

Balkan–Mediterranean Wetland LIVING LAB

Improving the conservation effectiveness of wetlands



"Practical significance and application of the Wet Main Areas Project Results"

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Most Projects like Wetmain Areas Are Using Public Funds

They must have a practical Significance. Their Results Must have some Application

They should not be forgotten in a drawer

How can we use the Data/Information of the Project?

1. Planning/Monitoring for Biodiversity/ Nature Conservation

- **Small wetlands create a valuable network of habitats essential for species movement, migration and dispersal**
- **1/5 of them are uniquely important – form ecological corridors outside and among Natura 2000 sites. Possible incorporation into management plans/Protection/Restoration.**

2. Water Resource Management/ Climate Change Mitigation

Water Storage and Use (Agriculture)/ Groundwater Enrichment. Integration in Regional Drainage Basin Management Plans

- **Flood Control in extreme weather due to Climate Change**

3. Basis for Further Enhance and Promote Scientific Research on the Above

4. Environmental Education / Raise Public Awareness on the Importance of Wetlands

5. Foster Ecotourism and Recreation Activities. Contribute to Conservation through incentives of creating profits for Local Societies

6. Observing EU and National Legislation

- **Relevant Directives (92/43, 2009/147, 2000/60, 2007/60)**
- **Establish new regulatory acts for improved management of unprotected wetlands in compliance with existing national and European legislation**

7. Reporting for International Conventions (e.g. Ramsar, CMS)

8. Develop Transnational Cooperation on All the Above

THANK YOU FOR PAYING YOUR ATTENTION



Any Questions?