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iLIFE-TROODOS Project

Troodos National Forest Park: Promoting natural values and Ecosystem Services

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1. About the Best Practices Guide

The current document consists the 'Best Practices Guide' deliverable of the project entitled 'Troodos National Forest Park: Promoting natural values and Ecosystem Services' (Acronym: iLIFE-TROODOS; LIFE16 GIE/CY/000709) which was implemented within the framework of LIFE program of the European Union (EU).

The Best Practices Guide seeks to be a technical guide in order to provide the basis for cost-efficient replication and/ or transfer of knowledge to other EU countries, regarding raising awareness on the natural values for which specific areas have been included in the Natura 2000 network and the ecosystem services these areas provide. The guide summarizes the outcomes and best practices on raising awareness, as these resulted by the project's implementation.

Furthermore, the guide includes an analysis of how the proposed awareness raising activities might be applied in other geographical areas and proposes methods for transferring the accumulated knowledge to various stakeholders and other entities.

2. The need to increase awareness and information

2.1 The Importance of environmental protection

The crisis of environment and development is growing over the last decades and the need to safeguard natural environment and conserve natural resources on earth is becoming greater as time passes, since a safe environment ensures a better way of living for all people at present and for generations to come.

The European Commission report on the 'Attitudes of European citizens' includes awareness, attitudes and experiences of respondents in the EU regarding the environment. As for the importance of environmental protection the study showed that a majority of Europeans think that protecting the environment is very important to them personally¹. More specifically:

- More than nine in ten respondents (94%) say that the protection of the environment is important to them personally, and among these more than half (56%) say it is very important.
- At national level, the view that protecting the environment is important ranges from 99% in Portugal, Sweden and Cyprus to 85% in Austria and 87% in Romania and Croatia. There is greater variation in the proportions that say environmental protection is 'very important'. This is highest in Sweden and Cyprus (both 87%) and lowest in Croatia (40%), Poland (40%), Austria (41%) and Lithuania (42%).

¹ European Commission. Special Eurobarometer 468. Attitudes of European citizens towards the environment. Report. Brussels: European Union, 2017.

As for the environmental issues and their effects on life and health of European citizens the study showed that four out of five Europeans feel that environmental issues have an impact on their daily life and health¹.

- Four out of five Europeans (81%) agree that environmental issues have a direct effect on their daily life and their health. This includes 39% who 'totally agree'.
- In some Member States, the vast majority of respondents agree that environmental issues have a direct effect on their daily life and health. The highest proportions can be seen in Cyprus (97%), Greece (96%) and Malta (93%). In each of these countries, as well as in Bulgaria and Slovenia, more than half of respondents 'totally agree' and this proportion reaches 80% in Cyprus.

2.2 Need to increase information and awareness on nature conservation

Governments, environmental NGOs and individuals have been striving to protect the environment over the last years. One of the main issues they have to face is increasing awareness in environmental issues to the general public and stakeholders so they will obtain and deeply understand all the associated problems derived from environmental degradation. A highly important issue concerning the environment is biodiversity conservation and the maintenance of the natural values and the ecosystem services it provides. The European Commission report on the 'Attitudes of European towards biodiversity' includes awareness, attitudes and experiences of respondents in the EU regarding biodiversity and Natura 2000 network.

It was showed that the majority of Europeans have heard of the term 'biodiversity', but less than one third know what it means. Additionally, most people do not feel informed about biodiversity loss².

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- Overall, 60% of respondents have heard of the term 'biodiversity'. Three out of ten (30%) say they have heard of the term and know what it means, while 30% have heard of it but do not know what it means. Almost four in ten (39%) have not heard of the term 'biodiversity'.

Furthermore, most Europeans do not feel informed about the loss of biodiversity. Before being asked how informed they feel about the loss of biodiversity, all respondents were presented with a definition of biodiversity. They were informed that 'Biological diversity - or biodiversity - is the term given to the variety of life on Earth (like plants, animals, genes, but also ecosystems such as forests, oceans, etc.) of which we are an integral part. Biodiversity in Europe and in other parts of the world is being lost and degraded due to human activities².

- Having that information, when asked how informed they feel about the loss of biodiversity, two out of three respondents (66%) say they do not feel sufficiently informed – including 22% who say they are not informed at all. Conversely, one out of three people (33%) feel informed, with 5% feeling very well informed and 28% saying they feel well informed.

² European Commission. Special Eurobarometer 436. Attitudes of European citizens towards biodiversity. Report. Brussels: European Union, 2015.

For the protection of the environment and biodiversity, the EU Member States have set the establishment of the Natura 2000 European Ecological Network which is the cornerstone of EU policy for the protection of natural areas, flora, fauna, birds and habitats of Europe. The Natura 2000 network does not prohibit any activities, within its boundaries, being governed by the philosophy that humans must coexist with nature. However, projects and activities with expected negative impacts on rare species and habitats, must be avoided in these areas to ensure satisfactory conservation status.

The European Commission report on the 'Attitudes of European towards biodiversity' shows that most Europeans have not heard of the Natura 2000 network². Specifically:

- When asked if they had heard of the Natura 2000 network, just 26% of respondents answer positively. More specifically, 10% mention they have heard of it and also know what it is, while 16% have heard of it but don't know what it is. The majority (73%) have never heard of the Natura 2000 network.

2.3 The case of Cyprus

There is a clear message that Europeans think that environmental issues have an impact in their daily life and health and thus protection of the environment is of great importance. Furthermore, they seem to know the term 'biodiversity' but they do not know what it means while the majority do not know about the Natura 2000 network.

As a European Union member state, Cyprus is committed to contribute to the efforts made to increase awareness on initiatives promoting the benefits of the Natura 2000 network. Most Cypriots are either little informed of the existence of the Natura 2000 network, or they are unaware of the reasons (natural values) for which an area was included in this network. Moreover, the Natura 2000 network has been, in various cases, a hot issue, not only for Cyprus but also for other European Union member states, since landowners believe that the declaration of the Natura 2000 sites negatively impacts their economic interests (this baseline information derived from the LIFE+ project BioForLife, from polls carried out by Frederick University during August-September 2015 and from polls carried out by the Department of Forest in August 2016).

LIFE Information and Communication project BioForLIFE dealt with the acceptance of the network, which was met with considerable negative reaction due to the perception that it affects land use and land values. During the surveys undertaken for BioForLIFE for recording the change of attitudes and perception of people of Cyprus, a question was related with Natura 2000 network, i.e.: 'What is the European Natura 2000 Network?'. According to the final poll of BioForLIFE project (July 2015), only 44% (the corresponding percentage in 2011, before the start of the project, was 34%, i.e. 10% increase) in a sample of 601 people gave the right answer (a network of sites aiming to protect and manage important elements of biodiversity - habitats, flora and fauna). A considerable percentage (27%) believed that the Natura 2000 network is a barrier to land development.

A new poll was carried out during August-September 2015 by Frederick University aiming to set the baseline knowledge/ information regarding the Cypriots' knowledge on the ecosystem services and on the services that the Natura 2000 sites provide to the people of Cyprus.

During this poll, 440 people participated from ten different groups (including school children 5 - 12 years old, youth 13-18 years old, students, teachers, governmental employees specialized on environmental issues, governmental employees - other field of interest, graduates on environmental sciences, tourism business employees and general public). The general conclusions of the poll (total participants) are:

- 70% of the participants do not know if the Natura 2000 network impacts on the private interests of the land owners within the Network.
- 56% of the participants do not know or have a misconception about the benefits of the Network on the local communities.
- 38% of the participants believe that the Network reduces the value of their land.
- 42% of the participants believe that the Network prohibits the development within Natura 2000 sites.
- 60% of the participants believe that the Natura 2000 sites are strictly protected areas.
- 66% of the participants do not know or have a misconception about the term of ecosystem services.

A newer poll targeting the public's knowledge on natural values for which the Troodos National Forest Park (TNFP) was included in the Natura 2000 network and the ecosystem services that the site was carried out by the Department of Forests during August - September 2016. During this poll, 103 people between ages 19 - 65 participated; the participants concern the target audience 'Inhabitants of Cyprus' of this proposal. The main conclusions of the poll (total participants) are:

- 79% of the participants do not know that the TNFP is included in the Natura 2000 network.
- 78% of the participants do not know or have a misconception about the reasons for which the TNFP included in the Natura 2000 network.
- 86% of the participants have limited knowledge on the number of the endemic plant species of TNFP.
- 70% of the participants have limited knowledge on the number of bird species that occur in the TNFP.
- 99% of the participants do not fully comprehend the ecosystem services that the TNFP provides.
- 58% of the participants do not know or have a misconception about the term of ecosystem services.

3. The iLIFE-TROODOS project

3.1 Aim and objectives of the project

The iLIFE-TROODOS project started on the 2nd October 2017 and completed on the 30th September 2020. The 60% of its total eligible budget was co-funded by EU, under the framework of LIFE program. The remaining 40% was contributed by the following project partners:

- Department of Forests (DF) - Ministry of Agriculture, Rural Development and Environment (Coordinating Beneficiary)
- Department of Environment (DE) - Ministry of Agriculture, Rural Development and Environment
- Nature Conservation Unit - Frederick University (FU)
- Contact Advertising Agency Ltd (CONTACT)

The primary aim of the project was to increase public awareness on the natural values of TNFP for which it was included in the Natura 2000 network (CY5000004) and the ecosystem services it provides.

The specific objectives of the project were to:

- Promote public awareness of the targeted audience, towards the need for the protection of Natura 2000 network.
- Increase awareness on natural values for which the TNFP was included in the Natura 2000 network.
- Change negative attitudes of Cyprus inhabitants, regarding Natura 2000 network and ecosystem services, using various means (rural workshops, awareness/ media campaign, and dissemination material).
- Spread knowledge about the natural values and ecosystem services provided by Natura 2000 network to professional target groups (policy implementers).
- Create and provide toolsets (Mobile Apps, guide, documentary, etc.) regarding the Natura 2000 network, the conservation of natural values and the provision of ecosystem services in order to be forwarded to the public and be used more widely in a national and international context.

3.2 Targeted audiences and stakeholders

The project, through its actions, aimed to raise awareness at various target audiences and stakeholders. Specifically, it focused on reaching 90% of Cypriots (Cyprus' inhabitants, youth and children) and 1/4 of tourists visiting Cyprus. Through a specific information and awareness campaign, the project aimed to increase awareness, build capacity and change the perceptions to the groups listed below:

- 50% of the inhabitants of Cyprus (ages 19 - 65)
- 40% of policy implementers
- 80% of local people and local authorities
- 40% of children (ages 5 - 12)

- 50% of youth (ages 12 - 18)
- 20% of visitors/ tourists
- 25% of people with disabilities

The stakeholders that were actively involved in the project were:

- Troodos Development Company (TDC)
The TDC is a Cyprus non -profit organization and includes 78 community councils/ 21.000 individuals in the Troodos wider region, offering solutions and consulting services to local communities and the private sector.
- Game and Fauna Service (GF)
The GF of the Ministry of Interior of the Republic of Cyprus is responsible for the protection of all wild birds (game and non-game) and their sites (Special Protection Areas) and regulates hunting in Cyprus (birds and mammals).
- Cyprus Association of Professional Foresters (CAPF)
The CAPF is the official body of Professional Foresters of Cyprus and focuses on promoting the science of forestry in Cyprus, promoting forestry-related research, addressing forest problems in Cyprus, contributing to environmental protection, particularly of land ecosystems and fauna/ flora of the island, and increasing environmental awareness.
- Cyprus Forest Association (CFA)
CFA is one of the largest NGOs of Cyprus with a main objective to contribute to the conservation of forest resources and nature of the island in general. It is very active in forest and in other relevant issues concerning nature and biodiversity protection.
- Deputy Ministry of Tourism (DMT) (formerly the Cyprus Tourism Organization)
The DMT's objective is to organize and promote Tourism within the Republic of Cyprus by using all possibilities and resources available.
- Geological Survey Department (GSD)
The GSD is the technical adviser of the state for all geo-matters. In particular it is the responsible government service for the undertaking of research and studies, as well as the granting of advice on geological, hydrogeological, geotechnical, ore body evaluation, geophysical, seismological and geo-environmental matters.
- Troodos Community Council (TCC)
Troodos Community Council is responsible for the infrastructures' management of Troodos Square. The council consists of the Limassol District Administration (president of the council), the DF, the Department of Public Works and the Department of Urban Planning and Housing.

- Troodos Tourism Development and Promotion Company (TTDPC)

The Troodos Tourism Development and Promotion Company aims to promote the further development of the basic and tourist infrastructure of the Troodos region and to market the area as a distinct tourist destination.

3.3 Actions implemented within the framework of iLIFE-TROODOS project

In order to accomplish the primary aim of the project, as well as its specific objectives, the actions that have been carried out can be grouped in two categories: 1. Core actions (Actions B) and 2. Communication and dissemination of the project and its results (Actions D).

3.3.1 Core actions

3.3.1.1 Awareness Campaign on natural values and Ecosystem Services of Troodos National Forest Park

The aim of this action was to promote public awareness and information on the significance of the natural values of the TNFP and the ecosystem services that the TNFP and the Natura 2000 network in general provides. The ultimate goal was to change the perception and behavior of the public towards the importance of the Natura 2000 protected sites. Awareness campaign involved production and broadcasting of TV and Radio spots, Radio live links and animated cartoon spots. It also included the production of press adverts, magazine adverts, press releases, project leaflet and outdoor advertising. Moreover, the action included advertising on Google display network, web banners in main portals in Cyprus and had a continued presence on social networks.

At the beginning of the project a communication plan was prepared and followed for the proper implementation of the awareness campaign. Six campaigns were foreseen during the project implementation (2 per year), including:

- Production of six TV spots and six Radio spots in Greek and English language
- 725 broadcasts for the six TV spots
- 3504 broadcasts for the six Radio spots
- Ten radio and ten TV presentations
- Publication of 18 full page magazine adverts and 42 adverts in seven newspapers
- Publication of 30 press releases
- Publication of one leaflet
- Production of three animated cartoons³ in Greek and English language
- 5405 broadcasts for animated cartoons in Cinema halls
- 14 PISAS and five SUPER PISAS (outdoor advertising)

³ A mascot created, 'Dentris' (see Pic. 4), which it is a little elf, the "spirit of the forest", who with a narration like a fairy tale explains to young children the benefits of the Troodos forest.

- 8.996.398 impressions in Google network (through 31 sponsored ads) and 3.170.554 impressions in two Cypriot websites
- 36 sponsored posts/ ads on Facebook, resulting 14.285 Likes
- Continuous presence on Facebook, with 186 posts in total in iLIFE-TROODOS page
- Two Radio LIVE Links
- Advert on buses (outdoor advertising): 8 city buses and 2 intercity buses.

3.3.1.2 Information and Awareness workshops

The action included the organization of workshops. The workshops aimed to improve awareness on the natural values and ecosystem services provided by the TNFP and build capacity of specific stakeholders. More specifically:

- Rural workshops aimed to change the perception, receive feedback and familiarize people who live inside or near the Natura 2000 site of TNFP.

Close to the area of TNFP, there are several communities and villages, which were divided into four geographical groups (complexes) of communities. During the implementation of the project six rural workshops were implemented, and in order to increase public participation, the workshops were organized in parallel with local events, mostly in summer time. Participants were provided with leaflets, newsletters, flash drives, stickers and bookmarks of the project and had the opportunity to interact with the staff members of the project. During the implementation of the workshops the participants were informed on the natural value and ecosystem services that the TNFP provides, as well as the reasons why it is included in the Natura 2000 network, aiming to understand how they benefit and depend upon Troodos forest ecosystem.

- Policy implementers' workshop aimed to improve awareness and build capacity of specific stakeholders (policy implementers) on the natural values and ecosystem services provided by the Natura 2000 network and specifically of the TNFP.

During the implementation of the project one workshop took place in which people from public and wider public sector, departments and services, environmental organizations, universities and development companies were invited and participated. The workshop presented the necessity of mapping and assessing ecosystem services in Cyprus and how these are part of the European Union's policy on biodiversity conservation. The workshop also included invited talks by experts on ecosystem services from abroad, as well as thematic sessions for the mapping and evaluation of the ecosystem services of two important areas of the island: Larnaca Salt Lakes and TNFP.

- Tourism sector workshop targeted the tourism sector in order to improve awareness on the natural values and ecosystem services provided by the TNFP.

The workshop was co-organized by the iLIFE-TROODOS project and the Deputy Ministry of Tourism in collaboration with the British High Commission in Nicosia. People from departments and services, ambassadors and embassy representatives, tour guides and tourist agents were invited and participated in the conference. The workshop invited talks from Cyprus Tourism Safety Platform's partners as well as from members of iLIFE-TROODOS project presenting the natural values and ecosystem services provided by the TNFP, the project's aim and the project's goals. The two Apps developed within the framework of the project were presented in extend.

In addition, outside the framework of the project, iLIFE-TROODOS participated at the Annual Licensed Tourist Guides Training Seminar in Nicosia. The conference was co-organized by the Deputy Ministry of Tourism and the Cyprus Tourist Guide Association. More than 250 tourist guides participated in the seminar. The participants were informed about the new developments in the cruise tourism sector and the works for the protection and preservation of Cultural Heritage Monuments, as well as to highlight cinematic art and theatrical events as elements of enriching the tourism product. In addition, they had the opportunity to learn about the implementation of the iLIFE-TROODOS project, and in particular the two Apps for smart devices, created within the project, related to informing and entertaining Troodos visitors.

- Stakeholders' workshops aimed to familiarize stakeholders with the project objectives and provide any comments about the implementation of the project activities.

Two stakeholders' workshops took place during the implementation of the project. The workshops attended by: the Cyprus Tourism Organization, the Troodos Development Company, the Game and Fauna Service, the Limassol District Administration/ Troodos Community Council, the Troodos Tourism Development and Promotion Company, the Geological Survey Department, the Cyprus Association of Professional Foresters and the Cyprus Forest Association. The stakeholders were informed about the project objectives, got feedback about the implementation of the project activities and got involved and promoted by the iLIFE-TROODOS campaign through their professional activities.

3.3.1.3 Attracting visitors to Troodos National Forest Park

The action aimed to increase the available information and public awareness on environmental and nature issues in TNFP, by promoting natural values and ecosystem services provided by the site and the Natura 2000 network in general. The activities of this action combined public awareness with recreation activities in order to attract the interest of local and foreign visitors within and near Natura 2000 site.

- Production of a documentary

A 17-minute documentary was produced, presenting TNFP, the natural values for which it was included in the Natura 2000 network and the ecosystem services it provides. It also shows that the ecosystem services are the contributors of natural environment to human well-being. The documentary is available on the

project's website (www.ilifetroodos.eu) and on YouTube channel of the project in Greek, English, French, Russian and German and is being displayed at the Troodos Environmental Information Center.

- Installation of information boards

Four information boards have been created and placed at highly visited areas within the TNFP. The information boards provide information to visitors about the project implementation and promote the nature values of the site.

- Establishment of information points

Two information points have been established. The information points (see Pic. 1) are modern constructions, compatible with the natural environment and include eight information panels with eye-catching pictures and texts and an information outdoor touch screen. The touch screen provides information about the TNFP (biodiversity, ecosystem services, etc.), information about the available recreational activities and games, like puzzles and multiple-choice questions. QR codes signs give the opportunity to people with visual impairments who visit the information point to listen to an audio recording regarding the location, as well as information about the iLIFE-TROODOS project. The design and construction of the information kiosk allows 24 hours access per day throughout the year and it is suitable for wheelchair users.



Picture 1. The information point at Troodos Square.

- Modification of ‘Livadi tou Pasia’ picnic site for people with mobility and visual impairments

The ‘Livadi tou Pasia’ picnic site was modified to allow people with mobility and visual impairments to gain most of their visit. The modification included creation of two parking places for people with disabilities, installation of one information board and installation of four picnic tables especially made for people using wheelchair. QR codes signs placed at the picnic tables give the opportunity to people with visual impairments who visit the site to listen to an audio recording regarding the location, as well as information about the iLIFE-TROODOS project.

- Creation of an outdoor mobile exhibition

Within the framework of this action a Photo Contest was launched (first prize 1000 euros) in collaboration with the Cyprus Photographic Society with the subject ‘Troodos, It is in Our Nature!’. Selected photos from photographers that took part at the Photo Contest were printed and presented in an outdoor mobile exhibition (see Pic. 2) which ‘traveled’ throughout Cyprus. Specifically, they were exhibited at: Troodos Botanic Garden ‘A.G. Leventis’, Troodos square, Athalassa Information and Education Center, Aradippou, Larnaca, Agia Napa, Latsia, Aglantzia and Limassol.



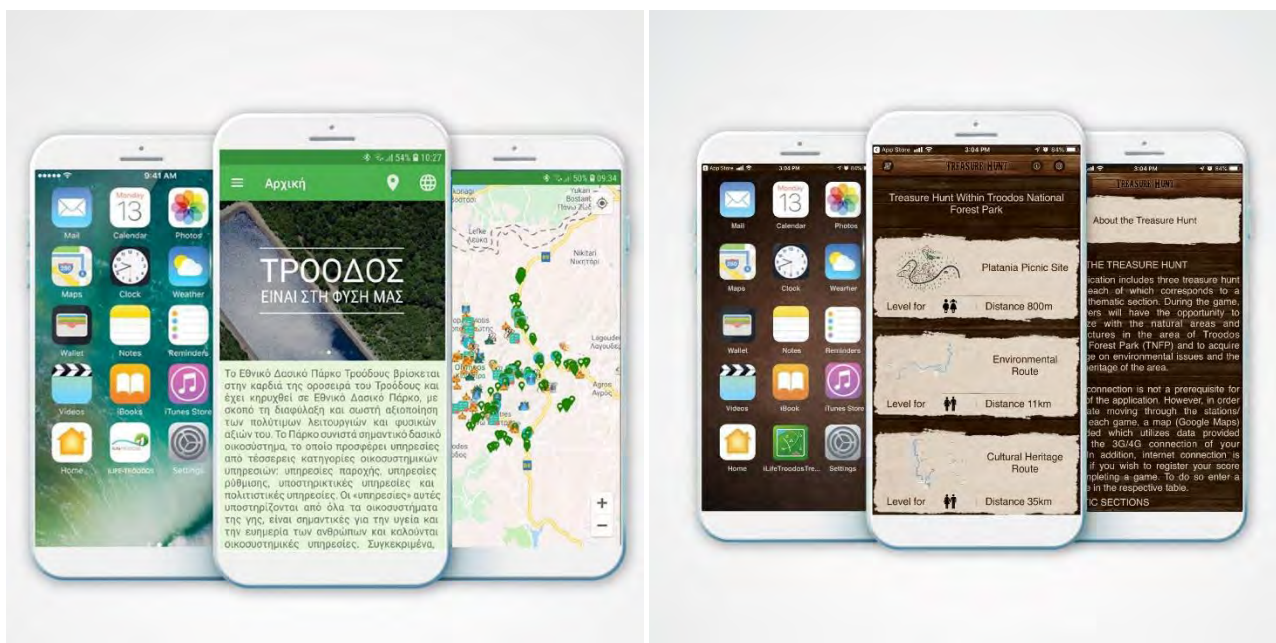
Picture 2. The iLIFE-TROODOS photo exhibition at Larnaca.

- Creation of two mobile Apps.

Two Mobile Apps (see Pic 3), 'Troodos National Forest Park' App and 'iLIFE-TROODOS Treasure Hunt' App, were created for both iOS and Android devices.

'Troodos National Forest Park' App provides information regarding the biodiversity of the area and the available opportunities for recreation such as: camping and picnic sites, nature trails, cycling routes, museums, geosites, etc. Moreover, the App includes weather information, calorie counter and many other capabilities. All points of interest are geotagged and provide the option to navigate via Google maps to the selected point. Thus, all available information of the site/ area is provided to all users and/ or visitors at their smartphones and tablets. More information at http://bit.ly/Troodos_App.

'iLIFE-TROODOS Treasure Hunt' App includes three treasure hunt games, each of which corresponds to a different thematic section: Environmental Route (for adults), Cultural Heritage Route (for adults), Platania Picnic Site (for ages 10-15 years old). The participants have the opportunity to familiarize with the natural areas and infrastructures of TNFP and to acquire knowledge on environmental issues and the cultural heritage of the area. More information at http://bit.ly/Troodos_Treasure_hunt.



Picture 3. The 'Troodos National Forest Park' App (left) and 'iLIFE-TROODOS Treasure Hunt' App (right).

3.3.2 Communication and dissemination of the project and its results

3.3.2.1 Technical publications and dissemination of results

The purpose of this action was to establish a network between iLIFE-TROODOS project and other relevant LIFE and non-LIFE projects, as well as to promote the project's objectives and results to those stakeholders that could usefully benefit from its experience (replicability). The action also aimed to create technical dissemination activities in order to transfer the outcomes and lessons learned from the project's implementation.

3.3.2.1.1 Networking with other projects

Networking and exchanging experiences with other projects on the approaches they used in order to change public attitudes on similar issues provided significant knowledge and experience on the most effective ways of communication with general public.

Two networking visits in two LIFE projects abroad took place: at Crete, Greece, at 'LIFE Natura2000 Value Crete' (LIFE13 INF/GR/000188) project and at Sofia and Veliko Tarnovo, Bulgaria, at LIFE project 'NaturAll LIFE: Build up acceptance of Natura2000 among key audiences' (LIFE15-GIE/BG/000977). The participants presented the projects, visited places of interest and discussed a number of matters regarding the communication with the targeted audiences and stakeholders.

Moreover, within the same framework, the iLIFE-TROODOS project participated at:

- the experts' workshop of the LIFE-FORBIRDS project,
- the final info day of the LIFE-FORBIRDS project,
- the CARE MEDIFLORA scientific workshop,
- the LIFE Networking Event of Cyclamen project,
- the Open Fair Day of LIFE Cyclamen project,
- the event celebrating the Natura 2000 Day,
- a networking meeting with Spanish project ARCOSLIFE,
- a networking meeting with the project LIFE Bonelli eastMed (LIFE17 NAT/GR/000514) and
- the European Conference 'Mountain areas of large Mediterranean islands: European issues, National and Regional policies and local mechanisms' at Platres village.

Furthermore, for the purpose of networking, the iLIFE-TROODOS project came into contact with the projects:

- 'Integrated conservation management of priority habitat type 9590* in the Natura 2000 site Koilada Kedron-Kampos' (Acronym: LIFE-KEDROS; LIFE15 NAT/CY/000850),
- 'Improving the conservation status of the priority habitat types *1520 and *5220 at the Rizoelia National Forest Park' (Acronym: LIFE-RIZOELIA; LIFE12 NAT/CY/000758),
- 'Establishment of a Plant Micro-Reserve Network in Cyprus for the Conservation of Priority Species and Habitats' (Acronym: PLANT-NET CY; LIFE08 NAT/CY/000453),

- 'Improving the conservation status of the priority habitat type 9560 in Cyprus' (Acronym: JUNIPERCY; LIFE10 NAT/CY/717) and
- 'Integrated actions for the conservation and management of Natura 2000 sites, species, habitats and ecosystems in Greece' (Acronym: Natura 2000 - Edo Zoume; LIFE-IP4NATURA).

3.3.2.1.2 Technical dissemination activities

Task 1: Presentation and publication in related conferences in Europe

This task aimed to transfer the project's outcomes to the scientific community. The project was presented in two international conferences hosted in Europe. More specifically:

- A poster was presented at the British Ecological Society Annual Meeting 2018, hosted in Birmingham.
- A poster was presented at the 10th world conference of the Ecosystem Service Partnership, which took place in Hannover, Germany.

Moreover:

- The iLIFE-TROODOS project participated at the 2nd Mediterranean Natura 2000 Seminar.
- An oral presentation was made at the 2nd International Conference of UNESCO Global Geoparks of Greece and Cyprus for the promotion of geological and mining heritage, geo-education and geo-tourism development, hosted in Nicosia.
- The iLIFE-TROODOS project participated (oral presentation) at the 2nd Forestry Conference: Research as a tool for forest management hosted at the premises of the European University of Cyprus.

Task 2: Best practices guide

Best practices guide on raising awareness regarding the importance of conserving the natural values of a Natura 2000 site and the ecosystem services, provided by the site (present document).

Task 3: Organization of a final info-day

The final info-day was organized on 27th of September 2020 at Platania. Representatives from all target groups and stakeholders were invited to participate (75 people participated in total). During the event, the second Live Link took place, by DIESI 101.1. The radio producers and the project members informed the audience about the outcomes of the Project and the forest recreational infrastructures created at Troodos. The photo exhibition entitled "Troodos, It's in Our Nature!" was exhibited in the event. The project's information material was available to the participants.

Task 4: Publication of a replication plan

Within the framework of the project a replication plan was published in order to maximize the effort on the replicability and transferability of the project's results to a wider audience within and outside Cyprus, as well as beyond the project's lifetime. The Plan includes the main techniques and the timeframe during the

project's implementation and after the end of the project. It also defines the targeted stakeholders (at international and national level) and the targeted audiences (at national level) in which the project needs to focus in each case.

3.3.2.2 Project's promotion campaign

This action aimed towards disseminating information material and keeping the target audience and stakeholders continuously informed about the project's implementation and its objectives and activities. The implementation of this action included:

Task 1: Preparation of newsletters presenting the annual progress and activities of the project

During the implementation of the project three newsletters in Greek language and one in English language were prepared, presenting the annual progress of the project, along with its activities and outputs. The newsletters have been disseminated to public in events related to the environment and organized by each beneficiary (or other events) during the project. The electronic formats of newsletters are available on the project's website.

Task 2: Creation of promotional material such as stickers, flash drives and notepads

Promotional material was created and was distributed during the project implementation (and/ or in project events). The material included stickers, flash drives, bookmarks, notepads, pencils, travel tags and folders.

Task 3: Publication of annual press releases and articles in order to promote and inform on the project progress

Throughout the project, the main project activities and outputs were promoted through 9 press releases and 3 articles in newspapers and magazines as well as on online news portals in Cyprus. Both press releases and articles were published annually (during the three years of the project). Press releases promoted organization of events and presented the results of the implementation events and articles followed the progress of the project or promoted specific natural values or ecosystem services of TNFP.

Task 4: Creation and installation of notice boards at the premises of each project partner

Eight notice boards (display stands) have been created and installed at strategic places at the premises of each project partner. All project partners receive a number of visitors (and stakeholders) on an annual basis and thus boards served as an important dissemination and information tool. 'Catchy' photos and other interesting designs were included in the material posted on these stands.

Task 5: Development of the project's website

The project's website is in Greek and in English language and consists the main communication channel of the project's implementation to the target audience and stakeholders. The website is the tool for the

dissemination of information on the project progress and is the place where the various deliverables, results, announcements, links, photographs, etc. of the projects were uploaded.

Task 6: Publication of Layman's report.

A Layman's report was published in Greek and English language in paper and electronic format in order to inform all stakeholders and non-technical audience on the objectives and results achieved by the project.

3.3.3 Assessing success of communication plan and reassessment

At the beginning of the iLIFE-TROODOS project a detailed communication plan was elaborated which included the main techniques employed, timeframe and media timing for the communication of the project's objectives to the targeted audiences. The communication plan explained the choice and pertinence of the communication mix of the project based on the profile and distinct characteristics of each of the target audiences. The Communication Coordinator of the project was responsible for the communication strategy and secured that the proposed actions of the communication plan were implemented consistently and successfully during the deployment of the communication activities described in the plan. To this end, suggestions and changes where necessary took place during the implementation of the project.

Additionally, the establishment of an evaluation method of the communications campaign in terms of awareness and effect on target audiences' behavior was carried out. Thus, three surveys/ interviews were implemented as follows:

- i) initial step, aiming to identify the existing knowledge and public awareness according to the project's goal
- ii) mid-process, for assessing the effectiveness of the awareness-raising activities
- iii) final-process for evaluating the effectiveness of the awareness-raising activities in reaching the expected project's goals.

The data from each survey were analyzed and evaluated by a sociologist. The comparison of the results from the first and second steps provided feedback about the effectiveness of the awareness-raising activities proposed in the communication plan in order to make any changes needed during the project. The third phase of surveys took place in order to assess the effectiveness of the specific dissemination/information tools, during and after the awareness-raising activities of the project. Detailed information can be found at the '[Final report on findings from the annual research surveys and interviews](#)' (in Greek language).

4. Outcomes

In general, the iLIFE-TROODOS project awareness campaign was very satisfactory. The campaign reached 93.78% of Cypriots (aged 19-65) and 27% of tourists visiting Cyprus⁴ and achieved an increase in the level of awareness on most of the target groups. The results of Table 1 derive from the processing of the three telephone surveys data and group interviews. As expected, with the implementation of all the bursts of the project, even better results were achieved and a greater impact on the public, compared to the actions implemented in the three different time stages of the project. Therefore, the overall impact of the project on the target groups is considered very satisfactory and the initial objectives of the project were achieved, which are presented in detail in Table 1.

Table 1. Evaluation of the iLIFE-TROODOS awareness campaign.

S/N	Objective	Expected results	Final Evaluation
1.	Promote public awareness of the targeted audience, towards the need for the protection of Natura 2000 network.	Increase awareness of the inhabitants of Cyprus by 50%, children by 40% and youth by 50%.	Increase awareness of the inhabitants of Cyprus by 57%, the youth by 60% and of the children by 50%.
2.	Increase awareness on natural values for which the Troodos National Forest Park was included in the Natura 2000 Network.	Increase awareness of visitors/ tourists by 20%.	Increase awareness of visitors/ tourists by 60%.
3.	Change negative attitudes of Cyprus inhabitants, regarding Natura 2000 network and ecosystem services, using various means	Increase awareness and change perception of the inhabitants of Cyprus by 50%, local people and local authorities by 80%.	Increase awareness of the inhabitants of Cyprus by 57% and the local communities and local authorities by 70%.
4.	Spread knowledge about the natural values and ecosystem services provided by Natura 2000 network to professional target groups	Awareness raising and capacity building of policy makers by 40%.	The increase in awareness and build capacity for policy implementers will only become

⁴ The conclusions come from: Flourentzou L. 2020. Report on broadcasting records. Contact Advertising Agency Ltd. Nicosia.

			apparent after a few years.
5.	Create and provide toolsets regarding the Natura 2000 network, the conservation of natural values and the provision of ecosystem services in order to be forwarded to the public and be used more widely in a national and international context	Increase awareness of visitors/ tourists by 20% and people with disabilities by 25%.	Increase awareness of visitors/ tourists by 60%. Raising awareness on the people with disabilities was not possible (Their association did not respond to the call for participation in the Stakeholders meetings).

Moreover, some conclusions⁵ extracted from telephone surveys and group interviews are:

A. Telephone survey

- a) There is an increase in the public that chooses to visit or pass through the Troodos National Forest Park (TNFP) at least once a year (from 32% to 39%).
- b) There is an increase of those who declared that the main reason of their visit to the TNFP is recreation (from 82% to 94%).
- c) There is an increase of those who declared that what they mostly prefer in the TNFP is the forest and the environment (from 65% to 75%).
- d) There is a slight increase of those who declared that they visit the TNFP for photography (from 24% to 27%), for trekking (from 45% to 53%) and for collecting mushrooms/herbs (from 15% to 18%).
- e) A stronger argument regarding the restriction of hunting revealed through the three studies (from 18% in the 1st study, to 23% in the 2nd study and 43% in the 3rd study).
- f) There are clear arguments regarding the development of infrastructure which could improve cycling (from 42% to 59%), camping (from 40% to 59%), off-road driving (from 13% to 28%), birdwatching (from 25% to 51%) and horsing (from 29% to 40%).

⁵ The conclusions come from: Tzortzi A., Parlalis S., Kounnamas, C., Mazaraki S., Andreou M. 2020. Final report on findings from the annual research surveys and interviews. Nature Conservation Unit, Frederick University. Nicosia.

B. Group interviews

- a) All participants stressed the importance of the TNFP by referring to its natural beauty, unique biodiversity, the importance of vegetation and trees to the quality of the air as well as the importance of the water resources it provides.
- b) Both local residents and owners of SMEs stated that Troodos is a source of income, as it attracts visitors and tourists during the winter and summer season.
- c) Some of the local residents stated that the development of Troodos would not benefit their own communities or improve the quality of their lives.
- d) Local residents and owners of SMEs reported that their region is neglected by the government and local authorities.
- e) All participants mentioned fire as the greatest threat for TNFP.
- f) NGO members state that the information material about the TNFP is sufficient but it is not promoted sufficiently.
- g) None of the travel agents or the tourists had ever heard or seen information material of iLIFE-TROODOS.

5. Best practices in raising awareness

Well organized awareness raising campaigns is the most effective means in order to reach any target group, especially the general public. It is of high importance to identify the targeted groups since their special characteristics requires specific means of communication in order to foster change in attitudes and behavior.

Before developing an awareness campaign for an environmental issue, a preliminary research must take place in order to clarify the exact problem in order to be appropriately addressed. The preliminary research must always give certain percentages results which will be the baseline for the developing the campaign as well as measuring the results of success at the end of it.

Furthermore, in order to properly develop awareness campaigns is important to collect best practices examples which will give assistance during the development in activities required. During the implementation of iLIFE-TROODOS project the steps analyzed below were identified as best practices.

5.1. Target audiences and stakeholders

The identification of target audiences and stakeholders in projects for communication, dissemination and awareness raising is very crucial. This is due to the fact that each group must be contacted for a different message and by different methods and channels. For this reason, the identification of the targeted audiences

must be set according to various characteristics such as: demographics, geography, behavior, attitudes, employment, educational level etc.

The targeted audiences may include the general public (divided in groups according to age, or local and tourists), scientific community, stakeholders (policy makers), NGOs, institutions etc.

5.2 Determination of key messages

Moreover, for a successful strategy in information and awareness raising it is very important to identify and set a message or messages, related to the environmental issue, that the targeted audiences need to receive and ensure that are consistently delivered throughout the project. In order to get the maximum impact and success, key messages must be transmitted to each target group according to their characteristics and needs.

5.3 Elaboration of a communication plan

The elaboration of a detailed communication is of great importance since it consists the road map on how a project gets its message across its audience. A well-designed integrated communication plan ensures that each of the target audiences will be contacted in a way that matches their profile and level of understanding, thus maximizing the final impact of the project. Therefore, the implementation of the various steps of the plan will allow for the successful implementation of the awareness campaign and the maximization of the project's overall communication momentum.

The process of preparing a communication plan must begin with the study of the results of existing surveys regarding the profile and attitudes of the targeted groups in relation to the subject of the communication project. Then, having defined and analyzed the purpose of the particular communication project and the specific target groups that the communication campaign needs to address to, precise communication goals should be set as well as the process of effective achievement of the set objectives. Through the strategic design and implementation of integrated marketing communication campaign that will approach different target audiences across all touch points of their daily route with 360° communication will achieve not only successful communication of messages but also mobilization of the target audience for action.

Key element of every communication strategy is that all communication channels are well coordinated and act cumulatively on the transmission of a single-minded message in order to achieve a deep and more effective understanding of communication messages⁶.

5.4 Awareness campaign

After identifying the targeted audiences, the communication tools per audience group must be set. A set of well-organized activities focusing to specific targeted audiences and stakeholders is important for the success

⁶ Flourentzou L., Tombazou E., Solomonidou V., Strengel V. 2018. Communication Plan of the project iLIFE-TROODOS. Contact Advertising Agency Ltd. Nicosia.

in raising awareness projects on specific environmental information issues. Practices must take the form of a mass media campaign with effective means in order to effectively reach targeted audiences. During the iLIFE-TROODOS the following (see Table 2) communication tools were used.

Table 2. Communication tools used per targeted audience.

TARGETED AUDIENCE	COMMUNICATION TOOLS
Inhabitants (ages 19 - 65)	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Broadcast of TV and radio spots 2. Radio and TV presentations 3. Magazine and newspaper advertisements 4. Press releases 5. Leaflet 6. Adds in in Google network 7. Add in high-visited websites 8. Project documentary 9. Installation of information boards 10. Creation of information points 11. Outdoor photo exhibition 12. Mobile apps (information and games) 13. Newsletters 14. Promotional materials 15. Annual press releases 16. Notice boards at project's premises 17. Website 18. Social Networks (Facebook, Instagram, YouTube) 19. Layman's report
Children (ages 5 - 12)	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Project documentary 2. Installation of information boards 3. Creation of information points 4. Outdoor photo exhibition 5. Mobile apps (games) 6. Animation cartoon in cinema halls 7. Promotional materials
Youth (ages 12 - 18)	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Broadcast of TV and radio spots 2. Radio and TV presentations 3. Magazine and newspaper advertisements 4. Leaflet 5. Ads in Google network 6. Ads in high-visited websites

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 7. Project documentary 8. Installation of information boards 9. Creation of information points 10. Outdoor photo exhibition 11. Mobile apps (information and games) 12. Newsletters 13. Website 14. Social Networks (Facebook, Instagram, YouTube)
Visitors/_tourists	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Broadcast of TV 2. Leaflet and newsletter in English language 3. Project documentary 4. Installation of information boards 5. Creation of information points 6. Outdoor photo exhibition 7. Mobile apps (information and games) 8. Website 9. Social Networks (Facebook, Instagram, YouTube) 10. Promotional materials
People with disabilities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Broadcast of TV and radio spots 2. Radio and TV presentations 3. Magazine and newspaper advertisements 4. Press releases 5. Leaflet 6. Adds in in Google network 7. Add in high-visited websites 8. Project documentary 9. Installation of information boards 10. Creation of information points 11. Outdoor photo exhibition 12. Mobile apps (information and games) 13. Newsletters 14. Promotional materials 15. Annual press releases 16. Notice boards at project's premises 17. Website 18. Social Networks (Facebook, Instagram, YouTube) 19. Layman's report 20. Modification of picnic site for access for people with disabilities 21. QR codes for listening an audio recording, giving information about the project and the location they visit

Local people and local authorities	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Broadcast of TV and radio spots 2. Radio and TV presentations 3. Magazine and newspaper advertisements 4. Press releases 5. Leaflet 6. Ads in Google network 7. Ads in high-visited websites 8. Project documentary 9. Installation of information boards 10. Creation of information points 11. Outdoor photo exhibition 12. Mobile apps (information and games) 13. Newsletters 14. Promotional materials 15. Annual press releases 16. Notice boards at project's premises 17. Website 18. Social Networks (Facebook, Instagram, YouTube) 19. Layman's report 20. Rural workshops
Policy implementers	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Radio and TV presentations 2. Leaflet 3. Project documentary 4. Newsletters 5. Promotional materials 6. Notice boards at project's premises 7. Website 8. Layman's report 9. Policy implementer's workshop 10. Technical publications 11. Presentations and publications in conferences
Stakeholders	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Radio and TV presentations 2. Leaflet 3. Project documentary 4. Newsletters 5. Promotional materials 6. Notice boards at project's premises 7. Website 8. Layman's report 9. Stakeholder's workshop 10. Technical publications 11. Presentations and publications in conferences

	12. Best practices guide 13. Replication plan
Scientific community	1. Leaflet 2. Project documentary 3. Newsletters 4. Promotional material 5. Website 6. Layman's report 7. Networking activities 8. Technical publications 9. Presentations and publications in conferences 10. Best practices guide 11. Replication plan

5.5 Monitoring and evaluation

Monitoring and evaluation is the process that will ensure the effectiveness of the campaign. It is advised to make initial research in order to identify the needs of the targeted groups. This research will be used in order to assess the effectiveness of the project's activities, identify the knowledge gained and attitudes/ behavior change to the targeted audiences (see also #3.3.3 and #4). Detailed information can be found at the ['Final report on findings from the annual research surveys and interviews'](#) (in Greek language).

6. Transferability

6.1. Identification of other geographical areas and stakeholders

For transferring the accumulated knowledge to various stakeholders and other entities, a full list of other areas and stakeholders is provided as Annex I. Several stakeholders (divided to policy makers, environmental bodies and national parks) per EU country were identified, to which the present Guide was sent to.

6.2. Methods of transferring knowledge

For the dissemination of the Best Practices Guide that was developed within the framework of iLIFE-TROODOS project, as well as all the information material of the project (leaflets, newsletters, documentary, TV spots, radio spots, cartoon animation, technical publications, replication plan, layman's report), a variety of channels will be in order to reach the stakeholders that were identified in sub-chapter 6.1. The channels include: send via email, during presence in conferences, workshops and events. The channels mentioned are not exhaustive since new opportunities for dissemination may arise.

7. Conclusions

The iLIFE-TROODOS project was the first project in Cyprus that focused on improving awareness and change perceptions on the natural values and the ecosystem services of a Natura 2000 site. The project has ended in great success since most of its initial goals were reached. The project relied on a series of actions, through a targeted media campaign, involving: TV/Radio broadcastings, press media, billboard advertisements, social media etc., information and awareness workshops, information points and boards, Mobile Apps, documentary etc.

In conclusion, the means that had the greatest impact and reach more people are considered to be the social media (by far the more value for money tool for raising awareness), press releases, TV/Radio broadcastings, documentary, Mobile Apps, Photo Contest and Photo exhibition, cartoons for kids and the infrastructure created for visitors to TNFP.

All the above-mentioned activities are considered pioneering in Cyprus regarding the management of the Natura 2000 network, through the increase in awareness of people about the importance of the Network and the biodiversity within the sites. This approach could be utilized and adopted by other EU countries, who want to promote their Natura 2000 sites and increase public awareness.



Picture 4. ‘Dentris’: the mascot of iLIFE-TROODOS project to reach the children.

Annex I

**Stakeholders (divided to policy makers, environmental bodies and national parks)
per EU country to which the present Guide was sent to.**

EU member state		Stakeholders		National Parks
		Policy makers	Environmental bodies	
1	Austria	1. Federal Ministry for Climate Action, Environment, Energy, Mobility, Innovation and Technology Webpage: www.bmvit.gv.at e-mail: servicebuero@bmvit.gv.at	1. Biom Association Webpage: www.biom.hr e-mail: info@biom.hr 2. BirdLife Austria Webpage: www.birdlife.at e-mail: office@birdlife.at 3. Global 2000 - Friends of the Earth Partners Webpage: www.global2000.at e-mail: office@global2000.at 4. Environment Holding Organization (various members) Webpage: www.umweltdachverband.at e-mail: contactoffice@umweltdachverband.at 5. WWF Austria Webpage: www.wwf.at e-mail: wwf@wwf.at	1. Gesäuse NP 2. Thayatal NP 3. Kalkalpen NP 4. Donau-Auen NP 5. Neusiedler See - Seewinkel NP 6. Hohe Tauern NP Managed by the Federal Ministry for Climate Action, Environment, Energy, Mobility, Innovation and Technology Webpage: www.bmvit.gv.at
2	Belgium	FLANDERS 1. Environment Agency Webpage: https://en.vmm.be/ e-mail: info@vmm.be 2. Agency for Nature and Forests	FLANDERS 1. Natuurpunt Webpage: www.natuurpunt.be Address: Coxiestraat 11, 2800 Mechelen 0434.364.713,	FLANDERS 1. De Zoom–Kalmthoutse Heide NP (half in the Netherlands)

EU member state		Stakeholders		National Parks
		Policy makers	Environmental bodies	
		<p>Webpage: www.natuurenbos.be e-mail: anb@vlaanderen.be</p> <p>3. Research Institute for Nature and Forest (INBO) Webpage: https://www.inbo.be/en Address: Herman Teirlinckgebouw, Havenlaan 88 bus 73, 1000 Brussel Tel.: +32024302637</p> <p>WALLONIA 1. SPW Directorate of Agriculture, Natural Resources and Environment Webpage: http://environnement.wallonie.be/ Address: Avenue Prince de Liège 15 5100 Namur (Legs) Tel.: 081336160</p>	<p>RPR Antwerp Business Court, Mechelen Department Tel: +32 15 29 72 20</p> <p>2. Climaxi - Friends of the Earth Flanders and Brussels Webpage: www.climaxi.be e-mail: info@climaxi.be</p> <p>WALLONIA 1. Natagora - BirdLife Webpage: www.natagora.be e-mail: info@natagora.be 2. Friends of the Earth Wallonia and Brussels Webpage: www.amisdelaterre.be e-mail: contact@amisdelaterre.be</p> <p>BRUSSELS 1. WWF Belgium Webpage: www.wwf.be Address: Boulevard Emile Jacqmain 90, 1000 Bruxelles, Belgium</p>	<p>Managed both by a special commission in which both Flemish and Dutch organizations are represented Webpage: http://www2.grensparkzk.nl/index_english.phtml</p> <p>2. Hoge Kempen NP Managed by the Agency for Nature and Forests Webpage: www.natuurenbos.be</p>

EU member state		Stakeholders		National Parks
		Policy makers	Environmental bodies	
			Tel.: +3223400920	
3	Bulgaria	<p>1. Ministry of Environment and Water Webpage: www.moew.government.bg e-mail: edno_gishe@moew.government.bg</p> <p>2. Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Forests Webpage: www.mzh.government.bg e-mail: minister@mzh.government.bg</p> <p>3. Executive Forestry Agency Webpage: www.ia_g.bg e-mail: iag@iag.bg</p>	<p>1. Bulgarian biodiversity foundation Webpage: www.bbf.biodiversity.bg e-mail: bbf@biodiversity.bg</p> <p>2. Bulgarian Society for the Protection of Birds – BirdLife Bulgaria Webpage: www.bspb.org e-mail: bspb_hq@bspb.org</p> <p>3. Green Balkans Webpage: www.greenbalkans.org e-mail: office@greenbalkans.org</p> <p>4. Balkani Wildlife Society Webpage: www.balkani.org e-mail: office@balkani.org</p> <p>5. Alliance for Environment Webpage: www.alliance-bg.org e-mail: alliance-bg@newage-bg.com</p> <p>6. For the Earth - Friends of the Earth Webpage: www.zazemiata.org e-mail: info@zazemiata.org</p> <p>7. WWF Bulgaria Webpage: www.wwf.bg e-mail: office@wwfdcp.bg</p> <p>8. Fund for Wild Flora and Fauna Webpage: www.fwff.org</p>	<p>1. Central Balkan NP Managed by Central Balkan National Park Directorate Webpage: www.centralbalkannationalpark.org</p> <p>2. Pirin NP Managed by Pirin National Park Directorate Webpage: www.pirin.bg</p> <p>3. Rila NP Managed by Rila National Park Directorate Webpage: www.rilanationalpark.bg</p>

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			e-mail: pirin@fwff.org	
4	Croatia	1. Ministry of Environment and Energy Webpage: https://mzoe.gov.hr/ e-mail: info@ombudsman.hr 2. Agency for the Environment and Nature Webpage: www.haop.hr e-mail: Institute@mzoe.hr	1. Association for Nature, Environment and Sustainable Development Sunce Webpage: www.sunce-st.org e-mail: info@sunce-st.org 2. Association BIOM - BirdLife Partner Webpage: www.biom.hr e-mail: info@biom.hr 3. Green Action - Friends of the Earth Webpage: www.zelena-akcija.hr e-mail: za@zelena-akcija.hr	1. Risnjak NP 2. Brijuni NP 3. Plitvice Lakes NP 4. Sjeverni Velebit NP 5. Paklenica NP 6. Krka NP 7. Kornati NP 8. Mljet NP Managed by the Ministry of environment and Energy Webpage: https://mzoe.gov.hr/
5	Republic of Cyprus	1. Ministry of Agriculture, Rural Development and the Environment Webpage: http://www.moa.gov.cy/moa/agriculture.nsf/index_en/index_en?OpenDocument e-mail: registry@moa.gov.cy 2. Department of Forests Webpage: http://www.moa.gov.cy/moa/fd/f	1. Federation of Environmental Organisations of Cyprus Webpage: www.oikologiafeeo.org e-mail: info@oikologiafeeo.org 2. Cyprus Association of Professional Foresters Webpage: www.capf-forests.eu e-mail: info.capf@gmail.com 3. Cyprus Conservation Foundation Terra Cypria Webpage: www.terracypria.org	1. Pedagogical Academy NP 2. Athalassa NP 3. Troodos NP 4. Cavo Greco NP 5. Polemidia NP 6. Rizoelia NP 7. Ayios Nikandros NP 8. Petra tou Romiou NP 9. Machairas NP 10. Akamas NP 11. Liopetri Forest NP

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6	Czech Republic	1. Ministry of Environment Webpage: www.mzp.cz e-mail: info@mzp.cz 2. Nature Conservation Agency of the Czech Republic Webpage: www.ochranaprirody.cz e-mail: aopkcr@nature.cz	1. Rainbow movement - Friends of the Earth Czech Republic Webpage: www.hnutiduha.cz e-mail: info@hnutiduha.cz 2. Czech Society for Ornithology (CSO) - BirdLife Partner Webpage: www.birdlife.cz e-mail: cso@birdlife.cz	1. Krkonoše NP Krkonoše National Park Administration (KRNP) Webpage: www.krnap.cz 2. Podyjí NP Podyjí National Park Administration Webpage: www.nppodyji.cz 3. Šumava NP

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		Policy makers	Environmental bodies	
			3. Czech Union for Nature Conservation (ČSOP) Webpage: www.csop.cz e-mail: info@csop.cz 4. Beleco Webpage: www.beleco.cz e-mail: beleco@beleco.cz	Šumava National Park and Protected Landscape Area Administration Webpage: www.npsumava.cz 4. České Švýcarsko NP České Švýcarsko National Park Administration Webpage: www.npcs.cz
7	Denmark	1. Ministry of Environment and Food Webpage: www.mfvm.dk e-mail: mfvm@mfvm.dk 2. Nature Agency Webpage: www.naturstyrelsen.dk e-mail: nst@nst.dk 3. Agency for Spatial and Environmental Planning Address: Haraldsgade 53 Denmark DK-2100 Copenhagen Ø Denmark Tel.: +4572544700 e-mail: blst@blst.dk	1. Danish 92 Group (various members) Webpage: www.92grp.dk e-mail: tdc@92grp.dk 2. NOAH - Friends of the Earth Webpage: www.noah.dk e-mail: noah@noah.dk 3. Dansk Ornitologisk Forening (DOF) - BirdLife Partner Webpage: www.dof.dk e-mail: dof@dof.dk	1. Northeast Greenland NP 2. Thy NP 3. Mols Bjerger NP 4. Wadden Sea NP 5. Land of the Scylding NP 6. Kongernes Nordsjælland NP 7. Skjern Å NP (Skjern River) Management by Nature Agency Webpage: www.naturstyrelsen.dk
8	Estonia	1. Ministry of the Environment Webpage: https://www.envir.ee/et	1. Estonian Council of Environmental NGOs (EKO) (various members) Webpage: www.bef.ee	1. Lahemaa NP 2. Karula NP 3. Soomaa NP

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		e-mail: info@bep.ee 2. State Forest Management Center Webpage: www.rm.ee e-mail: rm@rm.ee	e-mail: info@bef.ee 2. Estonia Green Movement - Friends of the Earth Webpage: www.roheline.ee e-mail: info@roheline.ee	4. Vilsandi NP 5. Matsalu NP Environmental Board National Parks Administration Webpage: www.keskkonnaamet.ee
9	Finland	1. Ministry of the Environment Webpage: www.ym.fi e-mail: neuvonta@ym.fi 2. Environment Institute (SYKE) Webpage: www.syke.fi e-mail: syke@ymparisto.fi 3. Forest Administration Webpage: www.metsa.fi e-mail: kirjaamo@metsa.fi	1. Finnish Association for Nature Conservation (SLL) (various members) Webpage: www.sll.fi e-mail: toimisto@sll.fi 2. Nature and Environment (various members) Webpage: www.naturochmiljo.fi e-mail: kansliet@naturochmiljo.fi 3. The Nature League (various members) Webpage: www.luontoliitto.fi e-mail: Director@luontoliitto.fi 4. Friends of the Earth Finland Webpage: www.maanystavat.fi e-mail: toimisto@maanystavat.fi	1. Archipelago NP 2. Bothnian Bay NP 3. Teijo NP 4. Bothnian Sea NP 5. Eastern Gulf of Finland NP 6. Ekenäs Archipelago NP 7. Helvetinjärvi NP 8. Hiidenportti NP 9. Hossa NP 10. Isojärvi NP 11. Kauhanen-Pohjankangas NP 12. Koli NP 13. Kolovesi NP 14. Southern Konnevesi NP 15. Kurjenrahka NP 16. Lauhanvuori NP

EU member state		Stakeholders		National Parks
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				17. Leivonmäki NP 18. Lemmenjoki NP 19. Liesjärvi NP 20. Linnansaari NP 21. Nuuksio NP 22. Oulanka NP 23. Päijänne NP 24. Pallas-Yllästunturi NP 25. Patvinsuo NP 26. Petkeljärvi NP 27. Puurijärvi-Isosuo NP 28. Pyhä-Häkki NP 29. Pyhä-Luosto NP 30. Repovesi NP 31. Riisitunturi NP Park 32. Rokua NP 33. Salamajärvi NP 34. Seitsemisen NP 35. Sipoonkorpi NP 36. Syöte NP 37. Tiilikkajärvi NP 38. Torronsuo NP 39. Urho Kekkonen NP 40. Valkmusa NP

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				Managed by Forest Administration Webpage: www.metsa.fi
10	France	1. Ministry for the Ecological and Inclusive Transition Webpage: www.ecologique-solidaire.gouv.fr Address: Grande Arche de La Défense - south wall / Sequoia Tower 92055 La Défense, France Tel.: +33140812122 2. National Forests Office Webpage: www.onf.fr Address: 2, avenue de Saint-Mandé 75570 Paris Cedex 12 Tel.: 0140195800 3. French Agency for Biodiversity Webpage: www.afbiodiversite.fr e-mail: www.ofb.gouv.fr	1. France Nature Environnement (EEB) (various members) Webpage: www.eeb.org e-mail: eeb@eeb.org 2. Friends of the Earth France Webpage: www.amisdelaterre.org e-mail: france@amisdelaterre.org 3. Ligue pour la Protection des Oiseaux - BirdLife Partner Webpage: www.lpo.fr e-mail: lpo@lpo.fr 4. WWF France Webpage: www.wwf.fr Address: 35/37, rue Baudin 93310 Le Pré-Saint-Gervais Tel.: +330171864060	1. Vanoise NP 2. Ecrins NP 3. Mercantour NP 4. Port-Cros NP 5. Calanques NP 6. Cévennes NP 7. Pyrenees NP 8. Guadeloupe NP 9. Reunion NP 10. Guyana NP 11. Forêts NP Coordination by the French Agency for Biodiversity Webpage: www.afbiodiversite.fr
11	Germany	1. Federal Ministry for the Environment, Nature Conservation, Building and Nuclear Safety Webpage: www.bmu.de	1. Nature and Biodiversity Conservation Union (NABU) Webpage: www.nabu.de e-mail: nabu@nabu.de 2. WWF Germany	1. Schleswig-Holstein Wadden Sea NP 2. Hamburg Wadden Sea NP 3. Lower Saxon Wadden Sea NP

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12	Greece	<p>1. Ministry of Environment and Energy Webpage: www.ypeka.gr Address: 17 Amaliados str. 115 23 Athens, Greece Tel.: 213 15 15 000</p>	<p>1. Hellenic Society for the Protection of Nature (HSPN) Webpage: www.eepf.gr e-mail: info@eepf.gr</p> <p>2. Hellenic Ornithological Society (HOS)-BirdLife Partner</p>	<p>1. North Sporades Alonissos Marine NP Management Body of North Sporades Alonissos National Marine Park</p>

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14	Ireland	<p>1. Department of Agriculture, Food and the Marine Webpage: www.agriculture.gov.ie Address: Agriculture House, Kildare St. Dublin 2. D02 WK12,</p>	<p>1. Irish Environmental Network (various members) Webpage: www.ien.ie e-mail: office@ien.ie</p>	<p>1. Glenveagh NP Webpage: www.glenveaghnationalpark.ie</p> <p>2. Ballycroy NP</p>

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20	Netherlands	1. National Forest Agency Webpage: www.staatsbosbeheer.nl e-mail: info@staatsbosbeheer.nl 2. Ministry of Agriculture, Nature and Food Quality Webpage: www.government.nl/ministries/ministry-of-agriculture-nature-and-food-quality Address: Bezuidenhoutseweg 73,	1. Society for preservation of nature monuments in the Netherlands Webpage: www.natuurmonumenten.nl e-mail: info@natuurmonumentenshop.nl 2. Duinbehoud Webpage: www.duinbehoud.nl e-mail: stichting@duinbehoud.nl 3. Dutch Society for Dune Conservation Webpage: www.duinbehoud.nl e-mail: stichting@duinbehoud.nl 4. The Netherlands RAVON	1. Schiermonnikoog NP 2. Lauwersmeer NP 3. Dunes of Texel NP 4. The Alde Feanen NP 5. Drentsche Aa NP 6. Drents-Friese Wold NP 7. Dwingelderveld NP 8. Weerribben-Wieden NP 9. South Kennemerland NP 10. The Sallandse Heuvelrug NP

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		8. Danube Delta Biosphere Reserve Authority Webpage: www.ddbra.ro e-mail: arbdd@ddbra.ro		
24	Slovakia	1. Ministry of Environment Webpage: www.minzp.sk e-mail: podatelna@enviro.gov.sk 2. State Nature Conservancy of the Slovak Republic Webpage: www.sopsr.sk e-mail: sekretariat@sopsr.sk 3. National Forest Centre Webpage: https://www.nlcsk.sk e-mail: miriam.suskova@nlcsk.org	1. BirdLife Slovakia Webpage: www.birdlife.sk e-mail: vtaky@vtaky.sk 2. Regional Association for Nature Conservation and Sustainable Development (BROZ) Webpage: www.broz.sk e-mail: broz@broz.sk 3. Daphne - Institute of Applied Ecology Webpage: www.daphne.sk e-mail: daphne@daphne.sk 4. State Nature Conservancy of the Slovak Republic Webpage: www.sopsr.sk e-mail: tereza.thompson[at]sopsr.sk 5. WWF Slovakia Address: Medena 5 81102 Bratislava Tel.: +421903503654 e-mail: info@wwfsk.org	1. Tatra NP 2. Pieniny NP 3. Low Tatras NP 4. Slovak Paradise NP 5. Poloniny NP 6. Muránska Planina NP 7. Slovak Karst NP 8. Velka Fatra NP 9. Malá Fatra NP Managed by the Ministry of Environment Webpage: www.minzp.sk

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25	Slovenia	<p>1. Ministry of the Environment and Spatial Planning Webpage: www.gov.si/en/state-authorities/ministries/ministry-of-the-environment-and-spatial-planning/ e-mail: gp.mop@gov.si</p> <p>2. Slovenia Forest Service Webpage: www.zgs.si e-mail: zgs.tajnistvo@zgs.si</p> <p>3. Institute of the Republic of Slovenia for Nature Conservation Webpage: www.zrsvn.si e-mail: zrsvn.oe@zrsvn.si</p> <p>4. Slovenian Environment Agency (ARSO) Webpage: www.arso.gov.si e-mail: gp.arso@gov.si</p>	<p>1. BirdLife Slovenia Webpage: www.ptice.si e-mail: dopps@dopps.si</p> <p>2. The Slovenian Association for Bat Research and Conservation (SDVPN) Webpage: www.sdpvn-drustvo.si e-mail: netopirji@sdpvn-drustvo.si</p> <p>3. Centre for Cartography of Fauna and Flora Webpage: www.ckff.si e-mail: info@ckff.si</p> <p>4. Fisheries Research Institute of Slovenia Webpage: www.zzrs.si e-mail: info@zzrs.si</p> <p>5. Institute for Water of the Republic of Slovenia Webpage: www.izvrs.si e-mail: info@izvrs.si</p> <p>6. Slovenian Forestry Institute Webpage: www.gozdis.si e-mail: info@gozdis.si</p>	<p>1. Triglav NP Managed by the Triglav National Park Public Institution Webpage: www.tnp.si</p>
26	Spain	<p>1. Ministry for the Ecological Transition (MITECO) Webpage: www.miteco.gob.es e-mail: bzn-life@mapama.es</p>	<p>1. Ecologists in action Webpage: www.ecologistasenaccion.org Address: C / Marqués de Leganés, 12, 28004 Madrid, Spain</p>	<p>1. Aigüestortes i Estany de Sant Maurici NP 2. Cabañeros NP 3. Cabrera Archipelago NP</p>

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		<p>2. Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries, Food and Environment (MAPA) Webpage: www.mapa.gob.es e-mail: contacto@marma.es</p> <p>3. Biodiversity Foundation Webpage: www.fundacion-biodiversidad.es e-mail: biodiversidad@fundacion-biodiversidad.es</p>	<p>Tel: +34915312739</p> <p>2. Spanish Society of Ornithology (SEO/ Birdlife) Webpage: www.seo.org e-mail: socios@seo.org</p> <p>3. Association for the Conservation of Natural Ecosystems Webpage: www.assoc-cen.org e-mail: info@assoc-cen.org</p> <p>4. Foundation for Nature and Man Webpage: www.fnyh.org e-mail: fundacion@fnyh.org</p> <p>5. Iberian Centre for River Restoration Webpage: www.cirefluvial.com e-mail: info@cirefluvial.com</p> <p>6. WWF Spain Webpage: www.wwf.es e-mail: info@wwf.es</p>	<p>4. Caldera de Taburiente NP 5. Doñana NP 6. Garajonay NP 7. Guadarrama NP 8. Illas Atlánticas de Galicia NP 9. Monfragüe NP 10. Ordesa y Monte Perdido NP 11. Picos de Europa NP 12. Sierra Nevada NP 13. Tablas de Daimiel NP 14. Teide NP 15. Timanfaya NP 16. Sierra de las Nieves NP</p> <p>Share management between the National and the Regional Governments National Parks Autonomous Agency (OAPN) Webpage: www.miteco.gob.es/es/parques-nacionales-oapn/default.aspx</p>

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27	Sweden	<p>1. Ministry of the Environment and Energy Webpage: www.government.se/government-of-sweden/ministry-of-the-environment Address: Herkulesgatan 17 Postal address: SE 103 33 Stockholm Tel.: +46084059516</p> <p>2. Swedish Environmental Protection Agency Webpage: www.swedishepa.se e-mail: registrator@swedishepa.se</p> <p>3. Swedish forest agency Webpage: www.skogsstyrelsen.se e-mail: peter.jernberg@skogsstyrelsen.se</p>	<p>1. Swedish Society for Nature Conservation (SSNC) Webpage: www.naturskyddsforeningen.se e-mail: medlem@naturskyddsforeningen.se</p> <p>2. Friends of the Earth Sweden Webpage: www.jordensvanner.se e-mail: info@jordensvanner.se</p> <p>3. World Wide Fund (WWF) Webpage: www.wwf.se Email: info@wwf.se</p> <p>4. Swedish Agency for Marine and Water Management, (SwAM) Webpage: www.havochvatten.se e-mail: havochvatten@havochvatten.se</p>	<p>1. Abisko National Park 2. Björnlandet National Park 3. Blå Jungfrun National Park 4. Dalby Söderskog National Park 5. Djurö National National Park 6. Fulufjället National Park 7. Färnebofjärden National Park 8. Garphyttan National Park 9. Gotska Sandön National Park 10. Hamra National Park 11. Haparanda Skärgård National Park 12. Kosterhavet National Park 13. Muttos National Park 14. Norra Kvill National Park 15. Badjelánnda National Park 16. Pieljekaise National Park 17. Sarek National Park 18. Skuleskogen National Park 19. Sonfjället National Park 20. Stenshuvud National Park</p>

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				<p>21. Stuor Muorkke National Park</p> <p>22. Store Mosse National Park</p> <p>23. Söderåsen National Park</p> <p>24. Tiveden National Park</p> <p>25. Tresticklan National Park</p> <p>26. Tyresta National Park</p> <p>27. Töfsingdalen National Park</p> <p>28. Vadvetjåkka National Park</p> <p>29. Åsnen National Park</p> <p>30. Ängsö National Park</p> <p>Managed by the Swedish Environmental Protection Agency</p> <p>Webpage: www.swedishepa.se</p>

