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

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Agenda

Tuesday, 18 June 2024	
8:45-09:00 Participants' Reception	
09:00 - 09:15 Welcome / Introductory speech	
Block A: The new EU Restoration Law Main concepts, requirements, and legal framework for Nature Restoration.	
Title of the lesson	Speaker
09:15-10:30 - Presentation of the new EU Nature Restoration Law <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Overview of the objectives of the nature restoration law - Presentation of the main pillars and tools of the new law - Ambitions, potentialities, limitations and expected impacts - Restoration planning requirements, reporting and monitoring - Q&A 	Sergiy Moroz, European Environmental Bureau
Coffee Break	
11:00-11:30 - The new EU Nature Restoration Law's potential to contribute to sustainable transformation <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Opportunities and threats of the Nature restoration law for the national, regional, and local governments in achieving the transformation in support of long-term biodiversity targets (incl. Kunming Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework) 	Jerneja Penca, Science and Research Center Koper
11:30-12:45 - Round table discussion / Q&A	<i>Previous speakers and representatives of three of the Natural Heritage Thematic Projects (Petar Petrov, Giancarlo Gusmaroli and Shona Brincat)</i>
Block B: Understanding the importance of wetlands, exploring restoration solutions and cases.	
Title of the lesson	Speaker
12:45-13:30 - Introduction on wetlands importance <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Ecosystem services, biodiversity, role on climate 	Giancarlo Gusmaroli - WE GO COOP



<p>change adaptation, etc.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Economic and cultural interest in wetland areas and trade offs for conservation - Presentation of the Natural Heritage Mission's projects on wetlands 	<p>Stanimira Ivanova - Wetlands4Change</p>
Lunch	
<p>16:30 - 18:30 Field study Study visit in the Nature Reserve Škocjanski zatok and guided tour by DOPPS (Slovenian partner of BirdLife - Bojana Lipej/Education coordinator of BirdLife Slovenia)</p>	
Wednesday 19 June 2024	
<p>Block C: Methodologies and strategies for ecosystem restoration. Ecosystems' health diagnosis, vulnerability assessment, actions prioritisation, monitoring and societal aspects.</p>	
8:45-09:00 Participants' Reception	
Title of the lesson	Speaker
09:00-09:45 - Tools for effective restoration through transformative governance and policy upscaling: The RESTCOAST project approach	Pilar Marín, IUCN
<p>09:45-10:30 - Opportunities and priorities for wetlands' restoration (1st part)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 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, regional and national scales 	<p>Anis Guelmami, Tour du Valat</p> <p>Christoph Schröder, University of Malaga</p>
Coffee Break	
11:00-11:30 - Opportunities and priorities for wetlands restoration (2nd part)	Eleni Fitoka, Greek Biotope/Wetland Centre, EKBY
<p>11:30-12:40 - Monitoring and maintaining restored ecosystems</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Monitoring of restored sites - Indicators - Measurement at different scales. 	<p>Petar Petrov, University of Forestry</p> <p>Christoph Schröder, University of Malaga</p>
<p>12:40-13:30 - The role of stakeholders' engagement in nature restoration</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Processes to engage territorial actors/How to make the best use of both Top-Down and Bottom-Up approaches? 	<p>Anis Guelmami, Tour du Valat</p> <p>Romina D'Ascanio, Roma Tre University</p>



<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Collaborative governance for wetland restoration: concept, practices and perspectives 	
Lunch	
14:30-17:30 Team exercise on restoration specific cases (based on case studies proposed by the applicants) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Introduction on “How to create a restoration Action Plan” (Petar Petrov, University of Forestry) - Participants split in groups in order to discuss, exchange and work on degraded ecosystems, share ideas on challenges, prioritisation of actions, propose solutions, etc. At the end each group should have elaborated an action plan for the restoration of the proposed specific case. 	
Thursday 20 June 2024	
Block D: Diving into real-world examples and projects for Nature Restoration	
9:00-09:15 Participants’ Reception	
Title of the lesson	Speaker
09:15-10:45 - Examples of restoration projects/good practices, lessons learnt, etc.	BirdLife Slovenia ‘From wastewater basins to nature reserve’ Damijan Denac PPNEA - BirdLife Albania ‘Alder Forest Restoration in the Transboundary Prespa’ Xhemal Xherri CoNISMa-University of Trieste ‘Restoration of macroalgal forests’ Annalisa Falace
Coffee Break	
11:00-11:30 - Examples of restoration projects/good practices, lessons learnt, etc.	University of Haifa ‘Coral reef restoration’ Buki Rinkevich
11:30-13:15 Team exercise elaboration	
Lunch	
14:30-17:00 Team exercise wrap-up - teams present their ideas/solutions	
Closure ceremony	



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