

# Thematic Topics workshops

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**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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**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**

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**Need to provide flexibility to local government to implement novel procedures**

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