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Press Release

Hybrid International Conference “Mo.Na.: Monuments in Nature: A creative Co-existence.”

The European Centre for Byzantine and Post-Byzantine Monuments (EKBMM) in the framework of Mo.Na Project organized the international Conference “Mo.Na: Monuments in Nature: A Creative Co-existence”. The conference took place on July 7th – 9th, 2021 in Athens, at the Amphitheatre, Directorate for Documentation and Protection of Cultural Goods (Agion Asomaton 33 Street, Thiseio, Athens). The event was hybrid, i.e. the speakers participated in person, while the public attended through an e-platform. It was held under the auspices of Ministry of Environment and Energy and Ministry of Tourism.

The European Centre for Byzantine and Post-Byzantine Monuments (EKBMM) implements the project Mo.Na: Monuments in Nature: A Creative Co-existence (<https://www.monumentnature.com/>), funded by the INTERREG V - Balkan - Mediterranean 2014-2020. The Project aims to record, analyse, assess and contribute towards the protection and promotion of natural resources and cultural heritage across the Balkan-Mediterranean territory. Its main goal is to enhance integrated planning and common management strategies in areas of high environmental interest and preservation value (Natura 2000, Ramsar areas etc.), where sites of high cultural importance also exist (UNESCO protected areas, etc.).

In this Conference experts of the Environmental and Cultural Sector were invited and presented papers related to this topic and gave us their aspect on preservation and management of sites protected either by NATURA 2000 or UNESCO or both. Additionally,

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issues were raised, as the role of spatial planning on the protection of natural and cultural heritage, the effect of Climate Change on monuments, the impact of tourism on cultural monuments in a natural environment and also the management of the underwater natural and cultural heritage.

The Conference contributed to the dialogue and discussion on the connections between culture and nature.

Please find the link of the recorded Conference:

<https://youtube.com/playlist?list=PLIVZT7rpSnzVOnUcRWUWNsctRDSf2ZtfD>

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