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Press Release

Workshop – International Webinar

“A creative dialogue for managing the visitor’s capacity and evaluation of the carrying capacity of sites which consist major tourism destinations.

The case of Santorini”

Municipality of Thira organised successfully the Workshop – International Webinar entitled: “A creative dialogue for managing the visitor’s capacity and evaluation of the carrying capacity of sites which consist major tourism destinations. The case of Santorini” on 28th May 2021. The workshop was the 4th one implemented in the framework of Mo.Na (Monuments in Nature: A creative Co-existence) project and took place both through physical attendance in Santorini and online using the Zoom webinar platform, with the participation of partners and attendees.

Welcome greetings were addressed by the Mayor of Thira Municipality - Mr. Antonios Sigalas, the Deputy-mayor - Mrs. Sofia Kitsou, the Project Officer of Mo.Na project - Mrs. Zografia Theoharidou, the Project Manager of Mo.Na project - Dr. Flora Karagianni and the Director of the Ephorate of Antiquities of Cyclades – Dr. Demetris Athanasoulis. The coordination of the workshop was made by Mrs. Sofia Pelekanou.

Really interesting presentations were delivered by professionals with extensive experience in the field of archaeology, carrying capacity and coastal zone management: Panagiotis Voulellis, URBAN PLANNER MSc – PhD Candidate, Dr. Constantinos Kounnamas - Nature Conservation Unit, Frederick University, Dr. Sonila Kora - Ministry of Culture of the republic of Albania, Mrs. Paraskevi Bozineki – Didoni – Architect at the Department of Traditional Settlements G.N.T.O. (1975-1994), Mrs. Maya Efstathiou – Archaeologist of the Ephorate of Antiquities of Cyclades, Mrs. Maria Sigala – Director of the Department of Byzantine and Postbyzantine Antiquities and Museums of the Ephorate of Antiquities of Cyclades, Chrysanthi Sakellakou, Archaeologist of the Ephorate of Antiquities of Cyclades, Mr. Georgios Kolytas – Vice President of Corfu Chamber of Commerce, Dr. Paraskevi Nomikou – Associate Professor in Physical Geography and Geological Oceanography at the Faculty of Geology and Geo-Environment of National and Kapodstrian University of Athens, Dr. Maria Salomidi – Researcher, Marine Ecologist (PhD), Institute of Oceanography, Hellenic Centre for Marine Research and Mr. Vangelis Paravas, biologist, PhD candidate, Molecular Biology and Genetics Department, Democritus University of Thrace, President of the BoD of Theraic Sea.





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In addition, during the workshop a great video prepared by Nikos Korakakis and Lefteris Zorzos was screened, where the Ephor of Antiquities of Cyclades, Dr Demetris Athanasoulis guides the viewers through the medieval fortress of Skaros – in Santorini.

In total, 78 participants attended the webinar. 70 of them attended the webinar through Zoom platform, while 8 representatives of the partners participated in person due to COVID-19 preventative measures.

The video “Skaros - The Medieval Fortress Capital of Santorini” can be viewed at the link: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LqOP1NPrf-M>.

The international webinar can be viewed at the link: https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC_dwCmD-8AfBtPRKkGhLQkQ/videos



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View from the sea of Santorini and the island of Thera, from the engraving of the Voyage pittoresque de la Grèce, 1782. (Source: I. M. Andriou)

HISTORY

Oia is mentioned by many travellers Long before 1650; during the years of Frankish rule in Greece and the Aegean Sea in particular, Oia was one of the 5 castle-towns (called "castellia") of Santorini, i.e. capital of one of the 5 administrative units into which Santorini was divided then.





In Santorini 1782







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