

SESSION DESCRIPTION

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Ecosystem services research, practice and policy in Greece: current status and ways forward

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Abstract:

"Scientific research on ecosystem services, as well as its inclusion to practice and policy is facing an exponential growth. A series of projects, initiatives and outputs are ongoing to support this argument. Still there is a lot of research that needs to be done at the national and local context and a need to recognize the multiple values its pristine ecosystems have for nature and society.

But what do local and national level experts think about that?

With this session we invite national and local level experts to join a facilitated discussion in which a list of dedicated topics will be addressed. We will target issues related to:

- Current research and methodological needs and expertise.
- Current policy and practice needs.
- Political awareness on the topic.
- Social awareness and need of inclusion of the topic in education and training schemes.

We invite researchers, but also policy and decision makers, members of civil society organizations and the general public to join the session."

Goals and objectives of the session:

"The goal of of this session is to broaden the existing network of ecosystem service community in Greece. Specific objectives are to:

- Expand the list of people interest in ecosystem services research in Greece

- Generate awareness of ongoing efforts from different institutions
- Open the floor and discussion between research, civil society organizations, NGOs and governance institutions
- Discuss on ways forward and seek pathways for collaboration among institutions."

Planned output / Deliverables:

- A repository of ES research in the country
- A novel and integrated network that extends beyond research institutions
- A roadmap for future research within the ESP context for Greece."

Session format:

World café

Voluntary contributions accepted:

Yes, I allow any abstract to be submitted to my session for review

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