

# AGENDA

“Our Mediterranean ecosystems' health is in danger. Time to restore it!”

Natural Heritage Mission's  
1st Summer School



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# Tuesday, 18 June 2024



**08:30 - 09:00**

**Participants' Reception**

**09:00 - 09:15**

**Welcome / Introductory speech**

**Block A: The EU Restoration Law / Main concepts, requirements, and legal framework for Nature Restoration**

**09:15 - 09:50**

**Presentation of the EU Nature Restoration Law**

- Overview of the objectives of the EU Nature Restoration Law
- Presentation of the main pillars and tools of the Law
- Ambitions, potentialities, limitations and expected impacts

**09:50 - 10:30**

**EU Nature Restoration Law in practice**

- Restoration planning requirements, reporting and monitoring

***Coffee Break***

**11:00 - 11:30**

**EU Nature Restoration Law and its transformative potential**

- The concept of restoration in biodiversity governance
- Legal framework for nature conservation from global to local
- Opportunities of the Nature restoration law
- (Good) governance guidance for implementation

**11:30 - 12:45**

**Round table discussion / Q&A**

**Block B: Focusing on challenges and opportunities for restoration / Understanding the importance of wetlands, exploring restoration solutions and cases**

**12:45 - 13:30**

**Introduction on wetlands importance**

- Ecosystem services, biodiversity, role on climate change adaptation, etc.
- Economic and cultural interest in wetland areas and trade offs for conservation
- Presentation of the Natural Heritage Mission thematic projects on Wetlands

***Lunch***

**16:30 - 18:30**

**Field visit**

Study visit in the Nature Reserve Škocjanski zatok and guided tour by DOPPS (Slovenian partner of BirdLife)

# Wednesday 19 June 2024



**08:45 - 09:00**

**Participants' Reception**

**Block C: Methodologies and strategies for ecosystem restoration / Ecosystems' health diagnosis, vulnerability assessment, actions prioritisation, monitoring and societal aspects**

**09:00 - 09:45**

**Tools for effective restoration through transformative governance and policy upscaling: The RESTCOAST project approach**

**09:45 - 10:30**

**Opportunities and priorities for wetlands restoration (1st part)**

- Assessing wetland ecosystem health and vulnerability: showcasing criteria and methodological approaches from EU and Mediterranean scale.
- Prioritization methodologies for wetland restoration areas and activities at local, national and regional scales

***Coffee Break***

**11:00 - 11:30**

**Opportunities and priorities for wetlands restoration (2nd part)**

**11:30 - 12:40**

**Monitoring and maintaining restored ecosystems**

- Monitoring of restored sites
- Indicators and measurement at different scales

**12:40 - 13:30**

**The role of stakeholders' engagement in nature restoration**

- Processes to engage territorial actors / How to make the best use of both Top-Down and Bottom-Up approaches?
- Collaborative governance for wetland restoration: concept, practices and perspectives

***Lunch***

**14:30 - 17:30**

**Team exercise on restoration specific cases (case studies proposed by the applicants)**

- Introduction on "How to create a restoration Action Plan"
- Working in groups: Participants split in groups to discuss, exchange and work on degraded ecosystems, share ideas on challenges, prioritisation of actions, propose solutions, etc. Each group will elaborate an action plan for the restoration of a proposed specific case

# Thursday 20 June 2024



**09:00 - 09:15**

**Participants' Reception**

**Block D: Diving into real-world examples and projects for Nature Restoration**

**09:15 - 10:45**

**Examples of restoration projects/good practices, lessons learnt, etc. (1st part)**

Presentation of restoration projects in the Mediterranean basin:

- BirdLife Slovenia / From wastewater basins to nature reserve
- PPNEA - BirdLife Albania / Alder Forest Restoration in the Transboundary Prespa
- Natura Histrica / Restoration of wetland habitats in the Croatian Istria County

***Coffee Break***

**11:00 - 12:00**

**Examples of restoration projects/good practices, lessons learnt, etc. (2nd part)**

- CoNISMa-University of Trieste / Restoration of macroalgal forests
- University of Haifa / Coral reef restoration

**12:00 - 13:15**

**Team exercise elaboration and finalisation**

***Lunch***

**14:30 - 17:00**

**Team exercise wrap-up - groups present their action plans**

**Closure ceremony**



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