



Regional Stakeholder Group Meeting 1

Partner/Region:	Date:	Round:	Participants:	Main outputs:
PP07/Greece	13.05.2024		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Hellenic Ministry of Rural Development and Food: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Managing Authority of the Strategic Plan of Common Agricultural Policy (SP CAP) of Greece (Associated Partner) [1 representative]. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • First presentation of the RIWET project (scope, vision, schedule of meetings and EEWs, methodology of Theory of Change). • Presentation of the case of GAEC 2¹ of the current SP CAP for the protection of wetlands for climate change mitigation and adaptation and links to other relevant provisions: GAEC 4², GAEC 8³, SMR 1⁴, SMR 2⁵, SMR 3⁶,

¹ Good Agricultural and Environmental Condition 2: Wetland and peatland protection.

² Good Agricultural and Environmental Condition 4: Establishment of buffer strips along water courses.

³ Good Agricultural and Environmental Condition 8: Minimum share of arable land devoted to non-productive areas and features, and on all agricultural area, retention of landscape features and ban on cutting hedges and trees during the bird breeding and rearing season.

⁴ Statutory management requirements 1: Directive 2000/60/EC of 23 October 2000 of the European Parliament and of the Council establishing a framework for Community action in the field of water policy: Article 11(3), point (e), and point (h), as regards mandatory requirements to control diffuse sources of pollution by phosphates.

⁵ Statutory management requirements 2: Council Directive 91/676/EEC of 12 December 1991 concerning the protection of waters against pollution caused by nitrates from agricultural sources: Articles 4 and 5.

⁶ Statutory management requirements 3: Directive 2009/147/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council of 30 November 2009 on the conservation of wild birds: Article 3(1), Article 3(2), point (b), Article 4(1), (2) and (4).



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			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Special Service for the Implementation of Direct Aids and Sectoral Interventions [2 representatives]. • Directorate of Environment, Land Planning and Climate Change of the Ministry of Rural Development and Food [2 representatives]. • Greek Payment Authority of Common Agricultural Policy Aid Schemes – OPEKEPE [4 representatives]. <p>- Goulandris Natural History Museum – Greek Biotope – Wetland Centre (GNHM-EKBY) [3 representatives].</p>	<p>SMR 4⁷ and other Agri-Environment-Climate Measures (AECMs) and eco-schemes.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provision of the needed documentation on EKBY’s Greek wetlands archive to support the services of Hellenic Ministry of Rural Development and Food in the implementation of GAEC 2 (protection of wetlands and peatlands). • Exchange on concerns and needed clarifications for the improvement of GAEC 2 description and its meaningful application. • Improvement of understanding on the amount and spatial distribution of the wetlands that are located within agriculture areas, inside or outside Natura 2000 areas in Greece, based on examples of EKBY’s wetland geographical dataset, which is currently used by OPEKEPE. • Improvement of understanding on the definition of wetland ecosystems, their boundaries and spatio-temporal variations (examples with images from wetlands in Greece).
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⁷ Statutory management requirements 4: Council Directive 92/43/EEC of 21 May 1992 on the conservation of natural habitats and of wild flora and fauna: Article 6(1) and (2).



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Regional Stakeholder Group Meeting 2

Partner/Region:	Date:	Round:	Participants:	Main outputs:
PP07/Greece	18.07.2024		- Hellenic Ministry of Rural Development and Food: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Managing Authority of the Strategic Plan of Common Agricultural Policy (SP CAP) of Greece (Associated Partner) [2 representatives]. • Agricultural University of Athens [1 representative]. • Special Service for the Implementation of Direct Aids and Sectoral Interventions [2 representatives]. • Directorate of Environment, Land Planning and Climate Change of the 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Presentation of the ecosystem-based boundaries of wetlands in EKBY's Greek wetlands geospatial archive to support the services of Hellenic Ministry of Rural Development and Food in the implementation of GAEC 2 (protection of wetlands and peatlands) and provision of documentation. • Improvement of understanding on the definition of wetland ecosystems, their boundaries and spatio-temporal variations (examples with images from wetlands in Greece). • Presentation of statistics of the farmlands (spatially determined by OPEKEPE) overlapping EKBY's Greek wetlands geospatial archive (number of farmland applications and intersected surfaces for the whole



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			<p>Ministry of Rural Development and Food [1 representative].</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Greek Payment Authority of Common Agricultural Policy Aid Schemes – OPEKEPE [3 representatives]. <p>- Goulandris Natural History Museum – Greek Biotope – Wetland Centre (GNHM-EKBY) [3 representatives].</p>	<p>country, categorized per wetland type, per municipality) for all inland Greek wetlands and wetlands outside Natura 2000 areas.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Presentation of the case of GAEC 2⁸ of the current SP CAP for the protection of wetlands for climate change mitigation and adaptation, links to GAEC 4⁹ and clarifications on the application of the current measures. • Exchange on concerns for needed modifications for the improvement of GAEC 2 description and its implementation, including a proposal for setting up a working group for defining measures and good practices. • Utilization of EKBY’s Greek wetlands geospatial archive to apply GAEC 8¹⁰ for small wetlands and small lakes as features of the landscape.
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¹⁰ Good Agricultural and Environmental Condition 8: Minimum share of arable land devoted to non-productive areas and features, and on all agricultural area, retention of landscape features and ban on cutting hedges and trees during the bird breeding and rearing season.

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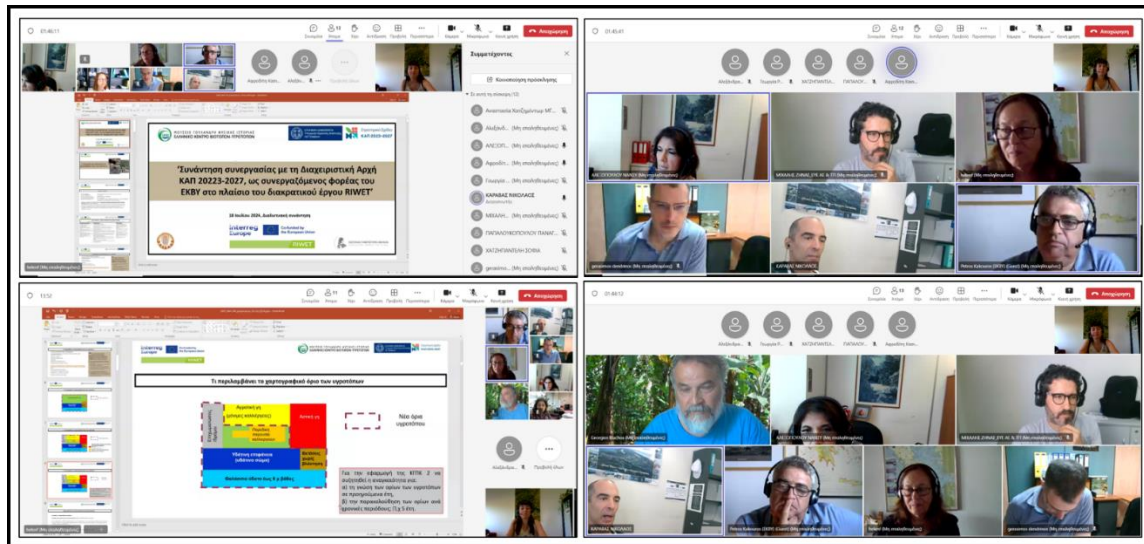
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