

Thematic Topics workshops

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Name of the Project: SylvaMED: Mediterranean Forests of All

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Challenges and opportunities on each cross-sectoral component

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From your MED project expertise, describe shortly main conclusions for:

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Topic 2: Natural risks management, especially wildfires

(add more slides if necessary)

C1 Governance and participation involvement

Overlap of management responsibilities between the Management Bodies and the Forest Directorates on protected forest areas

Implementation of new tools require legislative adoption by central government, while regional/local governance has limited legislative flexibility

Protocol and bureaucracy restricts implementation of novel procedures

The small local rural population is keen to maintain the public forest and assist if possible

Fragmented private ownership impedes efficient implementation of novel management tools

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C2 Operational and R+D priorities

Lack of suitable road network and steep and uneven terrain hinders implementation of management actions (removal of dead trees, fire break zones)

Limited available funds for research (need for study of ecology of *Marchalina hellenica* to better manage its population)

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C3 Target group focused communication needs

Local population are not satisfied with restrictions imposed by NATURA2000, mainly due to lack of information

Any management activities on public forests should heed the needs and desires of local rural population

C4 Financial needs and opportunities

Current funds generated by tickets for entrance to Samaria Gorge are collected by the Ministry of Environment and are not readily available for local management

Current financial situation means that responsible bodies have low funding for management

Implementation of Payments for Environmental Services can generate additional funds

Operational tools and best practices [Linked with the e.Book contents](#)

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Further dissemination of the PES is needed to employ them in more services, promote their use and secure higher payments

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The opportunity of generating additional funds allows for available capital to kick-start new initiatives and set-up new PES schemes

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Need to provide flexibility to local government to implement novel procedures

C2 Operational and R+D priorities

Need to study the willingness-to-pay of the users of the protected area, in order to design a successful PES scheme

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