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PRACTICAL INFO

**ASTEROUSIA HYBRID UNIVERSITY 2026-2027:
PHASE A
4-8 OCTOBER 2026, ASTEROUSIA BR, CRETE**
*Climate-Resilient Communities
in Mediterranean Biosphere Reserves*

AIRTICKETS

Our issued tickets allow at least one personal item and an 8kg carry-on bag but please read carefully your e-ticket in case the air company has any other provisions. Kindly follow their check-In procedures, so that you don't have any costly surprises at the Airport.

Note that **you should make your online check-in**. Otherwise be on time for the physical check-in at the airport.

Keep your boarding passes handle them to Mrs Eirini Sakellaraki when you register on Monday, 5 October 2026.

PICK UPS

We will provide transfers from and to Herakleio airport for all participants. **Pick up and drop offs** will be arranged in groups according to your flights. The pick-ups and drop-offs, have been arranged in groups, according to flight details. Please consult the **"Pick up Groups" list in the Drive** for your name and pick-up time.

Meeting point at Herakleion Airport: Opposite the arrivals exit, at Desk 22 ("Union").

Look for the sign: "Asterousia Hybrid University".

For problems, delays or more information, contact Mr Antonis Kapetanakis (South Transfers) at +30 6974411590.

ACCOMMODATION & MEALS

We will be accommodated at **Thalori Traditional Ecotourism Village** (<https://www.thalori.com/en>).

Hotel costs (shared rooms and breakfast) will be covered by the organizers. We kindly ask you to respect the daily itinerary and arrive well ahead of time for breakfast.

We will provide coffee break (whenever possible) and meals throughout the Asterousia Hybrid University, considering the dietary requirements you have shared.

An **informal welcome dinner** will be held at Thalori restaurant on 4th October at 20:00.

"GREEN EVENT" CONSIDERATIONS

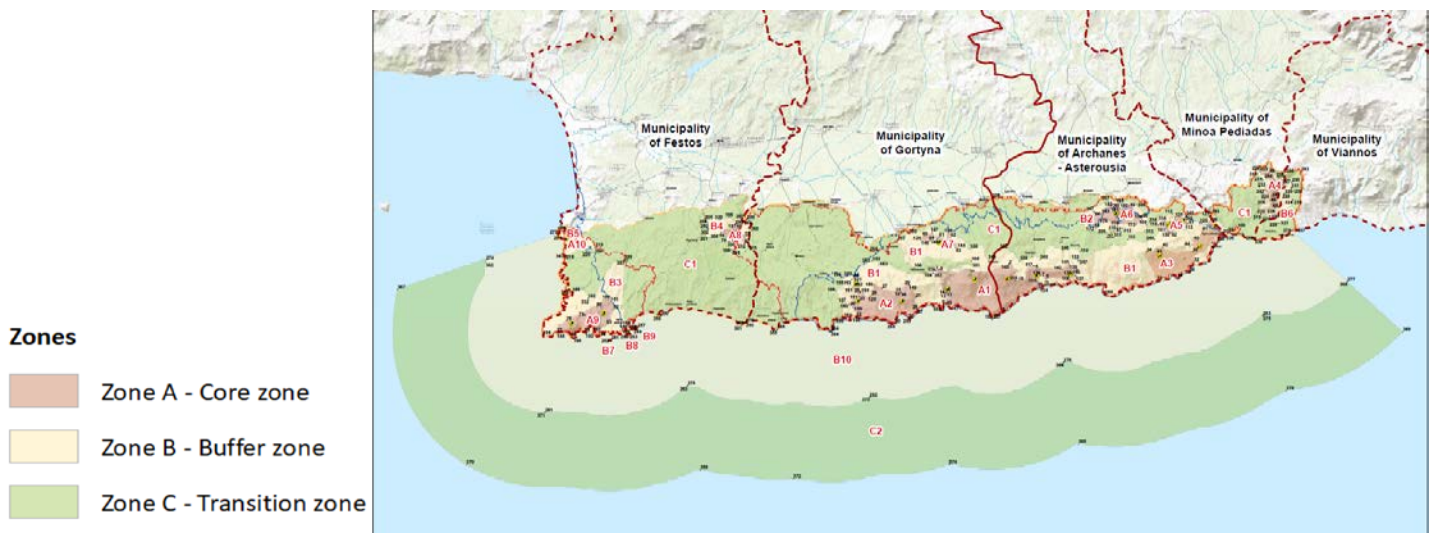
PAPER: In our effort to keep a paperless event, you are kindly requested to **Bring Your Own Device** (laptop or tablet). All material, presentations and documents will be shared in our online Drive folder **"2026-Asterousia"**, where, you are kindly requested to upload your material. **As we will be having our meetings also in places without internet, please have your PPTs also in a USB stick.**

PLASTICS: We are targeting a plastic-free event, avoiding single-use plastics throughout the course. Tap water is of good quality in our host place, so please **bring your refillable bottle** with you!

MEALS: We will offer meat and vegetarian options from high quality local products, according to your dietary preferences.

OUR EVENTS ON A MAP

We will be visiting various spots (zones) of the Asterousia BR. All hot-spots are marked in this [ONLINE MAP](#).



INTERNET / WI-FI

Wi-Fi access is provided at our host-place, THALORI, but as we will be running sessions in small villages around the BR, some meeting rooms will **NOT** have internet. **So please make sure you carry your presentation also in a USB stick.**

WEATHER & CLOTHING

WEATHER in South Crete is generally warm during the day (up to 25°C), but at night it can be quite chilly (12-14 °C) especially close to Kofinas, the peak of Asterousia. For the exact local weather forecast check [METEO.GR](#), a few days before the event.

CLOTHING: For outdoor activities - and particularly for the [trail activity](#) on 6 October - make sure you bring suitable trekking shoes, sunscreen, hat and comfortable clothes. Dressing in layers is a good idea for the season, together with a light jacket or anorak for the windy nights. Thalori has a swimming pool, and in Day-2 if you skip lunch you might have a 15 min window break for a test dive in Libyan Sea. So, plan accordingly :)

LIST OF PARTICIPANTS - GDPR

Remember to sign the participant list each day to confirm your attendance.

According to the new EU Regulation on General Data Protection (GDPR), by signing the Participants List, we acquire your explicit consent to retain the information stated therein for project purposes (communication, including photos and videos, invitations to events, activity reporting, statistics, future collaboration) and only. You may withdraw your consent where this is deemed necessary at any time by sending an email to info@medies.net.

LOGISTIC SUPPORT

Participants requiring further support with their travel, transportation or any other matter, please contact on WhatsApp or Viber:

- **Eirini Sakellaraki**,: +30 6955496623, sakellaraki@mio-ecsde.org (For travel, transportation, hotel topics).
- **Danai Amplianiti**: +30 6981110959, amplianiti@mio-ecsde.org (For travel).
- **Iro Alampei**: +30 6942467977, alampei@mio-ecdse.org (For agenda & presentations)
- **Vicky Malotidi** +30 6944628155 malotidi@mio-ecsde.org (For agenda & presentations)

We have set up a WhatsApp group to share updates with participants. In case you do not have access to the group please send an email to Danai or Eirini.

PLEASE CHECK THE MEdIES WEBSITE AND GOOGLE DRIVE REGULARLY FOR UPDATES

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The **main organisers** & sponsors of the Hybrid University are:

- Region of Crete
- Heraklion Development Agency (HDA) - Asterousia Biosphere Reserve (TEDA)
- Association for the Protection of Asterousia
- UNESCO Regional Bureau for Science and Culture in Europe (Venice Office)
- UNESCO Chair & Network for Management and Education for Sustainable Development at NKUA
- Mediterranean Information Office for Environment, Culture and Sustainable Development (MIO-ECSDE) through the initiative MEDIES

Other contributors: The Hybrid University will bring together a range of organisations within and around the Asterousia Biosphere Reserve, such as:

- Municipalities of the MAB region
- Local Cultural Associations
- Koudoumas Monastery
- Local Businesses
- Regional Directorate of Education of Crete & Vagionia High School
- Natural History Museum of Crete
- Voluntary Civil Protection Group "Filios Zeus"

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- Mediterranean Committee for Education for Sustainable Development (MCESD)



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