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First Capitalisation Workshop

*Designing the future system of observing systems to assess and address threats to the Mediterranean marine ecosystem
- State-of-the-art, needs and future direction*

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Project name: Protecting European Biodiversity from Invasive Alien Species - **INVALIDIS**

Project coordinator: Dr. Petros Varelidis (Natural Environment and Climate Change Agency, Greece – Lead Partner)

Project duration: 01/06/2018-31/05/2023

Funding authority: European Regional Development Fund (ERDF)

Geographic extension: 7 partners (5 in Mediterranean states)

Project Partners: NECCA (Greece), FLA (Italy), Regional Government of Extremadura (Spain), OEC (France), ADR-BI (Romania), ZPR (Latvia), ICETA (Portugal)

- ❑ Objective of INVALIDIS project: to improve environmental policies, by supporting policy measures for the prevention, early detection and control of **Invasive Alien Species (IAS)**



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- ❑ Main contribution of the INVALIDIS project to IAS management:
 - Networking: exchange of experience at European/national/regional levels (scientific community, public authorities, NGOs etc)
 - Baseline studies, risk assessment framework for ecosystems
 - Action plans for improving policy instruments on IAS




□ Information/data provided by INVALIDIS:

- Comparative analysis of territorial policies on IAS management (all EU member states)
- Dimensions determining ecosystems' vulnerability to IAS (INVALIDIS partners' states)
- Territorial authorities' management capacities and needs (INVALIDIS partners' states)
- Good practice guide – IAS management (at European/national/regional level):
 - MedMIS platform: IAS in Marine Protected Areas (MPAs) across the Mediterranean
 - ELNAIS: Ellenic Network on Aquatic Invasive Species
- Methodology (under development): risk assessment framework for ecosystems
- Main gap: lack of coordination

- ❑ Regulation (EU) No **1143/2014** on the prevention and management of the introduction and spread of invasive alien species

- ❑ Main bottlenecks to be addressed in connection with IAS:
 - Low level of cooperation between authorities and stakeholders, lack of public awareness on IAS, knowledge gaps, conflicts of interest

- ❑ INVALIDIS project's contribution:
 - 3 interregional workshops, 2 site visits (stakeholders from all partners' countries)
 - Regional stakeholders' meetings and public dialogue events
 - Communication/dissemination activities on IAS (info-days, participation in 3rd party events, media appearances and campaigns)

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- ❑ Governance frameworks needed to address such challenges more extensively:
 - Regulation (EC) No 1143/2014 to be implemented at national level
 - National lists of IAS to be drafted for each member state

 - ❑ Main take home messages from INVALIDIS and suggestions for future project trajectories:
 - Need for inter- and intraregional cooperation and coordination (especially in regard to marine invasive alien species in Mediterranean)



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Thank you!



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