

**Promoting awareness of wildlife crime prosecution and liability  
for biodiversity damage in NATURA 2000 areas in Crete**



# **LIFE Natura Themis**

**LIFE14 GIE/GR/000026**

## **LIFE ENPE Visit**

**June 24-26, 2018**

*Exhibition Halls and Central Premises of UoC-NHMC*

*Sofoklis Venizelos Avenue and Knossos Avenue, Heraklion, Crete*

## **Presentation of Key Project Actions and Results**

**Period: October 2015 – June 2018**



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**PROJECT LOCATION:** Crete, GREECE

**BUDGET INFO:**

**Total budget:** 1,580,117 €

**% EC Co-funding:** 935,782 € (59.22%)



**DURATION:** Start date: 01/10/2015 - End date: 30/09/2020

**PROJECT BENEFICIARIES:**

**Coordinating Beneficiary:** University of Crete (UoC)

***Associated Beneficiaries:***

1. Bar Association of Chania (CB)
2. Hellenic Society for the Protection of Nature (HSPN)
3. Ministry of Environment & Energy – Coordination Office for the Implementation of Environmental Liability (COIEL)
4. Bar Association of Heraklion (HB)



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## OBJECTIVES & SCOPE:

1. Inform and raise awareness about environmental and wildlife crime.
2. Inform and raise awareness about environmental liability for preventing and remediating biodiversity damage.
3. Change the attitude of stakeholders, targeted audience and lay public in Crete that their support and engagement in EU environmental law enforcement is an important tool to protect biodiversity and support local development and social cohesion.
4. Provide stakeholders and target audiences with the appropriate skills to be engaged in the effective prosecution procedure regarding wildlife crime, to require measures for remediation of damage to biodiversity and to integrate biodiversity issues in regional and local policy.
5. Communicate about the role and importance of the implementation of EU environmental legislation in human well-being in NATURA 2000 (N2000) Network to other N2000 site managers in Greece.

The main project actions and means involved to reach the project objectives are:

- ❖ Establishment of 2 Environmental Law Observatories, in East and West Crete, respectively.
- ❖ Awareness raising activities such as workshops, conferences and application for smart devices.
- ❖ Training seminars to develop specific skills to stakeholders.
- ❖ Production of 3 Technical Guides.
- ❖ Usage of project website and local media as tools towards environmental awareness.
- ❖ Development of indicators for the evaluation of the project effectiveness.



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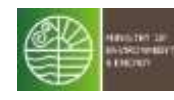
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## EXPECTED RESULTS:

- ✓ 80% of stakeholders (judges and state prosecutors, lawyers, public officers, NGOs, journalists, investigating agents, rural population and professionals involved in tourism) and 65% of the lay public will be aware about the importance of wildlife crime prosecution and of triggering liability for biodiversity damage in ecosystems and livelihoods.
- ✓ At least 350 judges and state prosecutors, 600 lawyers, 150 members of environmental NGOs and 100 public officers of DAAC will be trained on wildlife crime and environmental liability for biodiversity damage.
- ✓ The application for smart devices will be used by at least 100 users for reporting environmental damage.
- ✓ At least 50% of all targeted audiences will identify wildlife crime as a separate case of prosecution.
- ✓ At least 30% increase of stakeholders who will be aware and fully appreciate the relevant EU legislation.
- ✓ At least 30% increase of environmental claims involving wildlife crime and liability for biodiversity damage.
- ✓ Integration of liability to remediate biodiversity damage in N2000 areas in regional and local policy.
- ✓ Development of nature-based solutions towards positive governance on biodiversity issues.



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### Indicators used during the implementation of the project:

- ❖ Percentage of stakeholders and targeted audiences who: **a)** acknowledge that wildlife crime is a special category of prosecution; **b)** are aware about the liability for biodiversity damage; **c)** take part in a prosecution procedure for wildlife crime; and **d)** act towards environmental liability for damages to biodiversity.
- ❖ Number of criminal claims (before investigation, under investigation, in court).
- ❖ Number of prosecution files in all four First Instance Courts of Crete.
- ❖ Sources of prosecution (*ex officio* prosecution, private claims, institutional claims).
- ❖ Number of cases where the Bar Associations undertook initiatives towards the wildlife crime prosecution.
- ❖ Number of cases where local NGOs undertook initiatives towards the liability for damages to biodiversity.
- ❖ Number of cases where authorities asked the polluter to take action to remedy (or prevent) damages on biodiversity in N2000 areas.



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## POLICY IMPLICATIONS:

**MAIN EU POLICIES TARGETED:** EU Biodiversity Strategy to 2020, "Birds Directive" (2009/147/EC), "Habitats Directive" (92/43/EEC), "Environmental Liability Directive (ELD)" (35/2004/EC).

- ✓ The current legislation regarding the N2000 sites in Greece is focused on the protection of wildlife through penalties (which should be the last resort) and neglects the socio-economic dynamics underlying the phenomena of compliance and enforcement.
- ✓ The project will ensure that in addition to local stakeholders, the lay public will acquire information about the conservation of N2000 sites and the implementation of relevant EU directives.
- ✓ The project's principal aim is the enforcement of European legislation on biodiversity through specific training programmes on N2000 sites for judges and public prosecutors, the development of better compliance promotion capacities and the increase in stakeholders' access to judicial procedures on environmental issues. The project aims to fill a crucial gap in the implementation of EU environmental legislation in regional and national level and to increase the access and participation of public and legal entities to Justice on environmental matters and judicial procedures.



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## Key Project Actions and Results:

**Action A1** (*A review on current situation: An update on EU and national environmental legislation about NATURA 2000 in Greece and gathering and analysis of judicial review procedures statistical data in Crete*)

The **two (2) Deliverables** of the action were provided with the **1<sup>st</sup> Progress Report** (31/10/2016). Main **conclusions** of the research conducted in the framework of this Action are the following:

- The research revealed delays in honoring justice.
- The percentages of criminal prosecutions - postponements are 50%-50%, i.e. every second case is postponed.
- Approximately 50% of environmental crimes is committed within protected areas (NATURA 2000 and Wildlife Refuges).
- Approximately 50% of the imposed penalties are custodial sentences.
- Disciplinary measures for the remediation of environmental damage are not imposed on the perpetrators.
- The PD 148/2009 (Remediation Law) is not applicable.
- Also, there are no reports to the Regional Committees for the Prevention of Environmental Damage (which are the local bodies for the implementation of ELD).



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## Action A2 (*Communication strategy*)

The action was completed in December 2016 with the determination of the relevant project messages and the Communication Strategy Plan, taking into account the final results of Actions A1 and C1.



## Main messages of the Project:

- **Right and Liability for Environment**
- **Law at the Service of Environment**

- ❑ The Communication Strategy covers two different objectives of the project, namely the protection/enhancement of protected areas and the correct implementation of the ELD.
- ❑ An effort has been made to make the content of the Communication Strategy Plan both comprehensive and appealing.
- ❑ The Action has been concluded and the **Deliverable** of the action was provided with the **Mid-term Report** (31/10/2017).



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**Action B1 (*Environmental Law Observatory in East Crete*)** started in September 2016, with the implementation of preliminary actions and the Observatory is in full operation since January 2017. It is operated by the Heraklion Bar Association (HB).

**Action B2 (*Environmental Law Observatory in West Crete*)** started in September 2016, with the implementation of preliminary actions and the Observatory is in full operation since November 2016. It is operated by the Chania Bar Association (CB).

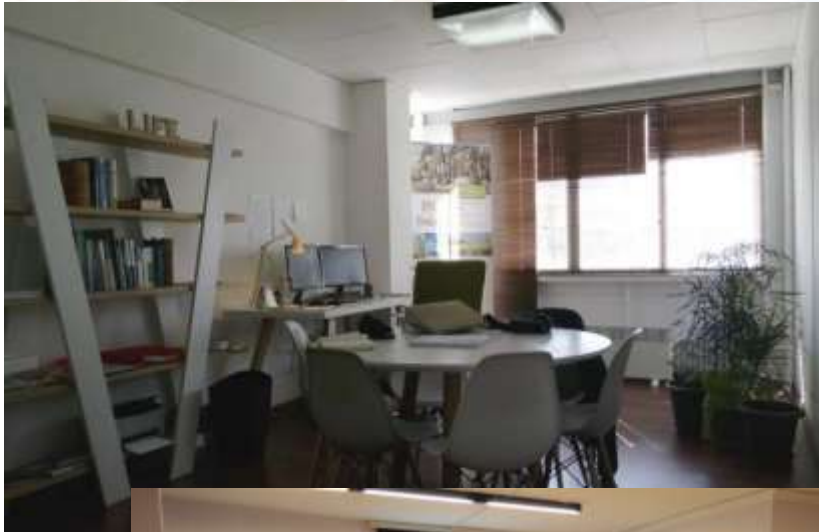
- Every 4 months, the team of both ELOs check and register all published bills, acts, laws, technical regulations, ministerial or administrative decisions and public contracts referring to direct or indirect environmental management of the NATURA 2000 protected areas of West and East Crete.
- In addition, analysis and compilation of cases already registered take place.
- Contacts with stakeholders, targeted audiences and local community are made on a permanent basis.



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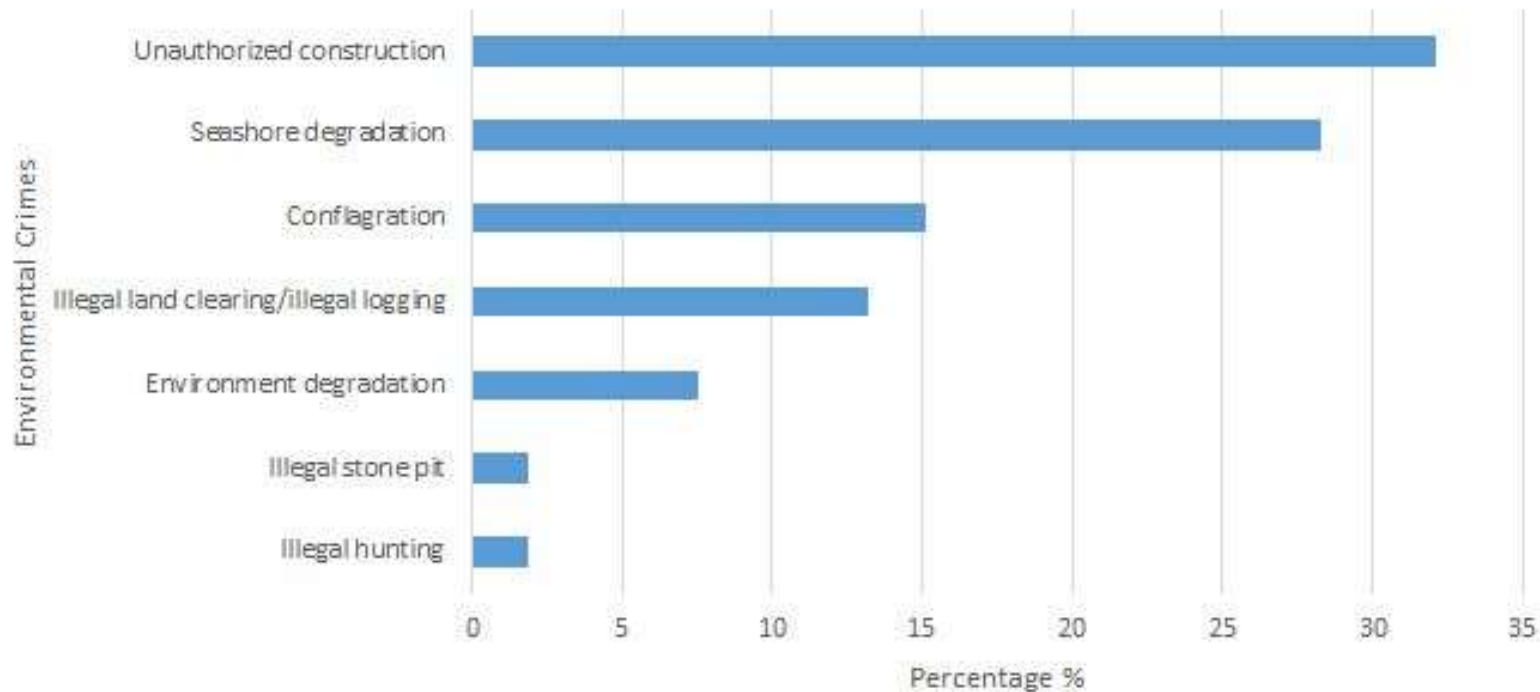
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## Crime type of recorded environmental crimes in Chania (1st Trimester 2016-53 cases)



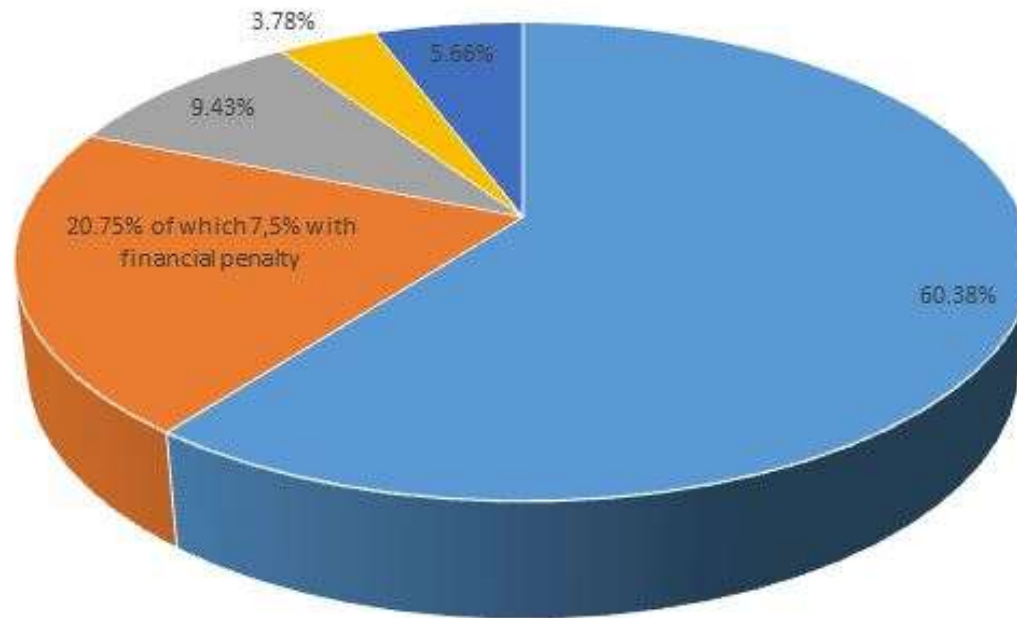
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## Judicial status of environmental crimes in Chania (1st Trimester 2016-53 cases)



■ Not finally judged guilty ■ Judged guilty: ■ In the stage of appeal ■ Archived/Barring by limitation ■ Inadmissible criminal actions



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## Some more results ...

- ✓ It is remarkable that the average duration between committing a crime and the final court judgment was found to be **5,45 years**, which is a further long time and an important factor that helps criminality to maintain.
- ✓ The average penalty imposed was found to be **5,6 months'** imprisonment



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### Action B3 (*Awareness Raising Activities: Workshops, Conferences and Smart Devices Application*)

The 2-day National Conference entitled: *"Environmental Liability, Prevention and Remediation: Challenges and opportunities for Biodiversity Protection in Greece"* was organized by the UoC on September 8-10, 2017, in the Premises of the Exhibition Halls of the NHMC in Heraklion.

- More than **125** delegates, academics, judges and prosecutors, officials and executives of Regions and Decentralized Administrations of Greece, representatives of security forces, lawyers and lay public attended the conference.
- **31 oral presentations** were delivered and **12 posters** were presented.
- A **Round Table** was held on September 9, 2017, where representatives of the National Protected Areas Management Bodies, the Greek Ombudsman, lawyers and academics met to discuss the future of the Management Bodies and environmental protection in general.
- All oral and poster presentations, the lectures for the Round Table, the abstracts of all presentations and photographs are posted in the **project website**:  
<http://www.lifethemis.eu/el/eldcongress/> program-list, and in project Facebook page.



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- The **Book of Proceedings** of the 2-day National Conference in both printed and electronic format was finalised within **January 2018**.
- **750 hard copies** of the Book of Proceedings were produced in early February 2018 and more than 650 copies have been distributed so far (Beneficiaries, members of the ComExp, all authors and most of participants of the Conference, relevant authorities of Crete, courts of Crete, all Management Bodies of Protected Areas in Greece and all Bar Associations etc).



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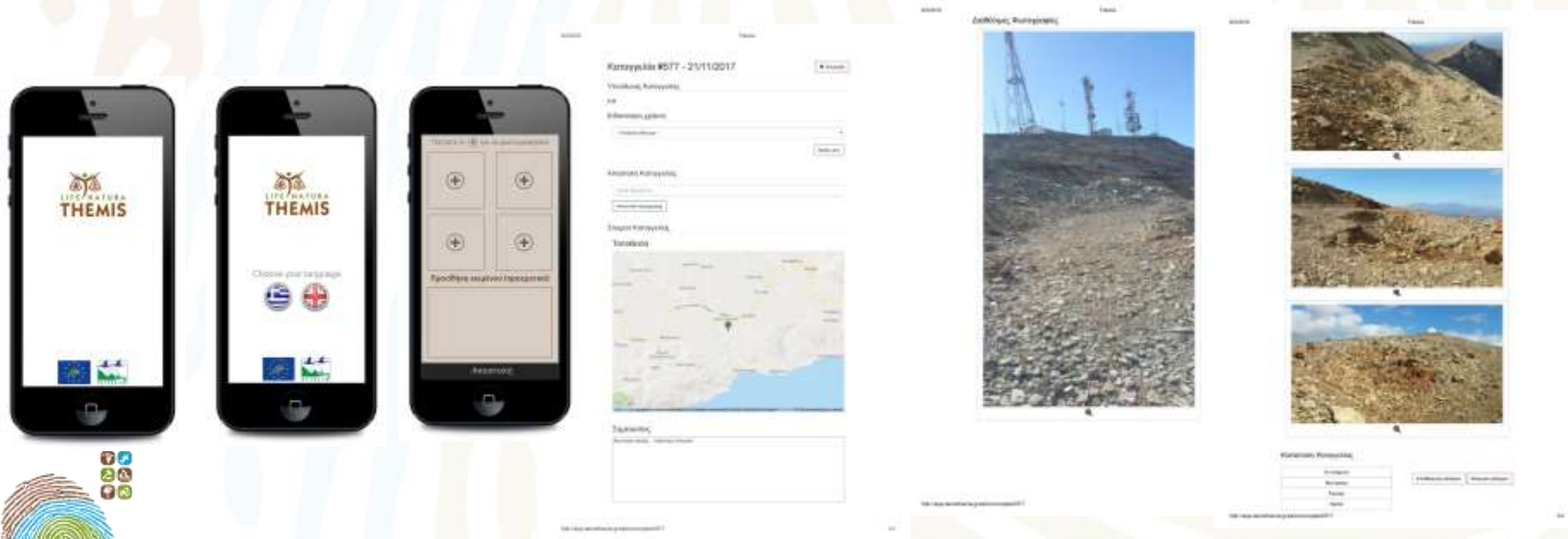


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## Action B3 (Awareness Raising Activities: Workshops, Conferences and Smart Devices Application)

- The application for smart devices is fully functional.
- The application have been downloaded by 115 users
- 30 reports have been received during the period August 2017-June 2018.
- Four of them were invalid.
- All of them have been already forwarded to the relevant authorities.
- No official answers at all!



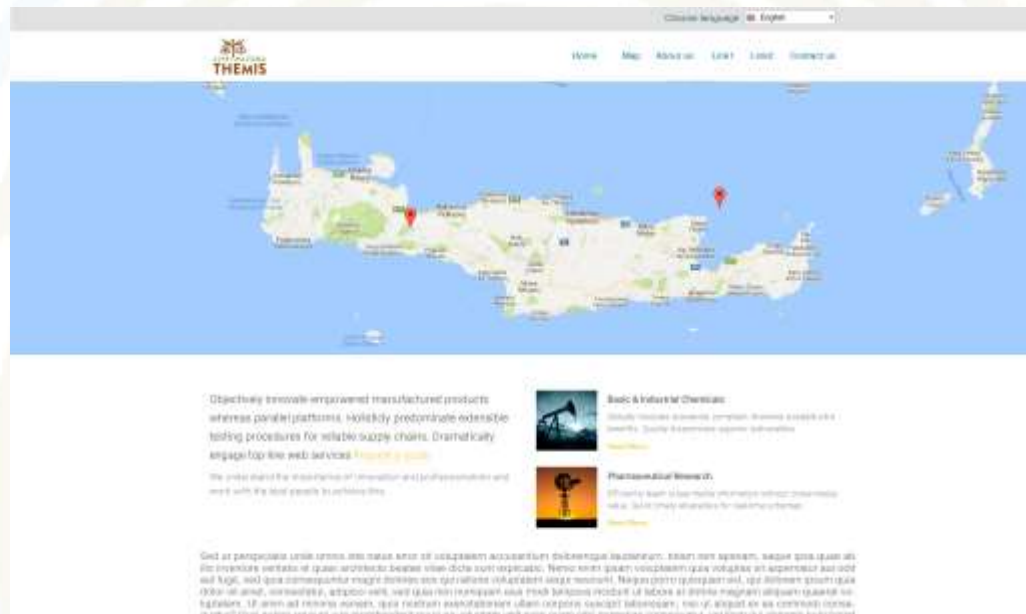
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### The administrator of the App's Site (HSPN)

- receives the reports
- checks their validity
- informs the user
- prepares a detailed letter
- forwards the letter to the relevant authorities
- receives the answers and forward them to the user



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## Action B3 (Awareness Raising Activities: Workshops, Conferences and Smart Devices Application)

- The International Conference of the Project is organized by HSPN in Athens, November 23-25, 2018.

**“International Perspectives  
on Understanding and  
Preventing Wild Life Crime”**

**Athens  
23 -25  
November  
2018**

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## Action B4 (Local media as a tool towards awareness raising and educating)

- ❑ A list of all radio, newspaper and other media recipients in Crete was compiled for the project needs.
- ❑ The **1<sup>st</sup> Press Conference** took place in Chania, in December 2016.
- ❑ **Six (6) Press Articles** have been already produced and published.
- ❑ **Five (5) Press Releases**
- ❑ **One (1) independent article**
- ❑ **More than (8) interviews** in local TV & radio stations.



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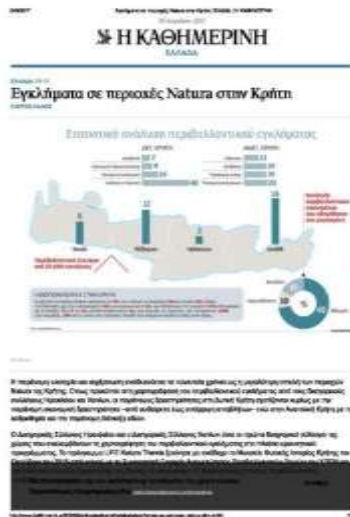


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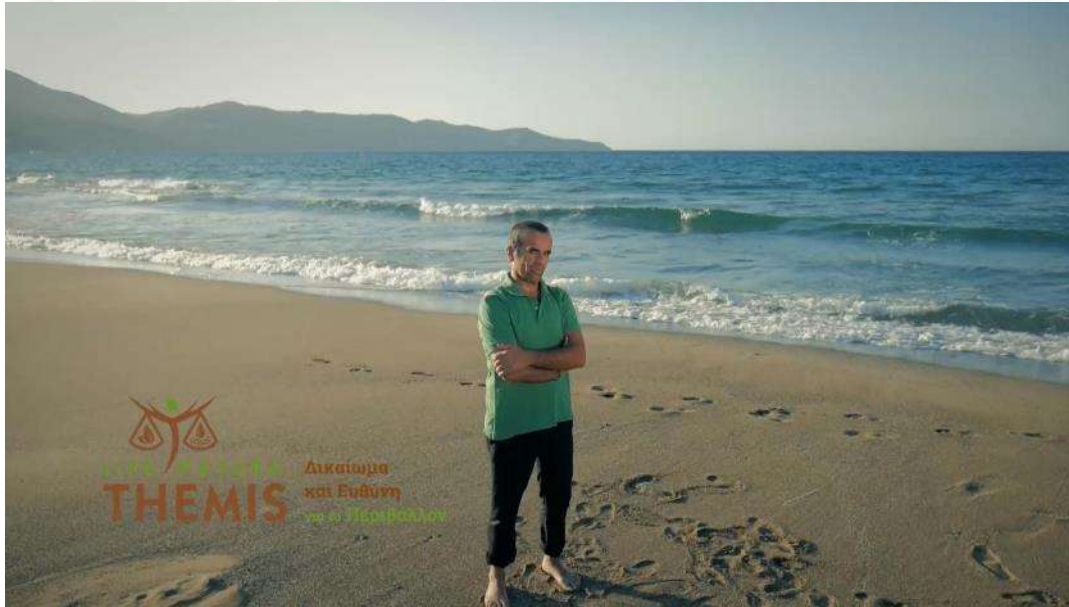


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## Action B4 (*Local media as a tool towards awareness raising and educating*):

**Two (2) TV spots** and **two (2) Radio spots** were produced in August 2017.



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### Action B4 (*Local media as a tool towards awareness raising and educating*) :

- ✓ They were distributed in **74 radio stations** (local and national) on March 5, 2018, while the two (2) TV Spots were sent to **14 TV Channels** (local and national) by March 15, 2018.
- ✓ The **TV Spots** are presented at the Airport of Heraklion in cooperation with the Taxi Owners Association of Heraklion.
- ✓ **A second request** to the National Council for Radio and Television (NCRTV) regarding the free broadcasting of the TV and Radio spots for the period October-November 2018, will be sent within **July 2018**.
- ✓ The official English Version of the 2 TV Spots is ready for dissemination.



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**Action B5 (Training Seminars)** includes the implementation of 9 training seminars in total. **Three (3)** of them have been concluded so far.

## The 1<sup>st</sup> Training Seminar for members of environmental NGOs of Crete took place on March 11, 2017.

- ❖ **Ten (10) presentations** on legal and environmental issues and **two (2) exercises with Case Studies** were included.
- ❖ More than **60 individuals** participated (members of NGOs, judges, lawyers, students, and citizens).
- ❖ Presentations and proceedings were uploaded at the **project's website**.
- ❖ A letter was sent to all participants regarding the uploading of presentations.

## The 2<sup>nd</sup> Training Seminar took place in November 29, 2017: Chania

- ❖ **Eight (8) presentations** on legal and environmental issues were included.
- ❖ **48 lawyers/judges** and representatives of local authorities attended the event.
- ❖ Presentations were uploaded on project website.

## The 3<sup>rd</sup> Training Seminar held in November 30, 2017: Heraklion

- ❖ **Eight (8) presentations** on legal and environmental issues were included.
- ❖ **31 lawyers/judges** and representatives of local authorities participated.
- ❖ Presentations were uploaded on project website.
- Two (2) members of the ComExp participated as lecturers in both events.
- The seminars were well promoted and presented in local media.



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και Εφαρμογή της Οδηγίας  
για την  
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Υπομνηστικό

 **29 Νοεμβρίου 2017**  
**17:00-21:00**  
**Εμπορικό**  
**Επιμελητήριο**  
**Χανίων**  
Ελευθερίου Βενιζέλου 4

**Ηράκλειο**  
**30 Νοεμβρίου**  
**17:00-21:00**  
**Διηγορητικός**  
**Σύλλογος**  
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**Αίθουσα «Σάκη**  
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**Action B6 (*Production of Technical Guides*)** started in January 2017 and its implementation continues.

The **three (3) foreseen surveys** for the Action have been concluded till September 2017 and the results, along with the proposed contents for each of the three (3) Technical Guides, were provided in the **Mid-term Report**.

- The Environmental Liability Directive and Wild Life: A guide for the judiciary (subcontracted) – 2.000 copies
- The Birds and Habitats Directives: A guide for public interest lawyers and public administrators (subcontracted) – 3.000 copies
- Environmental Law and NATURA 2000 network: A citizen's guide (subcontracted) – 10.000 copies



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**Action C1 (*Evaluation of the project effectiveness*)** started on time.

The External Assistant Contractor completed the processing and the **statistical and quantitative analysis** of **3,131 questionnaires** and submitted the relevant report in early **November 2016**.

- ❖ Surveys were conducted across the **24 Municipalities** of Crete.
- ❖ Methodology used: **Remote research** (*distribution of questionnaires through e-mails, faxes, mails, electronic questionnaires etc.*) and/or **personal interviews**.
- ❖ **Ten (10)** target groups (*Judges and Prosecutors / Lawyers / Employees of Decentralized Administration of Crete & Region of Crete / Environmental NGOs of Crete / Rural Population of Crete / Professionals of tourism / Investigators of Crete / Population of Crete / Journalists and employees in media / Tourists and visitors of NATURA 2000 areas in Crete*).
- ❖ **3,131** people participated in the survey.
- ❖ More than **3,300** people met the LIFE Natura Themis project through the survey.
- ❖ **625** people express their interest to be informed about its results.
- ❖ The Report of the Baseline Survey Results (**Deliverable of Action C1**) was submitted in the **Mid-term Report** (October 2017).
- ❖ A **Report on the quantitative and qualitative analysis** of the baseline survey and its conclusions were submitted in the **Mid-term Report** (October 2017).



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## Participants per target group category in the Baseline Survey

Target Group	Number
Judges and prosecutors	32
Lawyers	195
Employees of Decentralized Administration of Crete	196
Environmental NGO of Crete	249
Rural Population of Crete	498
Tourism business professionals of Crete	540
Investigators of Crete	287
Population of Crete	590
Tourists and visitors of Natura areas in Crete	432
Journalists and employees in media in Crete	112
<b>Total</b>	<b>3131</b>



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## Brief description of the results (Action C1):

- **63%** of the participants were **male**.
- **25%** of the participants was at the **age of 25-35**.
- The majority of the participants (**59%**) was **University graduates** and **88%** lives in an **urban area**.
- **33%** of the participants was **unemployed**.
- All targeted audiences have **basic knowledge** of the NATURA 2000 Network and the majority is aware that protected species and habitats exist within the Network.
- All targeted audiences agree that **environmental crime is insufficiently prosecuted or not prosecuted at all**, even Judges and Prosecutors.
- The majority of all groups are not familiar with the National and European legislation for the protection of NATURA 2000 areas. In general, the targeted audiences consider the Greek laws for the protection of the environment insufficient or with many omissions.
- All targeted audiences, except Judges, almost always **do not report environmental crimes**, even though they are usually aware of them. More than **55%** in all targeted audiences (except Judges/Prosecutors) consider the **media coverage insufficient**.
- Finally, all targeted audiences wish to be informed about environmental crime and the proper prosecution procedures **through printed material**.



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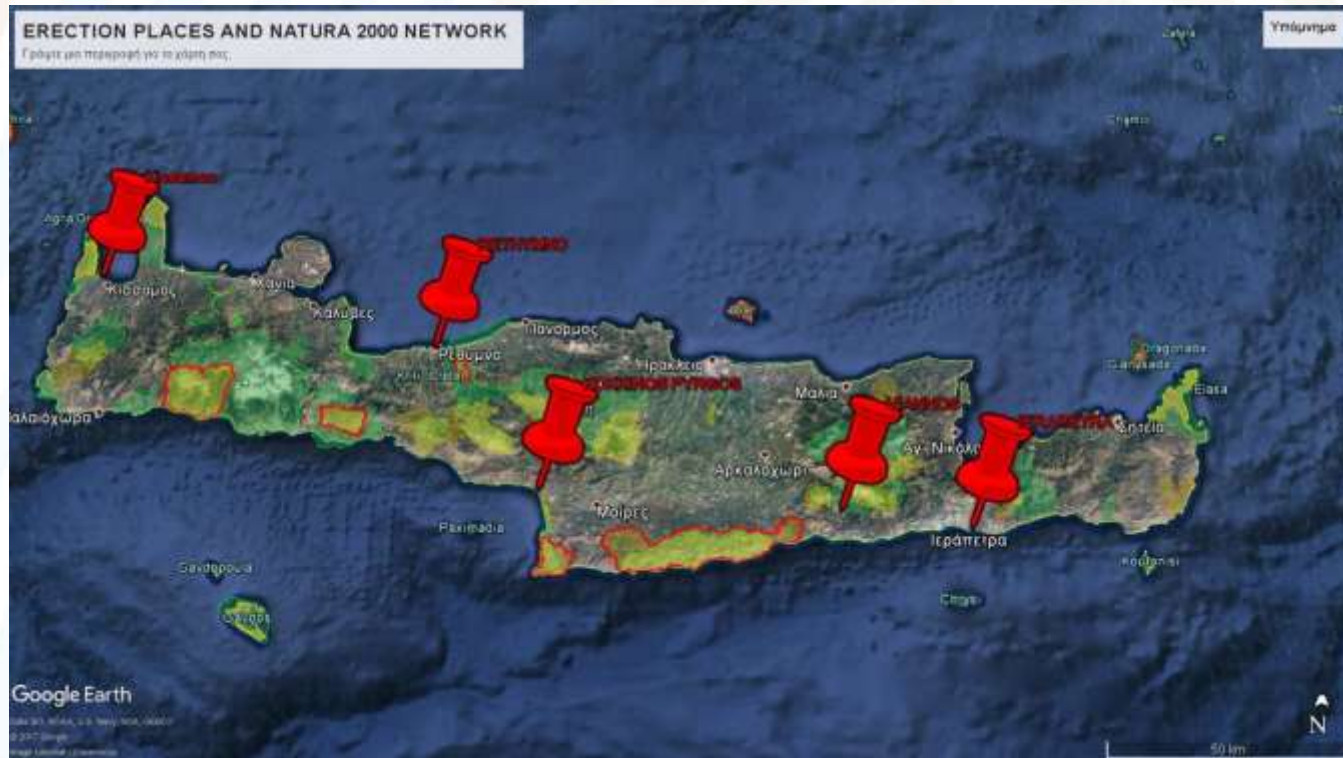
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## Action D1 (Notice Boards)

The Action has been concluded during January 2018.

The 5 Notice Boards were erected in 5 different places of Crete.

All selected areas are of high visit during summer, while the areas of Ierapetra and Rethymno are also visited by many people during winter time too.



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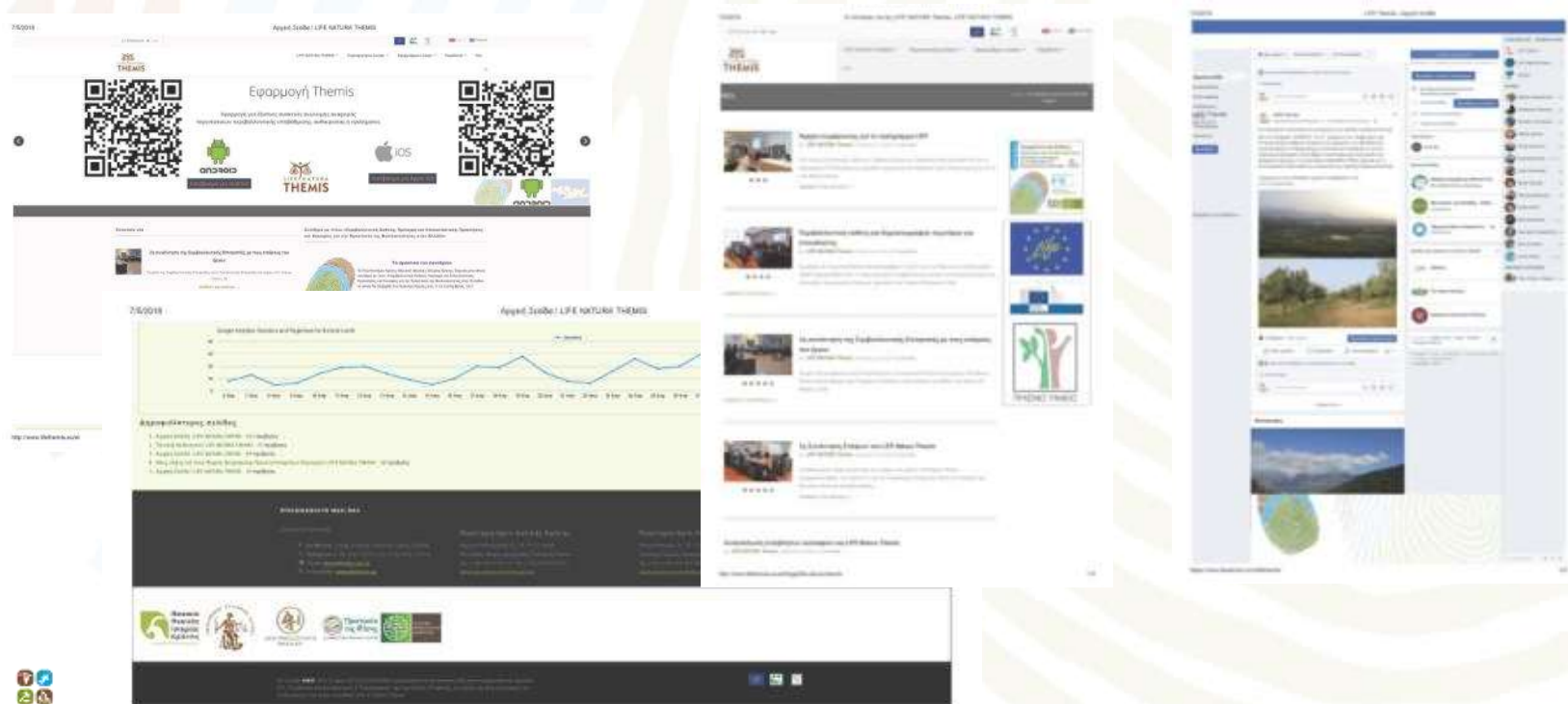




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**Action D2 (Project website)** is in full operation since March 2016 ([www.lifethemis.eu](http://www.lifethemis.eu)). Information about the LIFE Natura Themis project and the implementation of project actions is updated on a regular basis. The **Facebook page** of the project (@lifethemis) was created in November 2016 and is being updated on a regular basis too.



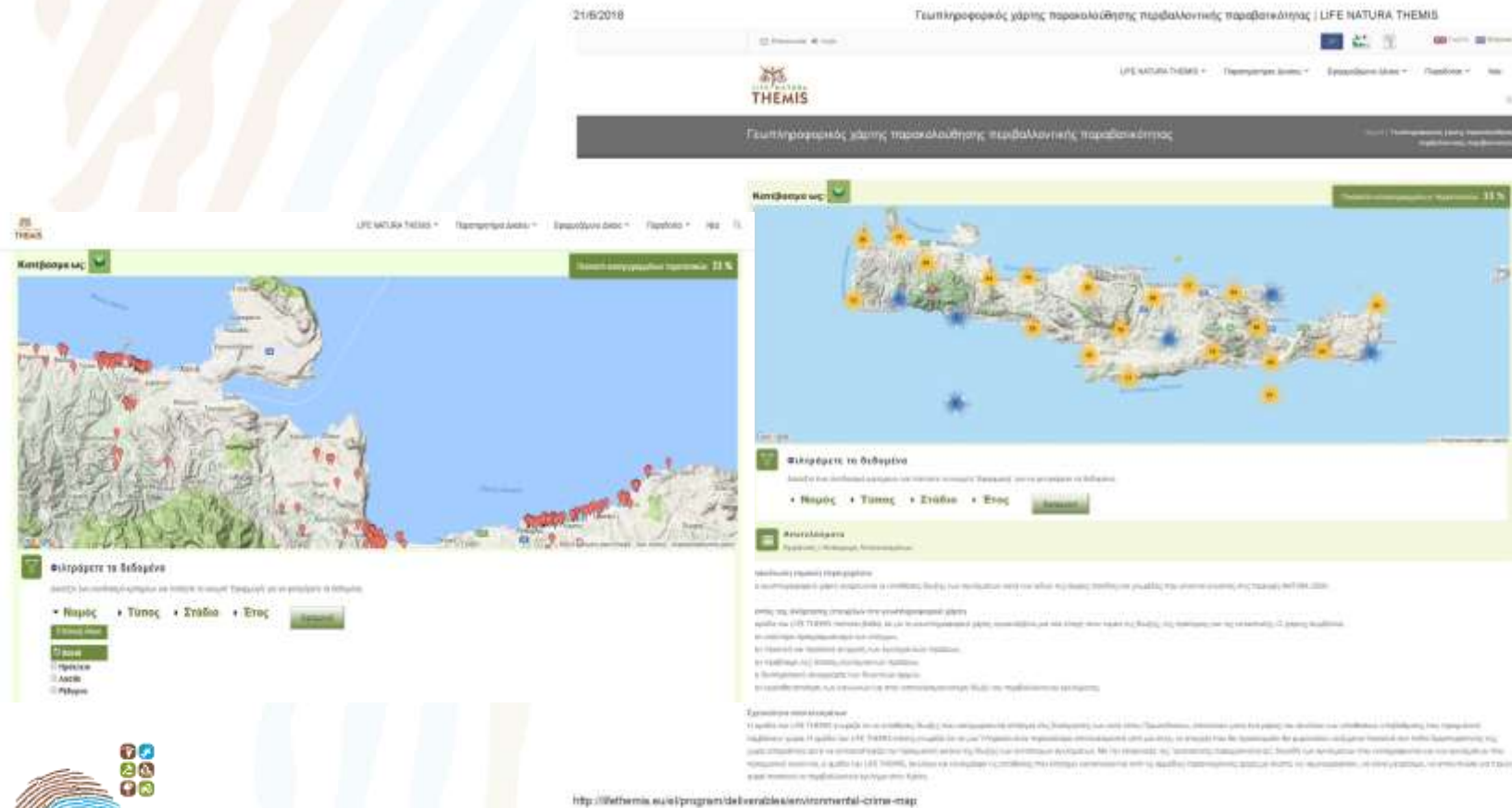
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**Geoinformation Map:** Shows hot spots of environmental crime in Crete, according to the data collected by HB and CB in Cretan courts and competent authorities



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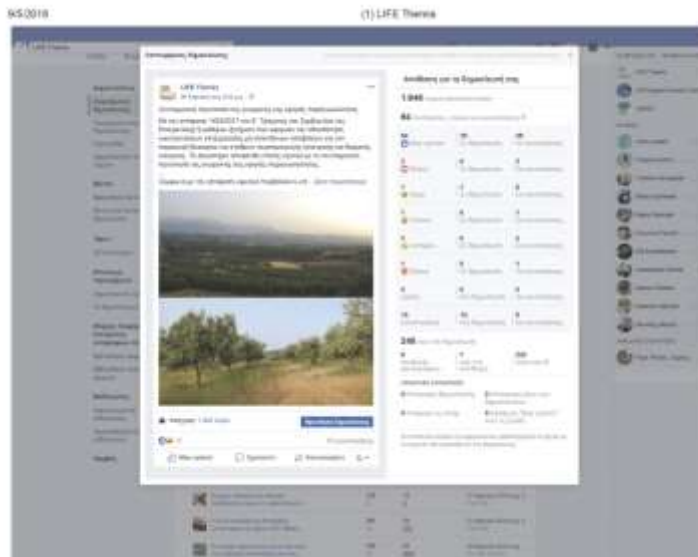
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## Action D2 (Project website)

Project **Facebook page** (<https://www.facebook.com/lifethemis>) [LIFE is regularly updated with all project news and various posts relevant to the project's objectives].

Up today:

- 517 people like the page
- 524 people follow the page
- More than 1,900 people were attracted at least once (6,000 were reported for whole previous period-MtR).



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**Action D4 (Networking with other LIFE and non-LIFE projects)** started on time and continues.

❑ **Four (4) declaration agreements** have been signed with:

- ✓ «Conservation measures to assist the adaptation of *Falco eleonora* to climate change» [LIFE13 NAT/GR/000909 – LIFE EIClimA]
- ✓ «European Network of Prosecutors for the Environment» [LIFE14/GIE/UK/000043 – LIFE ENPE]
- ✓ «Improving lowland forest habitats for Birds in Cyprus» [LIFE13 NAT/CY/000176LIFE – LIFE-FORBIRDS]
- ✓ «The ecological services, social benefits and economic value of ecosystem services in Natura 2000 sites in Crete» [LIFE13 INF/GR/000188 – LIFE Natura 2000 Value Crete]

❑ **Two (2) networking visits** took place so far (LIFE-FORBIRDS, Cyprus and BirdLife Malta).

❑ **13 networking activities** took place during the reporting period.



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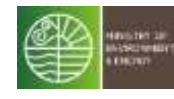
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**Action D5 (Dissemination of the project and its results)** started in October 2016.

- **Five (5) project banners**
- **10,000 copies** of the project **leaflet**
- **Five (5) e-Newsletters** and **one (1) extra e-Newsletter** were produced and disseminated to more than **2,500** recipients each time.
- News about the project and its activities are presented every three months in the quarterly journal of HSPN **"I Fysi" (Nature)** circulating to about **1,000** recipients.
- Project and its results were promoted in more than **25 local, national and international events**:
  - 3 Conferences (1 International and 2 National). One of them was the National ELD Conference of Action B3, where four (4) oral and 1 poster presentations were devoted to the project;
  - 2 Training Seminars for students of the UoC and the Technical University of Crete (TUC);
  - 2 Summer Schools (1 for journalists and 1 for teachers);
  - 3 Workshops for lay public and rural population (4 in the area of Chania, 1 in Rethymno, 3 in Heraklion and 2 in Lassithi);
  - 12 events organized/co-organized by the Beneficiaries; and
  - 1 local festival organized by the Municipality of Archanes-Asterousia.
- Leaflets were also distributed in **11 different events** outside LIFE activities.
- More than **2,625** persons have been informed and became aware about "green crime", environmental liability for biodiversity damage and nature protection tasks through these events.



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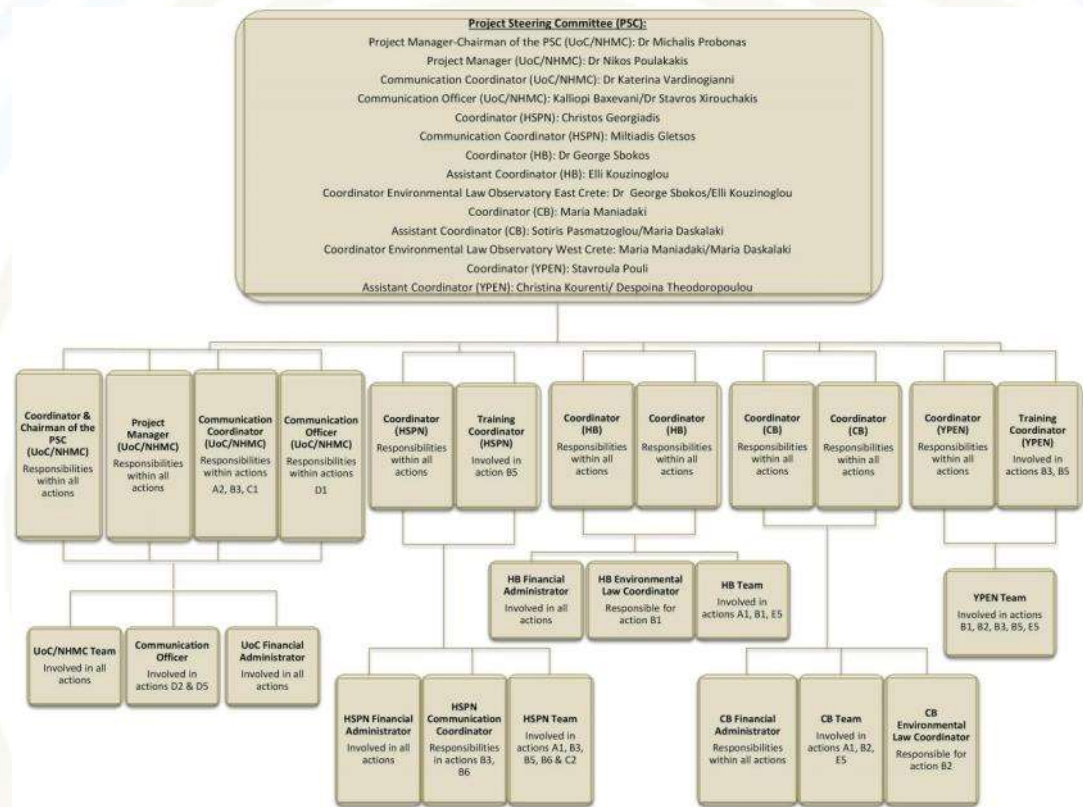
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## Action E1 (Project Management) continues.

- All beneficiaries have established their working teams, and the **Project Steering Committee (PSC)** was created on time.
- The 3-member **Committee of Experts (ComExp)** has been created.

Members of ComExp are the following:

- ❖ Dr. Aggeliki Kallia-Antoniou, Academic Professor
- ❖ Dr. Ioannis Sagias, Greek Ombudsman
- ❖ Mr. Panagiotis Panagiotopoulos, Prosecutor



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### Action E2 (Monitoring of the project progress) continues.

- ✓ **Six (6) meetings** of the **PSC** took place during the current period:
- ✓ **Two (2) Joint Meetings of the PSC and the ComExp** took place in Athens and Heraklion respectively).
- ✓ During the 1<sup>st</sup> Joint Meeting (March 2017) three (3) representatives of the Ministry of Justice, Transparency and Human Rights (MJTHR) participated, informed of issues within their competence and received a Memorandum compiled by the PSC in order to facilitate the project.
- ✓ Representative of the EMT visited the project **three (3)** times so far.
- ✓ **EU/EASME** visited LIFE Natura Themis project in **May 2018**.



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- ✓ The project indicators **were updated** with the collaboration of the LIFE External Monitoring Team (EMT) during the period February 8-9, 2018.
- ✓ All indicators were inserted to the **LIFE Key Project-level Indicators (KPI) database** by the LIFE EMT.
- ✓ Different monitoring tables are kept by the project Coordinator Teams, in order to control and sufficiently describe the effectiveness of each separate implemented Action.

Open/Close (Amount)	Network Standard(s)	At the beginning	At the end	At the end of the period	Value	Comments	Searching and/or assessment process of the general public through the subject website	Notes the indicators for each of the parameters of both inputs.
001	Not available	-	13,419	40,703	27,285	Website features: Facebook icon not included	Website design	Other (specify if connected to a...
002	Language and font design	-	1,580	2,020	2,710	Website features	Website design	
003	Not available	-	-	-	-	Not available: flow, website structure	Website design	
004	Not available	-	4,111	20,103	16,992	Website features	Website design	

11. If there had been no biological mechanism of the genetic code

Specific Contract	Under which the procurement is taking place	Is the procurement eligible for EU/EEA tenders?	Is the contract covered	Is the contract eligible	Comments	Reporting under the systematic listing of the general public	Is there the likelihood for (or the occurrence of) sub-contracting	
2014	High mobility	1	1	40,000	10,000	EU prior-approval, 2 years maintenance, 2 years delivery	Contract listing	Not likely to be awarded later
2014	Other modes of transport	1	1	30,000	10,000	1 year TV sets, two further years		
2014	Deployment of personnel and materials bordered	1	1	5,000	10,000	2 months border	Contract listing	
2014	Technical services and systems	1	1			They are included in Table 10.2	Contract listing, Forwarding	
2014	Technical services and systems	1	1			They are included in "Other modes" 2014	Contract listing, Forwarding	
2014	Contracted activities	1	1	1,000	5,000	12 months of work in general	Contract listing, Forwarding	

11.2 Internet Limited on regarding processes of the environmental liability system addressed with regulatory for information and awareness process

Year(s) (start)	Where the initial public offer(s) took place(s)	All the beginning	At the middle of the period	At the end	1 Year before	1 year after	1 month before	1 month after	Where the follow-up change in the market value occurred	Where the type of party
2011	115	1,110	8,110	7,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000

### 1.1.1. Numerical simulation



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