**Awareness raising event for local organizations and citizens of the Municipality of Gortyna**

*"A substantial dialogue addressing the protection of natural and cultural heritage within Sustainable Development" concerning the Asterousia Biosphere Reserve – Program Man and the biosphere MAB/UNESCO*

**Friday 22 October 2021, Cultural Center of the Parish of Agioi Deka (17:00-18:30)**

Chair**: Asterousia Protection Association, Heraklion Development** and **Municipality of Gortyna**

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| 17:00 -17:10 | **Theano Vrentzou -Skordalaki**  **Regional representative** | President of the Association for the Protection of Asterousia, Chairman of the Local Committee for the Management of Asterousia (LCMA) | *The program and its importance* |
| 17:10 – 17:30 | **Titos Chatzakis**  **Representative from the municipality** | Deputy Mayor of the Municipality of Gortyna | *Greetings* |
| 17:30 -17:55 | **Michael Scoullos** | President of the Hellenic Committee of the MAB/UNESCO, MIO-ECSDE & MEdIES program | *What is the MAB program? Possibilities, prospects for sustainable Development of the Asterousia Biosphere Reserve and the wider area through the MAB program. The need for participation of local community* |
| 17:55- 18:00 | **Jonathan Baker** | UNESCO /Europe Bureau | *Greeting* |
| 18:00 - 18:20 | **Vassilis Psalidas**  **Eftychia Korkidi** | MEdIES Pedagogical Team | *Description of participatory environmental management actions for the Biosphere Reserve and the role of the wider area of Messara* |
| 18:20 – 18:30 | **Michael Scoullos** | President of the Hellenic Committee of the MAB /UNESCO, MIO-ECSDE & MEdIES program | *Benefits of the local community from the inclusion of the Asteroid Biosphere Reserve in the Global Network of the Biosphere Reserves MAB /UNESCO* |
| 18:30 – 19:00 | **Discussion** |  |  |

**During the event, all the prescribed measures for the protection of public health will be observed**