



NATIONAL INFODAYS

This year's Info Days in Greece addressed secondary schools. They were organized mainly by NTUA - National Technical University of Athens (project partner, Community4Nature) and NECCA - Natural Environment & Climate Change Agency (associated partner, Community4Nature), and were supported by Thematic Projects of the Natural Heritage Mission (ARTEMIS and FRED) and other initiatives (project PARALIES).

The 1st Info Day took place in Kalogeropoulou school, on the 18th of September 2024, as a celebration to the International Coastal Cleanup Day. GREEN TANK (project partner, ARTEMIS) and TERRA NOVA (project PARALIES) supported this event with very interesting presentations. Around 100 students had the opportunity to talk about their region (Attica), their area (Marathon) and learn about interregional cooperation projects, nature restoration actions, *Posidonia oceanica*'s importance and beaches' adoption/clean up. The organizing team, after the event at Kalogeropoulou school, had the opportunity to visit the nearby beach of Schinias, part of Schinias National Park (Natura 2000 site), where a beach cleaning was taking place by Terra Nova Ltd, and discuss with the involved parties about their everyday work, along with the challenges faced in order to keep this area protected.





The 2nd Info Day took place in Ellinogermaniki Agogi, on the 31st of October 2024 (World Cities Day). Two sessions were organized back-to-back with the participation of around 150 students in each. During the event, NTUA presented the Natural Heritage Mission and the 2024 awareness campaign on “nature restoration”, NECCA explained the high environmental importance of Attica’s protected areas and the restoration actions taking place in specific locations; and -last but not least- Green Tank introduced ARTEMIS project and the need to restore Posidonia sea meadows in the Mediterranean region.

The 3rd Info Day was organised on the 1st of November 2024 (world communication week), in Marathon High School. Two sessions, for 100 students in total, took place during the morning. NTUA opened the event explaining the importance of communication and collaboration between different countries facing the same challenges, and invited the students to follow the #SolveTheChallenge2024 awareness campaign on nature restoration. NECCA presented the Schinias-Marathon National Park, as well as actions for fire prevention, suppression and post-fire restoration. Finally, Democritus University of Thrace (project partner, FRED) explained how technical solutions may prevent and mitigate wildfires and result in reducing risks to human lives, ecosystem degradation and habitat/biodiversity loss.

With these Info Days, we seek to put students in contact with the scientific community, so that they acquire knowledge and become active citizens.

Info

Dates: 18/09/2024, 31/10/2024 and 01/11/2024

Location: Attica (Kalogeropoulou, Ellinogermaniki Agogi and Marathon High Schools)

