



Project LIFE Prespa Waterbirds

Report on the transboundary workshop with regional stakeholders for responding to disease outbreaks held in the framework of Action E6 of the project



A transboundary workshop with regional stakeholders for responding to disease outbreaks was held at Prespa on Tuesday the 7th of May 2019, following the workshop with national stakeholders last November. The invitees were the regional Municipalities (Municipality of Prespa, Greece, Municipality of Resen, North Macedonia and Municipalities of Pustec and Devoll, Albania), the Management Authorities of National Parks and Protected Areas in the transboundary Prespa (Management Body of Prespa National Park, Greece, Management Body of Galichica National Park, North Macedonia and Regional Agency for Protected Areas, Albania), veterinary authorities of the three countries (Department of Veterinary Medicine of the Directorate of Rural Economy and Veterinary Medicine of the Regional Unit of Florina, Food and Veterinary Agency of North Macedonia and Regional Veterinary Service of Korçe, Albania) and finally the environmental organisations Macedonian Ecological Society from North Macedonia and Protection and Preservation of Natural Environment in Albania.

In the opening of the workshop short welcome speeches were given by representatives of the MoP, the PNPMB and the SPP. Giorgos Catsadorakis, SPP's scientific advisor, who coordinated the workshop, made a general presentation of the project LIFE Prespa Waterbirds introducing its basic rationale and aims to the audience. Following this

presentation, Olga Alexandrou of the SPP made a comprehensive presentation of the relevant actions implemented in the framework of the LIFE project (Action A5), covering the step-by-step procedure followed to establish the local collaboration scheme between MoP, PNPMB and SPP, and demonstrating in detail the material produced under Action A5.

In the discussion that followed, the attendees exchanged relative knowledge and practices used in the three countries. Dr. Dejan Mandulovski, representative of the Food and Veterinary Agency of North Macedonia informed the attendees about the precautionary measures taken in the region of Lakes Prespa and Ohrid in North Macedonia for avian influenza. Mutual understanding was produced and all participants agreed that an atmosphere of coordination and cooperation between the three countries should prevail in the event of a disease outbreak in the transboundary Prespa.

An English version of the three leaflets produced under Action A5 was handed over to all participants.

Annex I – Table of participants

s/n	Full name	Organization
1	Eleana Kazila	Management Body of Prespa National Park, Greece
2	Mihallaq Qirjo	Regional Agency for Protected Areas, Albania
3	Dejan Dimidzievski	Management Body of Galichica National Park, North Macedonia
4	Danka Uzunova	Macedonian Ecological Society, North Macedonia
5	Mirjan Topi	Protection and Preservation of Natural Environment in Albania
6	Panagiotis Paschalidis	Municipality of Prespa (Mayor), Greece
7	Andon Bojadzi	Management Body of Galichica National Park, North Macedonia
8	Olga Alexandrou	Society for the Protection of Prespa, Greece
9	Michalis Petrakos	Municipality of Prespa, Greece
10	Irene Koutseri	Society for the Protection of Prespa, Greece
11	Dejan Mandulovski	Food and Veterinary Agency of North Macedonia
12	Borce Lazarovski	Municipality of Resen, North Macedonia
13	Giorgos Catsadorakis	Society for the Protection of Prespa, Greece

Annex II – Workshop agenda



TRANBOUNDARY MEETING AGENDA

Contribution to the management of incidences of disease outbreak in waterbirds in Prespa

Tuesday 7 May 2019, Society for the Protection of Prespa, Lemos, Greek side of Prespa

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| 14:30-15:30 | Arrival of invitees, light lunch |
| 15:30-15:45 | Welcome speeches |
| 15:45-16:15 | Presentation of LIFE Prespa Waterbirds project |
| 16:15-16:45 | Presentation of the material under the Action “Contribution to the management of incidences of disease outbreaks in waterbirds in the Prespa National Park” |
| 16:45-17:15 | Discussion |
| 17:15 | End of meeting |

The meeting is part of an action of LIFE15NAT/GR/000936 - Prespa Waterbirds aiming to contribute to the management of incidences of disease outbreak in waterbirds in Prespa by ensuring effective collaboration of local stakeholders.