

GEOGRAPHICAL CLUSTERING EXERCISE



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Geographical clustering exercise

Concept:

We want to give you the opportunity to get to know the people from the wider Community of Practice of the Natural Heritage Mission who are working in your region. This exercise aims to introduce you to others from your area, as well as give you the opportunity to exchange contacts and stay connected. Hopefully, you will find a potential for a fruitful collaboration, synergy or clustering activity for you!

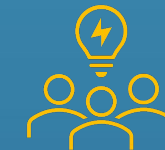
You will be split in 5 groups based on the geographical location of your work (or most of your work). The groups are non-European, Iberian Peninsula, Italy+France+Malta, Balkan Peninsula, Greece+Cyprus.

When you recognise your group, please follow your assigned leader outside for your geo-cluster! Your group leaders will provide you with a QR code which will lead you to a short form to fill. Afterwards, you will have the opportunity to talk and become part of a communication thread with everyone in your group and get to know them better.

Objectives:



Network, network, network!



Can you point stakeholders from your region, whose work is interesting to you?



Can you point stakeholders from your region, with whom you see an opportunity for collaboration?



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Let's cluster!



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South and East-Mediterranean actors + International organisations

If you work in, or your work is focused outside Europe, please stand up and follow your leader outside for your geo-cluster to begin.

Your group leaders:

- Ernesta Grigalionyte-Bembič - National Institute of Biology (NIB)**
- Carla Danelutti and Lucía Prieto - International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN)**



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Iberian Peninsula

If you work in, or your work is focused in Spain or Portugal, please stand up and follow your leader outside for your geo-cluster to begin.

Your group leaders:

- Elsa Ferreira Nunes and Flávia Duarte - IrRADIARE, Science for Evolution**
- Annelies Broekman - Centre for Ecological Research and Forestry Applications (CREAF)**



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Italy, Malta, France

If you work in, or your work is focused in Italy, Malta or France, please stand up and follow your leader outside for your geo-cluster to begin.

Your group leaders:

- Emanuela Manca - The Autonomous Region of Sardinia (RAS)**
- Caterina Praticò - The National Interuniversity Consortium For Marine Sciences (CoNISMa)**



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Balkan Peninsula

If you work in, or your work is focused in Bulgaria, Croatia, Slovenia, Bosnia and Herzegovina or Montenegro, please stand up and follow your leader outside for your geo-cluster to begin.

Your group leaders:

- Simeon Arangelov and Viktoria Georgieva - The Association of Parks in Bulgaria (APB)**
- Ana Rotter - The National Institute of Biology (NIB)**



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Greece + Cyprus

If you work in, or your work is focused in Greece or Cyprus, please stand up and follow your leader outside for your geo-cluster to begin.

Your group leaders:

- **Varvara Bougiouri and Odysseas Sifounakis - The National Technical University of Athens (NTUA)**
- **Aikaterini Tokalaki - Ministry of Agriculture, Rural Development and Environment of Cyprus (DoE)**
- **Marilena Mochianaki - The Region of Crete (RoC)**



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