



INNOVATIVE APPROACHES IN THE COASTAL WETLANDS MANAGEMENT

Programme of the LIFE Platform Meeting (hybrid event)

International Congress Center Burgas, Foros Hall

Day 1

Date: 12th of October 2022

Online Start time: 9:50 EEST (UTC +3)

Official language: English

On-site Moderator: Boriana Mihova

Online Moderator: Alexander Nikolov

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Time	Theme	Speaker / Organization / Country
9:30 – 10:00	Registration and Coffee (<i>On-site</i>)	
10:00 – 10:20	Opening session	
10:00 – 10:05	Welcoming and introductory words	Diyana Kostovska Bulgarian Biodiversity Foundation
10:05 – 10:10	Meeting Ground Rules	Boriana Mihova, Moderator
10:10 – 10:20	Opening presentation	Edouard Gatineau CINEA <i>Online</i>
Panel session 1: Coastal wetland governance and cross-sectoral cooperation		
10:25 – 10:40	The Maristanis Coastal Wetland Contract: an innovative approach for the management of a complex environment	Vania Statzu MEDSEA Maristanis project (IT) <i>Online</i>
10:40 – 10:55	Pomorie Lake coastal lagoon and cross-sectoral cooperations: benefits and problems	Dimitar Popov Green Balkans Society Life for Pomorie Lagoon Project (BUL) <i>On-site</i>
10:55 – 11:10	Public involvement in the coastal habitats management	Radostina Tzenova Bulgarian Biodiversity Foundation Lagoon of Life Project (BUL) <i>On-site</i>

11:10 – 11:20	<i>Questions and answers</i>	Boriana Mihova, moderator
11:20 – 11:40	Coffee / Tea Break	
Panel session 2 : Innovative restoration, conservation and monitoring approaches		
11:45 – 12:00	Ulcinj salina - challenging wetland in Montenegro	Bojan Zeković Centre for Protection and Research of birds (Montenegro) <i>Online</i>
12:00 – 12:15	Coastal habitats management in the active saltpans Atanasovsko lake	Diyana Kostovska Bulgarian Biodiversity Foundation Lagoon of Life project (BUL) <i>On-site</i>
12:15 – 12:30	Bringing nature back home: restoration experiences in l'Albufera de Valencia	Pablo Vera Aquatic Environments Conservation Service (ES) <i>Online</i>
12:30 – 14:00	Lunch Break	
14:00 – 14:15	Long-term ecological monitoring in coastal ecosystems under anthropogenic pressures: A case study from Sozopol Bay, SW Black Sea	Dimitar Berov Laboratory of Marine Ecology, IBER (BUL) <i>On-site</i>
14:15 – 14:30	Wetlands, a key ecosystem to tackle climate change	Antonio Guillem Fundación Global Nature LIFE Wetlands4Climate Project (ES) <i>Online</i>
14:30 – 14:45	LIFE Lagoon Refresh: a multidisciplinary approach to restore the coastal lagoon habitats in Venice Lagoon	Rossella Boscolo Brusà Istituto Superiore per la Protezione e la Ricerca Ambientale (IT) LIFE LAGOON REFRESH Project <i>Online</i>
14:45 – 15:00	Coffee / Tea Break	
15:00 – 15:15	Experimental sea grass restoration within the coastal area - an opportunity for nature based solution (NBS) for coastal protection	Nikolay Valchev & Elitsa Hineva Institute of Oceanology (BUL) <i>On-site</i>
15:15 – 15:30	Case studies and tools for the recovery of coastal lagoons	Graziano Caramori Istituto Delta, (IT) LIFE Transfer Project <i>Online</i>
15:30 – 15:45	Seagrass transplantation for transitional Ecosystem Recovery: Habitat restoration in the Amvrakikos Gulf	Laura Bray LIFE Transfer Project (GR) <i>Online</i>
15:45 – 16:00	<i>Questions and answers</i>	Boriana Mihova, moderator
16:00 – 16:45	Poster session & coffee	
19:00	Social Dinner	

Day 2

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10:00 – 10:10	Opening - Summary of Day 1	Boriana Mihova, moderator
Panel session 3: The socio-economic value of coastal wetlands		
10:10 – 10:25	Bringing socio-ecosystem services to save the saltpans (<i>to be confirmed</i>)	Juan Martin SALARTE (ES) <i>On-site</i>
10:25 – 10:40	Coastal saltpans: diversification for conservation	Jesús Pinilla SEO BIRDLIFE project: Integrated management for the conservation of Mediterranean wetlands <i>On-site</i>
10:40 – 10:55	Coffee / Tea Break	
10:55 – 11:10	Responsible outdoor activities around Burgas wetlands - current problems and future possibilities	Stanimira Deleva, Bulgarian Biodiversity Foundation, (BUL) <i>On-site</i>
11:10 – 11:25	Can agriculture and gardening protect and restore coastal wetlands?	Marcia Vaz Pinto, SALINA GREEN (PT) <i>Online</i>
11:25 – 11:40	<i>Questions and answers</i>	Boriana Mihova, moderator
11:40 – 12:15	Concluding remarks (plenary session)	Boriana Mihova, moderator
12:30 – 13:30	Lunch	
13:30 – 17:30	Field Trip to Atanasovsko Lake Natura 2000 area	