

CONSERVATION OF SPECIES AND HABITATS THROUGH SUSTAINABLE AGRICULTURE



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ABOUT THE SEMINAR

GREEN BALKANS in partnership with AGRICULTURAL UNIVERSITY - PLOVDIV and the German Foundation EuroNatur are pleased to invite you to a SEMINAR on the topic „Conservation of species and habitats through sustainable agriculture“

The event will be held via the on-line platform Zoom.

BACKGROUND

In recent years, the active management of rare species, habitats and landscapes by NGOs through direct investment in agricultural activities, livestock breeding and consulting services has become increasingly important. The purchase of agricultural land in areas with high levels of biodiversity and preserved landscapes, cultivation of rare and autochthonous breeds of domestic animals, the implementation of traditional farming practices – transhumance, pastoralism, etc. – are carried out by various non-governmental organizations in Bulgaria. In many cases, these initiatives are part of international and partnership projects, supported by leading European organizations and institutions such as EuroNatur, EAF, FZS, EU LIFE Program, etc. In addition to the direct environmental impact, these activities also contribute to the preservation of traditions and culture, the conservation of the genetic resources of rare breeds and the increase of their range of distribution, conservation and landscaping of the target areas. These initiatives have been implemented as a priority in areas with high biodiversity such as NATURA 2000, the European Green Belt Initiative, National and Nature Parks. In Bulgaria, several leading non-governmental environmental organizations are developing these tendencies.

OBJECTIVES

- Sharing positives and achievements of this type of activity;
- Exchange of know-how on agriculture and livestock breeding with environmental focus;
- Summarizing the total number of animals and areas managed for nature conservation purposes;
- Assessment of effect on target species, habitats and landscapes;
- Opportunities for collaboration and cooperation;
- Identification of major difficulties and challenges in the process;
- Provision and use of ecosystem services;
- Gathering feedback on agricultural policies.

THEMATIC TOPICS TOWARDS RARE AND PROTECTED SPECIES CONSERVATION:

1. Conservation-oriented agriculture;
2. Conservation-oriented livestock breeding;
3. Aquaculture management of water bodies with conservation focus;
4. Ecosystem services.

HOW TO PARTICIPATE:

Presentations (Powerpoint)

LANGUAGES:

Bulgarian, English

IMPORTANT DATES:

February 17, 2021	Application for participation and filling in the registration form: https://docs.google.com/forms/d/16QwU2XW4DpnU7Tq0TqN-mVZge-2ZZPK2XbICTbrkXK0/edit
March 20, 2020	Submit abstract to: workshops@greenbalkans.org
March 11-12, 2021	Conducting the seminar – Plovdiv



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