

2023 Asterousia Hybrid University, 18-24 September

PARTICIPANTS' PREPERATION OF CONTENT

As we are close to the course dates, we are happy to inform you that we comprise a group of 28 people from 10 countries (14 international from Egypt, Italy, Croatia, Lebanon, Malta, Palestine, Serbia, Slovenia, Tunisia, plus 14 Greeks, out of which 7 come from Crete).

During the course we will have many opportunities to interact and exchange experiences and practices from our countries. In order to achieve more effective exchange amongst us **we ask all participants to prepare:**

1. A **one-two minute pitch** about your institution, main fields of work and relation to water management or environmental management in general. This may have multiple formats (an informal oral explanation, 1-2 slides, a leaflet, a book, etc.)
2. A **case of water management from your country**. Please be ready to discuss with us an example of (good or bad) water management from your country / region/ Biosphere Reserve. A **1-page long text** with the main findings of your research is highly recommended. Questions that you could address in your research (you are open to add more):
 - What are the characteristics of the region?
 - What are the main challenges faced about water?
 - How did the managing authority cope with the challenges?
 - What were the successes and failures in the process?
 - What are your own insights from studying/ or your lived experience of this case?
3. Based also on your above case, consider a **“burning question/issue” around water management**, that you would like to explore during the course. Many of you have already mentioned some issues/questions in your applications, but maybe you can think of them more deliberately as you prepare for the course. After we split in groups on day 1, you will meet and exchange in your group every day, addressing your main Question, and keep integrating input from the course activities and discussions. (We suggest you try to focus on Qs that can be addressed through our collective experiences, avoid too general or vague Qs). You will be asked to sum up your findings and insights in the final Synthesis Day.