



## Natura 2000 Biogeographical Process



## Networking and Best Practices for Mediterranean Grassland Habitat Types

29 - 30 May 2015, Prespa, Greece

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**Venue:** Information centre of Prespa National Forest Management Body (Pyli, Prespa).

The event will include a set of 6 plenary talks (1st day), a structured meeting in round table (end of 1st day), field trips (2nd day) and meeting with local stakeholders (end of 2nd day). Specifically,

**1st day, Thu 28 May 2015:** Arrival of participants. A free evening shuttle service will be provided from Thessaloniki Airport to Prespa.

**2nd day, Fri 29 May 2015:** Plenary talks are allocated equivalently into the three main themes (management, knowledge, advice governments) of the workshop. Experts will present their experiences and thoughts about issues they successfully (or not) faced related to these themes (best or bad practices). A poster session and knowledge market is organized later afternoon. At the end of the day the networking team will organize an open discussion about future prospects and steps. A Networking Committee is expected to be officially formed.

**3rd day, Sat 30 May 2015:** Three field trips are programmed, where management practices of grassland habitat types will be presented *in situ*. To fully enjoy the site visits, please make sure to pack good footwear, sun protection and insect repellent, as well as your binoculars and cameras. At the end, the workshop will include a meeting with local stakeholders (members of local Management and Conservation Bodies, representatives of stock breeders, foresters, etc.). The conversations and the outline of the issues related to the active management of grassland habitat types will provide input for the bottom-up development of policy considerations and recommendations.

**4th day, Sunday 31 May 2015:** Departure of participants. A free morning shuttle service will be provided from Prespa to Thessaloniki Airport.

If you wish to display any posters, publications or other materials about your work and projects in or around Natura 2000 sites, please send an email to [mvrahnak@teilar.gr](mailto:mvrahnak@teilar.gr) by May 10 2015 the latest, this to reserve space and discuss arrangements.

## DETAILED PROGRAMME

### Friday 29 May 2015

09:00-10:00	Registration
10:00 -10:30	Welcome notes
	<b>Session I: BPs in Grassland Management</b>
10:30 - 11:00	<i>Best practices of grassland management in Greece and their evaluation - Vasilios Papanastasis and Yannis Kazoglou (Greece)</i>
11:00 - 11:30	<i>The experience of the farmers, few suggestions to improve our contribution - Rocco Colamonaco (Italy)</i>
11:30 - 12:00	Coffee break
	<b>Session II: BPs in Advice Governments</b>
12:00 - 12:30	<i>Providing scientific support to government on habitat management and restoration - Petros Kakouros (Greece)</i>
12:30 - 13:00	<i>Science-Policy Interfaces and ecosystem services: tools for the implementation of the ecosystem approach in the Natura 2000 sites - Javier Cabello (Spain)</i>
	Lunch
	<b>Session III: BPs in Knowledge Dissemination</b>
15:00 - 15:30	<i>Information channels and local societies - Vassiliki Kleftoyanni (Greece)</i>
15:30 - 16:00	<i>Approaches, possibilities and choices for a better dissemination of knowledge - Generosa Jenny Calabrese (Italy)</i>
	Coffee break
16:30 - 17:30	<b>Poster Session - Knowledge Market</b>
17:30- 19:00	<b>Round Table</b>

### Saturday 30 May 2015

09:00-10:30	Field trip to adjacent wet grasslands
10:30-11:30	Field trip to adjacent dry grassland habitats
11:30-15:30	Field trip to dry grasslands and shrubland pastures of Mt Devas
18:00-19:30	Meeting with local stakeholders
	Closing session (what's next)