



**TECHNICAL WORKSHOP FOR NESTOS RIVER CANDIDACY IN MAB PROGRAMME**  
**“Optimizing ecotourism development and conservation in Nestos river.**  
**The role of local communities”**  
18/10/2017

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**ARRIVAL AND REGISTRATION OF THE PARTICIPANTS**

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22.00-24.00                      **Dinner reception**

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9.00 – 13.00                      **GETTING TO KNOW NESTOS RIVER**  
Field trip in Nestos River Delta

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13.00-14.00                      **Lunch buffet & coffee (meeting venue)**

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14.30-17.00                      **Plenary session:**  
**Welcome speech**, V. Tsompanopoulos,  
Mayor of Nestos Municipality  
**Roadmap to the MAB candidacy effort**, Prof.  
D. Emmanouloudis, chairholder UNESCO Con-  
E-Ect  
**Introductory speech**, Prof. M. Scoullas,  
Chairman Hellenic National MAB. Committee;  
Director of UNESCO Chair & Network on  
Sustainable Development, Management and  
Education in the Mediterranean; University  
of Athens.  
**Brief presentation of the plan**, Dr. M.  
Koutrakis, President of the Nestos Delta  
Management Body  
**Thematic round tables:**  
Thematic 1 Biodiversity  
Thematic 2 Culture-Education  
Thematic 3 Economic activity-tourism

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Thematic 4: Design workshop -MAB zones

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17:00-19:30 **Return to the hotel**

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20.00 **Dinner reception**

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**9.00 – 9.30** **Arrival and registration of participants**

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**9.30-10.00** **Welcome speeches**

Event opening, **Mrs Maria Ekaterini Papachristopoulou-Tzitzikosta**, President of the Hellenic National Commission for UNESCO

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**10.00-10.25** **P.Pypaert**, UNESCO Programme Specialist, UNESCO Regional Bureau for Science and Culture in Europe

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**10.25-10.50** **Prof. M. Scoullou**, Chairman of Hellenic National MAB, Committee, Director of UNESCO Chair & Network of Sustainable Development, Management & Education in the Mediterranean, University of Athens

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**10.50-11.05** **Petko Tzvetkov**, Bulgarian National Committee of MAB/UNESCO

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**11.05-11.20** **Dra. Alejandra Stehr**, UNESCO Chair in Natural Resources Management, Land Planning and Environmental Protection, University of Concepcion

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**11.20-11.35** **Mariano Merce**, Biosphere Technician, Terres de l'Ebre Biosphere Reserve

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**11.35-11.50** **Ion Munteanu**, Director of Danube Delta Biosphere Reserve

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**11.50-12.20**

**Coffee Break**

**12.20 -12.35**

**Prof. Nick Katopodes**, President of the Scientific Committee of UNESCO Chair Con-E-Ect, University of Michigan, Dept. Civil and Environmental Engineering, USA

**12.35-12.50**

**Dr.Fátima Antonethe Castaneda Mena**, Institute of Energy Resources (IRE), University of Galileo, Guatemala, Central America

**12.50-13.30**

**Conclusions**

**13.30-14.00**

**Music Concert**

**14.00-15.00**

**Lunch Buffet**

Vocational Training Center "Demetra"

**15.00-17.00**

**Working Groups:**

Summarizing the Thematic Round Tables of 19/10

**17:00-17:30**

**Conclusions, recommendations, roadmap**

**17.30-18.00**

**Coffee Break**

**18.00-20:00**

**Getting Involved with the local community**

**20.30**

**Dinner Reception**