR RIVER MANAGEMENT IN EUROPE 10:00-11:30

Facilitator: **Christos Georgiadis**, HSPN, LIFE PRIMED Project Coordinator

- 10:00-10:30 *Discovering the Nature and Biodiversity of the Nestos River Delta.*
Nikos Petrou, President of the Board of Directors of HSPN, Greece
- 10:30-10:45 *Renaturalisation of the Inland Delta of Nida River: A Sustainable Water Management Example.*
Wojciech Soltysiak, LIFE4Delta, Poland
- 10:45-11:00 *The River Management and Monitoring Model of Fiume Brenta, North-East Italy.*
Simone Iacopino, LIFE BRENTA, University of Padua, Italy
- 11:00-11:15 *Addressing Transboundary River Governance - Sustainable cooperative approaches from WetMainAreas project in Nestos River and Wetland4Change project in Strymon River.*
Stanimira Ivanova, University of Forestry, Sofia, Bulgaria
- 11:00-11:30 Q&A session

11:30 – 12:00 Coffee Break

GOOD PRACTICES IN MEDITERRANEAN TERRESTRIAL HABITATS (12:00-13:30)

Facilitator: **Nikos Petrou**, HSPN

- 12:00-12:15 *The Restoration Plan for Asterousia Mountain Range, Crete Island.*
Michalis Probonas, project MONALISA, University of Crete, Greece
- 12:15-12:30 *Innovative Practices for Landscape Resilience to Climate Change.*
Miltiadis Athanasiou, project ResAlliance, Institute for the Mediterranean Forest Ecosystems, ELGO-DIMITRA, Greece
- 12:30-12:45 *Restoring Degraded Ecosystems: Co-Design and Systemic Innovation in Rural Living Labs.*
Pier Paolo Roggero, project OurMED, University of Sassari, Italy
- 12:45-12:55 Q&A session
- 12:55-13:10 *Using Geoinformatics and Citizen Science for Landscape Monitoring.*
Dimitris Alexakis, project TOPIO, Institute for Mediterranean Studies, Greece

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13:10-13:25 *Restoration of Pinus nigra forest habitats.*
Spyros Galatsidas, Aristotelis Papageorgiou, LIFE STEMMA ATHOS,
Democritus University of Thrace, Greece Greece

13:25-13:30 Q&A session

13:30 – 15:00 Light lunch – Coffee – Socialising

EXPERIENCES ON RESTORATION, CONSERVATION AND MONITORING OF MEDITERRANEAN PLANTS AND HABITATS (15:00-17:00)

Facilitator: **Vito Emanuele Cambria**, *Sapienza University of Rome*,
LIFE PRIMED Project Manager

- 15:00-15:15 *Botanic Gardens for Ex-situ In-situ Habitat Restoration.*
Eleni Maloupa, Curator of the Balkan Botanic Garden Kroussia, ELGO
DIMITRA, Greece
- 15:15-15:30 *Seed Banks in the Conservation and Restoration of Sardinian Wetlands.*
Lina Podda, Department of Life and Environmental Sciences, University of
Cagliari, Italy
- 15:30-15:45 *An Integrative Approach to the Conservation and Restoration of
Mediterranean Habitats within LIFE projects.*
Maria Enrica Boi, LIFE SEEDFORCE, Italy
- 15:45-15:55 Q&A session
- 15:55-16:10 *Mediterranean Temporary Ponds: Past, Present, and Future Directions.*
Simonetta Bagella, University of Sassari, Italy
- 16:10-16:25 *Ten years of experience in monitoring Mediterranean temporary ponds in
Greece.*
Spyros Oikonomidis, National and Kapodistrian University of Athens,
Greece
- 16:25-16:40 *Monitoring Carbon Pools in Deciduous Oak Forest.*
Kalliopi Radoglou, Democritus University of Thrace, Greece
- 16:40-16:50 Q&A session
- 16:50-17:00 Closing the first day: discussions and lessons learned

17:30 - 19:30 Guided tour in Drama

20:00 Social Dinner

Tuesday, 5th of November 2024

09:30-17:30

09:30-10:00 Admission and Registration of Participants

LESSON LEARNED AND KEY TAKEAWAYS FROM LIFE PRIMED:

NESTOS DELTA 10:00-11:30

Facilitator: **Christos Georgiadis**, HSPN

- 10:00-10:30 *Restoration actions and ex-ante ex-post monitoring activities in the forest habitats of Nestos Delta (A.4, A.5, C.2, C.3, C.4, D.4).*
Evi Korakaki, IMFE, Greece
- 10:30-10:40 *Ex-ante ex-post monitoring activities in the Mediterranean temporary ponds of Nestos Delta (A.6, D.3).*
Spyros Tsiftsis, Democritus University of Thrace, Greece
- 10:40-10:50 *Ex-situ conservation and propagation of keystone species of Nestos Delta's habitats (C.6).*
Theodora Merou, Democritus University of Thrace, Greece
- 10:50-11:00 *Ex-ante ex-post monitoring activities of wildlife in Nestos Delta (Action D.1).*
Christos Georgiadis, HSPN, Greece
- 11:00-11:30 Q&A session

11:30 – 12:00 Coffee Break

LESSON LEARNED AND KEY TAKEAWAYS FROM LIFE PRIMED:

BOSCO DI PALO LAZIALE (12:00-13:30)

Facilitator: **Vito Emanuele Cambria**, Sapienza University of Rome

- 12:00-12:15 *Rainwater harvesting systems for habitat restoration and resilience (A.4, C.3, C.5).*
Vito Emanuele Cambria, Marcello Vitale, Sapienza University of Rome, Italy
- 12:15-12:30 *Restoration actions and ex-ante ex-post monitoring activities in the forest habitats of Palo Laziale (A.5, C.1, C.2, C.4, D.4).*
Luca Scarnati, Virginia Chiara Cuccaro, ARSIAL, Italy
- 12:30-12:45 *Restoration actions and ex-ante ex-post monitoring activities in the Mediterranean temporary ponds of Palo Laziale (A.6, C.6, D.3).*
Dario La Montagna, Sapienza University of Rome, Italy
- 12:45-13:00 *Monitoring the project Socio-Economic Impact and Habitat Ecosystem Services (D.6, D.7).*
Georgios Maroulis, Panteion University, Greece

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- 13:00-13:15 Q&A session
13:15-13:30 Wrap up the discussion: follow-up for the replication of restoration, conservation and management practices in Mediterranean coastal forest habitats.

13:30 – 15:00 Light lunch – Coffee – Socialising

WHAT'S THE FUTURE FOR THE ECOLOGICAL RESTORATION IN THE MEDITERRANEAN REGION? (15:00-16:30)

Facilitator: **Marcello De Vitis**, *SERE* &

Rachel Kristensen, *Biodiversa+ BiodivRestore Knowledge Hub*

This session will focus on the Nature Restoration Law and its implementation, emphasising National Restoration Plans, assessment, and monitoring, with the goal of promoting Greece's progress in ecological restoration within the Mediterranean region.

Presentations:

- 15:00-15:10 *Society for Ecological Restoration's Principles and Standards*
15:10-15:20 *Biodiversa+ BiodivRestore Knowledge Hub Overview*
15:20-15:30 *Case Study: Italian National Hub on Ecological Restoration*

Interactive Session:

- 15:30-16:15 *An interactive session to map the current status of ecological restoration efforts in Greece*

Summary and Reflections:

- 16:15-16:30 *Presenting key insights to the audience*

Facilitator: **Christos Georgiadis**, *HSPN* & **Vito Emanuele Cambria**, *Sapienza University of Rome*

- 16:30 - 17:00 **Open Discussion:** This is an opportunity for speakers and audience members to share their perspectives on the conference and discuss potential follow-up actions.

Nikos Petrou, *HSPN*

- 17:00 - 17:30 Summary, final thoughts and acknowledgments.

17:30 Free time in Drama



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Wednesday 6th November 2024

09:00-17:00

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Departure from Drama

Leader: **Christos Georgiadis**, HSPN

Speakers: **Dr. Evi Korakaki**, **Georgios Mantakas**, **Dr. Georgios Karetzos**, IMFE
Vito Emanuele Cambria, Sapienza University of Rome

- Visit the Information Center of the National Park in Keramoti.
- Explore the Western Bank of Nestos River.
- Explore the Eastern Bank of Nestos River, “Lazaros”.

Bring with you your trekking shoes, raincoat and your water bottle. Light lunch is provided by the conference. Vegetarian meals ensured upon request.

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