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Aim

The Summer School “Management of silvo-pastoral ecosystems” in Prespa aims at the dissemination of knowledge and exchange of views on integrated forest management practices and restoration actions. The applied actions on the priority habitat type 9562 *Greek Juniper Forests implemented by the [LIFE+ JunEx project](#) at the Prespa National Park in Greece, will be used as an example for the forest habitat types restoration and management practises.

The LIFE+ Nature project (2013-2017): “Restoration and Conservation of priority habitat type 9562 *Greek Juniper Forests (Juniperetum excelsae) in Prespa National Park” - LIFE12 NAT/GR/539 is implemented by the Society for the Protection of Prespa and the associated beneficiary Greek Biotope and Wetland Centre (EKBY).

Sessions

During the Summer School the following topics will be covered:

- 1) Habitat types of Prespa and characteristics of the 9562 *Grecian Juniper Woods priority habitat type
- 2) Management planning for the conservation of forest habitat types
- 3) An introduction to Agroforestry
- 4) Implementation and monitoring of conservation and restoration measures
- 5) Implementation of management measures 1: reproduction, regeneration and germination
- 6) Implementation of management measures 2: Project management and data

Field work

Samples and measurements will be undertaken in the field in different areas of the Prespa National Park, in Greece. Additionally, fieldwork will also be implemented in specific areas of the Galicica National Park and in the Albanian Prespa National Park.



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Collaborations

The transboundary summer school is co-organised by the members of the PrespaNet, with the support of the Greek Biotope and Wetland centre and the Technological Institute of Eastern Macedonia-Thrace.

The PrespaNet, is a coalition of three environmental NGOs - the Macedonian Ecological Society (MES), the Association for the Protection and Preservation of Natural Environment in Albania (PPNEA), and the Society for the Protection of Prespa (SPP). The mission of the PrespaNet is to safeguard the unique natural and cultural heritage of the Prespa region, and at the same time to promote the sustainable socio-economic development.

Information for the interested applicants

Please note that travel expenses, accommodation and 1 meal/day will be covered.

Application

You can send your application together with your CV to: k.koci@ppnea.org by Monday 27 June 2016.

Location

The 5-day summer school will be implemented at the Pyli Thematic Centre of the Management body of the Prespa National Park in Greece.



The summer school is being implemented under the European Programme LIFE+ Nature (2013-2017): "Restoration and Conservation of priority habitat type 9562 *Greek Juniper Forests (*Juniperum excelsae*) in Prespa National Park" - LIFE12 NAT/GR/539. The project is 75% co-financed by the European Union Life Financial Instrument.

