

Mission Lakes Webinar Series

Building Consensus for Lake Restoration: Governance, Engagement and Cooperation

From dialogue to action: practical approaches to align competing interests and unlock collaborative nature-based solutions



4th #MissionLakes Webinar

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Program:

Time	Title Presentation	Presenter	Description
13:30 – 13:35	Presentation to workshop and first presenter	Perla Rivadeneyra (<i>Fondazione Eni Enrico Mattei</i>)	Welcome to webinar, introducing the presentations, house-keeping rules
13:35 – 14:05 (20 min presentation, 10 min Q&A)	Co-creation in ecosystem restoration navigating challenges and conflicts	Sonia Mena (<i>Wetlands Int.</i>)	Presentation on conflict resolution in stakeholder engagement, methods and tools (methodological presentation)
14:05 – 14:35 (25 min presentation, 5 min Q&A)	From planning to action. ProCleanLakes, a common vision for European Natural Lakes.	Xanthi Chantzistroutsiou and Miltos Gletsos (<i>Hellenic Society for the Protection of Nature</i>)	The ProCleanLakes approach for going from planning to actions for lake restoration (case study presentation)
14:35 - 15:05 (25 min presentation, 5 min Q&A)	Restoring Europe’s Lakes: Governance Complexity, Stakeholder Engagement, and the FutureLakes Approach	Julia Szulecka (<i>Norwegian Institute for Water Research</i>)	The approach of the FutureLakes project for tackling governance, complexity and stakeholder engagement (case study presentation)
15:05-15:35 (25 min presentation, 5 min Q&A)	Stakeholder engagement in lake governance	Heikki Mäkinen (<i>Lake Vesijärvi Foundation</i>)	Practical insights from the Lake Vesijärvi Foundation (stakeholder in FutureLakes) as a unique and successful model, this is a presentation from a stakeholder perspective.
15:35 – 15:36	Closing the session	Perla Rivadeneyra (<i>Fondazione Eni Enrico Mattei</i>)	

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Presenters details:

1. EUROLakes

Presentation Title: Co-creation in ecosystem restoration navigating challenges and conflicts

Presenter: Sonia Mena Jara

Institution: Wetlands International

Position: Senior Technical Officer Peatlands

Bio: With over 20 years of experience, Sonia works at the interface of wetlands conservation and restoration and socio-ecological systems, grounded in transdisciplinary and co-creation approaches. Across Chile, Brazil, and the Netherlands, she has contributed to ecosystem restoration, water management, and Disaster Risk Reduction. Her current practice increasingly draws on Arts & Science methodologies to enhance participatory processes and enable behavioural change.

2. ProCleanLakes

Presentation Title: From planning to action. ProCleanLakes, a common vision for European Natural Lakes.

Presenter 1: Xanthi Chantzistroutsiou

Institution: Hellenic Society for the Protection of Nature (HSPN)

Position: Head of EU Projects Department

Bio: Biologist with an MSc in Oceanography and Management of Marine Environment, with a Ph.D. in Biology and specialization in Ecology and Systematics of microorganisms from transitional aquatic ecosystems. She has worked in the private sector as a tutor, having taught students from elementary school up to high school, while she has also worked in European projects as a Ph.D. candidate and a post-doctoral researcher. At the HSPN she is involved in the management of European projects.

Presenter 2: Miltos Gletsos

Institution: Hellenic Society for the Protection of Nature (HSPN)

Position: Coordinator of Nature Protection section

Bio: Environmental Scientist MSc and Electrical Engineer, works in the HSPN since 2015. He is the coordinator of Nature Protection section, and he is also a part of the implementation of the following projects: LIFE “For Open Forests” in mountains Oiti and Kallidromo and also “Natura Themis” about environmental crime, the “A to A – Ancient Cities for Endemic Flora, From Apollo to Athena” project that is about the preservation of endemic plants in archaeological sites, as well as the programme for the “Regeneration of Kythera” in Kythera island.

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3. FutureLakes

Presentation Title: Restoring Europe's Lakes: Governance Complexity, Stakeholder Engagement, and the FutureLakes Approach

Presenter: Dr. Julia Szulecka

Institution: Norwegian Institute for Water Research

Position: Researcher

Bio: Dr Julia Szulecka is an environmental social scientist with a background in political science and innovation studies. She works as a researcher at the Norwegian Institute for Water Research (NIVA) and coordinates the Work Package dedicated to Engagement and Governance in the FutureLakes project.

4. FutureLakes

Presentation Title: Stakeholder engagement in lake governance

Presenter: Heikki Mäkinen (Mr)

Institution: Lake Vesijärvi Foundation (Lahti, Finland)

Position: CEO

Bio: PhD Heikki Mäkinen has been working as a CEO of Lake Vesijärvi Foundation since 2008. The foundation enables and coordinates water management actions in the region of Lahti. His educational background is in planning geography and political sciences with special interest in communicative planning issues. Heikki Mäkinen has a long experience in water management planning at local, national and EU level. He is an active player in the Finnish Water Restoration and Management Network, an open platform promoting co-operation between administration, researchers, local actors, entrepreneurs, operators and financiers.