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From the editor:

Dear ICRE8 friends,

I am very happy to announce our fourth
During this period everyone at ICRE8 has been
re-search activities, projects, team publications
researchers and colleagues who have contributed
will enjoy and appreciate once more.



Josef Adler
ICRE8 Intern
DAFNE Project

ABOUT ICRE8



The International Centre for Research on the Environment and the Economy (**ICRE8**) is a non-for-profit, private, Research Centre dedicated to interdisciplinary research on the **Environment, Energy, Economy, Eco-in**Central to ICRE8's mission is the pursuit of **excellence** in conducting and presenting **research** and a commitment to explore relevant environmental, natural resources and energy issues, for a variety of circumstances and stakeholders and across different temporal and spatial scales. The Centre's **research expertise** includes financial analysis, socio-economic and econometric analysis, environmental valuation, political and institutional analysis, integrated environmental-economic modeling, cost-benefits analysis, multi-criteria analysis, life cycle analysis, risk analysis, geographical information systems, multi-stakeholder mediations techniques, game theory, information technologies and decision making tools development.

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Forthcoming Events

23rd Annual Conference of the European Association of Environmental and Resource Economists hosted by ICRE8

Venue: Athens, Greece

Date: 28 June – 1 July 2017



It is our pleasure to invite you to the 23rd Annual Conference of the European Association of Environmental and Resource Economists, 28 June – 1 July 2017, organized by the [International Centre for Research on the Environment and the Economy \(ICRE8\)](http://www.icre8.org), in collaboration with [Athens University of Economics and Business](http://www.aueb.gr), the [National and Kapodistrian University of Athens](http://www.nyuathens.edu), and [ATHENA Research and Innovation Center](http://www.aicr.org). Founded in 1990, the EAERE has over 1200 members in 80 countries, from Europe and beyond, from academic institutions, the public sector, and the private industry. Interests span from traditional economics, agricultural economics, forestry, and natural resource economics.

Visit [EAERE Conference website](http://www.eaere-conferences.org/2017) for more information.

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ICRE8 Participation in the EAERE 2017 Annual Conference

The 23rd Annual Conference of the European Association of Environmental and Resource Economists (EAERE) will be held in Athens, Greece, between the 28th of June and the 1st of July, 2017. The conference is organised by the [International Centre of Research on the Environment and the Economy \(ICRE8\)](http://www.icre8.org), in collaboration with Athens University of Economics

and Business, the National and Kapodistrian University of Athens, and ATHENA Research and Innovation Center.

Prof. Koundouri will chair one thematic session titled “*What are US Households willing to pay to avoid injuries from the deepwater horizon oil spill?*” and along with Prof. Loïc Berger, she will organise another thematic session titled : “*Deep uncertainty and climate change economics*”. The latter session includes a peer-reviewed paper titled “*Alternative types of ambiguity and their effects on the probabilistic properties and tail risks of environmental-policy variables*” co-authored by [Prof. Phoebe Koundouri](#), [Prof. Nikitas Pittis](#), [Dr. Panagiotis Samartzis](#), [Dr. Nikolaos Englozos](#), and [Prof. Andreas Papandreou](#).

In addition to the aforementioned publications, ICRE8 founder and scientific director, [Prof. Phoebe Koundouri](#) will organise and chair a policy session titled *The New SDG Index and Dashboards and SDGs Implementation in Greece and neighbouring regions*, which will include discussions regarding the Sustainable Development Solutions Network (SDSN), SDSN’s main goals and activities, projects and relevant initiatives within Greece and the potential for collaboration with appropriate Mediterranean and Central-Asian Initiatives. Panelists for this policy session will include former Greek Prime Minister George Papandreou, as well as Prof. Koundouri.

To read more about ICRE8's participation in EAERE, click [here](#).

ICRE8 News

ICRE8 researchers met with Prof. Michael Grubb, Professor of International Energy and Climate Change Policy at UCL



ICRE8 senior researchers [Stella Tsani](#) and [Achileas Vassilopoulos](#) and ICRE8 general administrator [Klea Morianou](#) had the opportunity to attend Professor [Michael Grubb](#)'s presentation on "Planetary Economics and key issues in energy transition economics", followed by a round table discussion, also attended by [Kyriakos Vlachos](#), Adjunct Associate Professor of Decision Sciences at Alba Graduate Business School.

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European Geosciences Union General Assembly 2017 participation



Prof. [Phoebe Koundouri](#)'s (ICRE8, AUEB, LSE) abstract "Development of integrated scenarios to assess future conditions of aquatic ecosystems under water scarcity in the Mediterranean – perspectives from the GLOBAQUA project" was presented in the **European Geosciences**

Union General Assembly 2017. Session: Water resources - assessment, management, and allocation - in (semi-)arid regions. **Vienna, Austria, 23–28 April 2017.**

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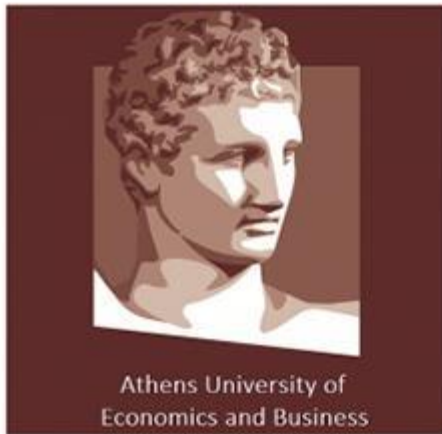
ICRE8 researcher Nicos Theodossiou promoted to Full Professor



We are proud to announce that another ICRE8 researcher has made Full Professor. [Nicos Theodossiou](#) has been promoted to Professor and Head at the Division of Hydraulics and Environmental Engineering of the Aristotle University of Thessaloniki!

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Prof. Phoebe Koundouri appointed Director of the ReSEES Lab



Research Team on Socio-Economic and Environmental Sustainability (ReSEES)

The Assembly of International and European Economic Studies Department of the Athens University of Economics and Business has recommended to the School Dean the appointment of Prof. [Phoebe Koundouri](#) (ICRE8, AUEB, LSE) as the first Director of the recently established Research Laboratory on Socio-Economic and Environmental Sustainability ([ReSEES](#)).

MEP Water Group: The role of Water in Adaptation to Climate Change



Dr [Ebun Akinsete](#), Senior Researcher at ICRE8, participated in a panel discussion on “The Role of Water in Adaptation to Climate Change”, hosted by the the [MEP water Group](#) in Association with [The European Water Supply and Sanitation Technology Platform](#) (WssTP) at the European Parliament, in Brussels, on 6 December 2016. Speakers included Yvon

Slingenberg (Director of Dir A — International and Mainstreaming, DG CLIMA), Mario Nova (Director General of the DG Environment, Energy & Sustainable Development of the Lombardy Region), Jakob Møller Nielsen (Director for Urban Development, City of Copenhagen), and Jean-Pierre Maugendre (Deputy Director for Sustainable Development, SUEZ representing The Business Alliance for Water and Climate - BAFWAC). The event was chaired by MEP Ester de Lange (chairwoman of the MEP Water Group and Vice-Chair of the European People's Party). Speakers passed commentary on the importance of water in the context of climate change from a policy perspective as well as in the context of case studies in Copenhagen, Denmark as well as the Region of Lombardy in Italy

EKLIPSE's first joint science-policy-society conference



EKLIPSE's first joint science-policy-society conference on a Knowledge and Learning Mechanism for Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services took place on 7 and 8 December 2016, at the Belgian Science Policy Office in Brussels. The EU funded EKLIPSE project held the first joint science-policy-society conference on a Knowledge and Learning Mechanism for Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services in Brussels. The two-day event was held on the 7th and 8th of December and brought together a diverse range of participants from different disciplines and countries across Europe. The EKLIPSE project aims to establish a robust and flexible long-term mechanism for policy support on issues related to Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services, communicating and engaging a wide set of knowledge holders in its work and ensuring tailor-made outreach of results – to knowledge requesters and to society more broadly.

In addition to a number of in-depth presentation on the EKLIPSE project work packages, the conference ran a number of interactive sessions which focused on various aspects of the project such as online platforms, stakeholder engagement and capacity building. The conference closed with participants exploring different means by which they could engage with the project going forward. [ICRE8](#) is involved in the project as part of 'the networks of

networks' and participating over the 2 days was Dr [Ebun Akinsete](#), Senior Researcher at ICRE8.

We Welcome Sotiri Mavrikis to the ICRE8-Team!



We are happy to welcome our new intern from Wageningen University & Research Centre who has just joined the ICRE8 team.

[Sotiri Mavrikis](#) specialises in Renewable Energy Technologies. He will be involved mainly in the BRIGAIID project.

New ICRE8 Projects

RECONNECT (Interreg) - Regional cooperation for the transnational ecosystem sustainable development (RECONNECT)



The objective of the project is to improve the capacity of local management authorities by promoting efficient management of natural resources through a regional approach. The specific objectives include: 1. Enrich the current management toolbox with instruments based on the genetic and functional biodiversity; 2. Identify and map the key marine habitats and evaluate the services they provide by socio-economic, cultural and legal approaches; 3. Engage citizens in environmental monitoring and conservation activities and involve stakeholders to boost potential for blue growth; 4. Develop a platform for the data storage and analysis of results based on cutting edge information technologies; 5. Establishment of a Decision Supporting System to enhance the MPAs management on a scientific basis.

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Updates on Ongoing ICRES Projects

OpenAIRE-Connect (H2020) - CONNECTing scientific results in support of Open Science



Open Science is around the corner. Scientists and organizations see it as a way to speed up, improve quality and reward, while policy makers see it as a means to optimize cost of science and leverage innovation. Open Science is an emerging vision, a way of thinking, whose challenges always gaze beyond its actual achievements. De facto, today's scientific communication ecosystem

lacks tools and practices to allow researchers to fully embrace Open Science. OpenAIRE-Connect aims to provide technological and social bridges, and deliver services enabling uniform exchange of research artefacts (literature, data, and methods), with semantic links between them, across research communities and content providers in scientific communication.

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OpenAIRE Newsletter January 2017



[OpenAIRE](#) Newsletter

January 2017 is out!

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DAFNE (H2020) - Decision Analytic Framework to explore the water-energy-food Nexus in complex transboundary water resources of fast developing countries.



The overall objective of DAFNE is to establish a decision-analytic framework (DAF) for [Participatory and Integrated Planning \(PIP\)](#). The DAF is a multi-step procedure that will enable the extensive, quantitative analysis of the anticipated effects of alternative planning options on the broad range of heterogeneous and often competing interests in transboundary river basins ultimately facilitating comparison and negotiation based on **active engagement of stakeholders** in the process from the outset of the project, and integration of multiple and diverse international and local academic expertise ranging from natural sciences, water engineering, and environmental economics, to water governance and laws in order to develop **tools to facilitate social understanding of the impact and support comparative analysis of the alternative** through negotiations.

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DAFNE Stakeholder Workshop Lusaka, 2-5 February, 2017



ICRE8 researchers

Dr. [Ebun Akinsete](#) and [Josef Adler](#) participated in the [DAFNE](#) H2020 project Stakeholder Workshop in Zambia. On the 2nd and the 3rd of February DAFNE partners and stakeholders

from several of the countries lying in the Zambezi gathered in Lusaka to discuss issues surrounding the Zambezi river basin. Stakeholders from business, politics, NGOs, and local grass-root communities attended the workshop.

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SMIRES (H2020) - SMIRES: Science and Management of Intermittent Rivers and Ephemeral Streams (H2020)



This Action will bring together hydrologists, biogeochemists, ecologists, environmental economists, social researchers and stakeholders from 14 different countries to develop a research network for synthesising the fragmented and recent knowledge on IRES, improving our understanding of IRES ecology, and translating this into science-based, sustainable management of river networks.

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SMIRES WG2 workshop

The [SMIRES](#) WG2 meeting took place at the University of Evora on January 30-31 2017. The meeting's purpose was to discuss how to incorporate flow intermittency in the design of environmental flows. This workshop corresponds to the objective 2 and deliverable 4 of the WG2, and was identified as a priority in the project's kick-off meeting.

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BRIGAID (H2020)



BRIGAID BRIdges the GAP

for Innovations in Disaster resilience (BRIGAID) H2020 Project aims to provide structural, ongoing support for innovations in climate adaptation by developing an innovative mix of methods and tools, that should become a standard for climate adaptation innovations.

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Innovators, sign up for the BRIGAID H2020 project newsletter!

Are you an innovator, an investor or an end user interested in climate adaptation innovation? Subscribe to the BRIGAID newsletter now! If you are an innovator you should not miss this opportunity to participate in [BRIGAID](#) with your innovations! Also end users and investors could be interested in receiving the project's news digest and learn about upcoming BRIGAID events, innovations and outcomes straight to your inbox. You can unsubscribe at any time.

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3rd BRIGAID Project meeting took place in Berlin

ICRE8 junior researcher [Petros Xepapadeas](#) participated in the 3rd BRIGAID Project Meeting that took place in Berlin, Germany on 11 & 12 May 2017. The next project meeting will be taking place on 9 & 10 November 2017 in Venice Italy. It will be combined with an end-user

conference.

BlueBRIDGE (H2020)



[BlueBRIDGE](#) - Building Research environments fostering Innovation, Decision making, Governance and Education - is funded under H2020 and provides data services to scientists, researchers and data managers, opening funding opportunities for e-Infrastructures, innovating current practices in producing and delivering scientific knowledge advice to competent authorities and stakeholders. Also, it enlarges the spectrum of growth opportunities in distinctive Blue Growth areas. ICRE8 will support research activities on socioeconomic modelling of related datasets approaching future feasible scenarios on investment and policy making.

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The 4th BlueBRIDGE TCom Meeting, 7-10 March 2017

Dr. [Stella Tsani](#), participated in the 4th [BlueBRIDGE](#) TCom Meeting that took place on 7-10 March 2017. Stella presented the results of her joint work with Prof. [Phoebe Koundouri](#) (AUEB, LSE, ICRE8) in incorporating the socio-economic and environmental impact of aquaculture in operation and production management. Their study identifies, conceptualizes and monetizes the social and environmental impact of aquaculture and it provides proposals for incorporating it with the specific techno-economic and production models of Blue Economy, taking into account data and computational resources in reach.

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"BlueBRIDGE: Cloud infrastructure serving aquafarms and supporting models" seminar @ NKUA PESD Lab

The ["BlueBRIDGE: Cloud infrastructure serving aquafarms and supporting models" H2020 Project](#) workshop on "Performance evaluation, benchmarking and decision making in aquaculture, Strategic Investment Analysis and Scientific Planning/Alerting - relevant VREs" took place on the 28th of March 2017 @ Gripario Megaro, NKUA Department of Economics (Meeting Room 412), Sofokleous 1 St, Athens.

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Blue economy and integrated aquaculture management

Stella Tsani, Phoebe Koundouri, Eleni Petra, Charalampos Dimitrakopoulos and Gerasimos Antzoulatos have developed a framework to support the integrated management of aquaculture production and allows for decisions that are consistent with the concepts of environmental sustainability, economic and social efficiency. The framework is available as a web tool through the Virtual Research Environments (VREs) of the BlueBridge Gateway (<https://bluebridge.d4science.org>) integrated with additional tools that can be exploited by the Aquaculture companies.

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Recent and Forthcoming Publications

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New ICRE8 article on “Integrated production models for aquaculture and blue growth”



A new article by ICRE8

Scientific Director [Prof. Phoebe Koundouri](#) (ICRE8, AUEB, LSE) and ICRE8 Senior Researcher [Dr. Stella Tsani](#), “Integrated production models for aquaculture and blue growth” will be published in the forthcoming issue of [The European Files Magazine](#) , dedicated to "Blue Growth Strategy".

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To see the full list of recent and forthcoming publications, click [here](#).

ReSEES News

About ReSEES

The Laboratory for Research on Socio-Economic and Environmental Sustainability ([ReSEES](#)) is affiliated with the Athens University of Business and Economics (AUEB) and does policy relevant interdisciplinary research on environmental, natural resources and energy issues. The overarching goal of [ReSEES](#) theoretical and empirical research is to support the

understanding and implementation of Sustainable Development, as the only non-self-destructive path of socio-economic development.

Central to [ReSEES](#) Foundation mission will be the pursuit of excellence in the conduct and presentation of research and a commitment to explore relevant environmental, natural resources and energy, issues for a variety of circumstances and stakeholders and across different temporal and spatial scales.

Updates on Ongoing ReSEES Projects

GLOBAQUA (FP7)



Managing the effects of multiple stressors on aquatic ecosystems under water scarcity. The main aim of GLOBAQUA is to achieve a better understanding of how current water management practices and policies could be improved by identifying their main drawbacks and alternatives.

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The GLOBAQUA Project Newsletter - January 2017



▶ Second half of the project... first set of results now available!

GLOBAQUA has celebrated its 3rd year of project development. Although there are still many months to go, some of the results of the project are already published, including a special issue that has been released in *ECVIR* with three contributions presented in the 1st GLOBAQUA International Conference, among others. A first release of the work done results in that an international platform (Water Hub) enabling the search and retrieval of information from already existing web sources has been designed and implemented. A comparison of high-resolution modelling with larger scale modelling for selected hydrological indicators has been performed together with the assessment of the uncertainties related to hydrological modelling on how such uncertainties may affect decisions. The main factors and relationships that affect watershed flows at the basin scale have been determined together with the assessment of periodic water pollutant concentrations based on event sampling campaigns.

The first event-driven field campaigns were performed at the basin level under high water levels during the flash events and in the Landes to study the behaviour of microcontaminants and macroinvertebrates under drought conditions. The biological results of the two general samplings showed a fast increase of the biotop index when streamflow diversity changes and some of the species related to these changes start to increase. When considering ecosystem functioning, an experiment in the Iberian Peninsula about the interaction between urban

pollution and drought has been initiated and a parallel experiment on effects of olive oil effluents on stream ecosystem functioning has been designed for the Landes. A methodology that accounts for all components of costs, financial, environmental and resource cost has been developed in order to estimate the rate of cost necessary for water use.

The hydrochemical and bacteriological characterisation has been conducted and the information on ecosystem services under such scenarios is being produced. Finally, the interest in that countries and along with the Water Framework Directive's implementation associated with the implementation process had been investigated. Lessons from the GLOBAQUA case have also been reviewed, focusing the case perspective from the first basin level and bridging the science-policy gap. The knowledge integration has been investigated through questionnaires and interviews to enhance the collaboration of stakeholders and GLOBAQUA partners. We have been working on finalising the submission of the proposal regarding the WFC implementation through the development of the first policy oriented trials.



GLOBAQUA on YouTube

A dedicated YouTube channel was created to disseminate the whole video material produced along the project.

A growing number of short videos are published in the "GLOBAQUA" channel. Among the others, you can find 1 video presenting the main aims and objectives of the project including short interviews to our Coordinators and to each Module leader.

In addition, 4 videos describing the main features of some project case studies (Widge, Anglin, Dniepr, Dniepr) as well as 1 video showing the outcomes of our first training course on the use of remote sensing held in La Laguna (Spain) last October.

Follow us at <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCp9CpU000>



GLOBAQUA has received funding from the European Community's 7th Framework Programme under Grant Agreement No. 013829

You can now download the latest issue of our newsletter which describes the main scientific results achieved so far, the main outcomes of our public events as well as key news from our case studies and the most relevant forthcoming events here:

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MARS-GLOBAQUA-SOLUTIONS Internal Workshop to be held in Sesimbra, Portugal in March

Venue: Sesimbra, Portugal

Date: 16-17 March 2017

The MARS-GLOBAQUA-SOLUTIONS Internal Workshop “New predictive tools to improve river water management from local to European scale” was held in Sesimbra, Portugal on 16-17 March 2017 and was co-organised by the partners of MARS, [GLOBAQUA](#) and SOLUTIONS, including ICRES and ATHENA RIC. The objective was to address common

products between the projects. ICRE8 senior researcher [Ebun Akinsete](#) co-chaired the Policy Brief Session.

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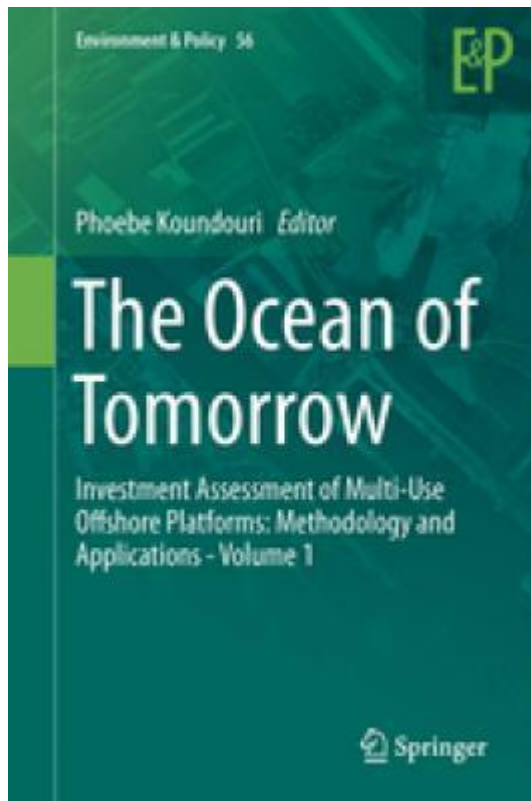
MERMAID (FP7) - Innovative Multi-purpose offshore platforms: planning, design and operation



MERMAID developed concepts for the next generation of offshore platforms which can be used for multiple purposes, including energy extraction, aquaculture and platform related transport. The project does not envisage building new platforms, but theoretically examines new concepts, such as combining structures and building new structures on representative sites under different conditions.

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EU waters and the ocean of tomorrow: New book by Prof. Koundouri on the investment assessment of multi-use offshore platforms



The latest book edited by Prof. [Phoebe Koundouri](#) (ICRE8, AUEB, LSE), [The Ocean of Tomorrow, Investment Assessment of Multi-Use Offshore Platforms: Methodology and Applications - Volume 1](#), develops and applies an integrated socio-economic assessment of multi-use offshore platforms in European marine locations in the North Sea, the Baltic Sea, the Mediterranean Sea and the Atlantic coast. The book is based on the interdisciplinary research within the [MERMAID](#) project (EU-FP7) in developing and applying an Integrated Socio-Economic Assessment of the sustainability of Multi-Use Offshore Platforms, using the results from the natural and engineering sciences as inputs, boundaries and constraints to the socioeconomic analysis. The book, offers insights that result from a multi-disciplinary approach which combines a broad range of expertise in hydraulics, wind engineering, aquaculture, renewable energy, marine environment, project management, socio-economics and governance. The analysis follows views and assessment of world experts from all relevant disciplines from academia, big companies and potential investors that have joined forces in the [MERMAID](#) project.

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Genesis FP7 Project continuation



ReSEES has recently received funding for the [GENESIS Project National Contribution](#) by the [General Secretariat of Research and Technology \(GSRT\)](#).

Climate Change under Uncertainty



Decision Making Under Uncertainty: The Example of Climate Change - AUEB University
Funding for Original Research

Paper Coming out of "Climate Change Under Uncertainty"-Seminar to be Presented at a Thematic Session at EAERE

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SDSN Greece News

About SDSN Greece



The [United Nations \(UN\) Sustainable Development Solutions Network \(SDSN\)](#) set up by UN Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon in 2012, promotes practical problem solving for sustainable development, including the design and implementation of the 17 Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), adopted in 2015 by the United Nations.

Through a growing number of National and Regional Networks, SDSN supports the localization and implementation of SDGs, develops long-term transformative pathways for sustainable development, promotes education around Agenda 2030, and launches solution initiatives.

The Greek SDSN has been included in the SDSN network and is co-hosted by [ICRE8: International Center for Research on the Environment and the Economy](#) and the [Political Economy of Sustainable Development Lab](#). It is co-chaired by [Prof. Phoebe Koundouri](#) and [Prof. Andreas Papandreou](#), aiming to contribute to achieving the goals of the SDSN network.

[Read more about SDSN Greece](#)

Forthcoming Events

“Sustainability and Resource Valuation” workshop during EAERE Conference under the auspices of SDSN-Greece

Venue: 48 Akadimias Street, Kostis Palamas Building

Date: Wednesday 28 June, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.



The implementation of Sustainable Development, in general, and the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) of Agenda 2030, in particular, presupposes a robust answer to the question: “How should one evaluate and manage natural resources over time and space in an uncertain world?”. The Advanced Policy Workshop in “Sustainability and Resource Valuation” to be held on 28 June 2017 in the historical premises of the Kostis Palamas Building in Athens, brings together leading international experts, academics and practitioners from various scientific fields, who will provide theoretical and applied cutting-edge responses to the above question.

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3rd SDSN Med Conference

The Mediterranean Sustainable Development Solutions Network (MED Solutions) was launched on July 3-5 2013 in Italy with the 1st International Conference of SDSN Mediterranean, hosted by the University of Siena while the 2nd international UN SDSN Mediterranean Conference was held again in Siena on March 5-6, 2015. The 3rd International Conference of SDSN Mediterranean, to be held in Greece, will be a new opportunity to the networks of the Mediterranean region to coordinate and work together on topics of common interest. The conference will provide a platform for debate and exchange of ideas across stakeholders in the Mediterranean region, including network partners, policymakers and scholars.

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The focus of the conference will be on the [3 major thematic priorities of the SDSN Greece](#):

- Natural Capital Valuation: Sustainable Investment Allocation
- Climate Change: Mitigation and Adaptation Policies
- Sustainable Development in Times of Crisis

Official launch of SDSN GREECE to be held in September 2017

The official launch of UN SDSN GREECE will take place in Athens on 7 & 8 September 2017, during the 3rd international UN SDSN Mediterranean Conference. The first day will include a discussion among all participants on the three thematic priorities of the SDSN Greece. In the second day, where the official launch of the SDSN Greece will be held, chairs and invited speakers will present their ideas and engage in a thorough and lively discussion on the SDG dashboard for the Mediterranean, Sustainable energy in the Mediterranean and educational advancements around SDGs.

Past Events

SDSN Greece Youth participated in 4 sustainability events in March, 2017



The youth team of SDSN Greece participated in four different events, all in Athens. The First event was TexAUEB in Texnopolis, Gazi on the 18/03. That was followed on Wednesday 29/03 by the opening ceremony of the annual conference, Youth Model of Parliament, organized by SAFIA (Students' Association for International Affairs) at the Athens War Museum, the Youth Speak Forum on Thursday 30/03, organized by AIESEC, at the Benaki Museum. Last but not least, the team attended the Athens Science Festival (31/03-1/4) at Texnopolis, in Gazi.

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ICRE8 participates in the “Commitment for sustainable development – 17 global goals for a better common future” Conference



Prof. [Andreas](#)

[Papandreou](#) (ICRE8, SDSN Greece, NKUA - PESD) and ICRE8 General Administrator, [Klea Morianou](#), participated in the “[Commitment for sustainable development – 17 global goals for a better common future](#)” Conference, co-organized by [SEVBCSD](#) and CSR Hellas a conference on Thursday 2nd of March, 2017.

For more information on the event, click [here](#).