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### 8<sup>th</sup> Steering Committee Meeting of Mo.Na project January 28, 2022

On January 28, 2022, participants of Mo.Na project "Monuments In Nature: A Creative Co-Existence" met via Zoom Platform for their 8th Steering Committee Meeting. The event was hosted by the European Center for Byzantine and Post-Byzantine Monuments in Thessaloniki, Greece (LP in the Project), with representatives from almost all Project Partners, institutions from Albania, Bulgaria, Cyprus, and Greece, as well as other external specialists in attendance. Partners from the Society of Cypriot Studies were participated by physical presence.

At the final Steering Committee Meeting, which focused on the project's successful outcomes, all project partners had the opportunity to discuss and identify future strategic directions. It is more necessary than ever to recognize the importance of natural and cultural heritage protection, as well as its joint management.

In connection with the pilot implementation of Mo.Na Standard during this meeting the Audit Committee reviewed all provided documentation after receiving the application from the Cypriot and Greek partners. All documentation was validated, and the last two Mo.Na Label awards were presented to the sites of Cyprus' " Restored nature trail "Kykkos-Panagia" at Roudias Valley of Pafos Forest " and Greece's "Island of Therasia".

During the 8th SC Meeting, partners presented the implemented actions of the project, which consists of a comprehensive set of activities aimed at improving all pilot sites.

The discussion followed the agenda and concentrated on topics relating to the Project's finalization procedures, both in terms of physical and financial level. Given that the Project's physical object is nearing completion (03/02/2022), partners agreed that the project's objectives have been met through the implementation of its deliverables, and they agreed to take targeted actions to ensure the project's results' long-term viability and durability, with the goal of capitalizing them through future collaboration.

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