

**International Conference on
'GOVERNANCE AND INNOVATION: SUPPORTING SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT,
MANAGEMENT &
PROTECTION OF NATURAL RESOURCES'
22 October 2013
Eugenides Foundation, Athens**

09:00 Registration – Morning Coffee

09:30 Welcoming - Greetings

09:45 Opening of the International Conference

Dimitrios Stamatias, State Minister

10:00 Key speech

Georgios Zalidis, Professor A.U.Th., Scientific Director of the Balkan Environment Center

Interventions from:

- Representative of the Ministry of Public Order and Citizen Protection
- Representative of the Development Directorate, Region of Central Macedonia
- Representative of the International Center for Black Sea Studies
- Representative of Public Power Corporation S.A.
- Representatives of Hellenic Saltworks S.A.

| Session 1: GOVERNANCE | | |
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| TIME | SPEAKER | PRESENTATIONS TITLE |
| 10:30 | Barbara Ryan Secretariat Director of the Intergovernmental Group on Earth Observations (GEO) | Governance and Innovation - Building a Global Earth Observation System of Systems (GEOSS) |
| 11:00 | Athanassios Karountzos General Secretary of Decentralized Administration of Macedonia-Thrace, Director of Balkan Environment Center | Improving Governance Indicators at the Regional Level |
| 11:15 | Georgios Kremlis Deputy Manager of The Directorate-General of the Environment in EC | European Policies: from Regional to Interregional Levels (from Transboundary to EGTC) |
| 11:30 | Dejan Komatina Secretary of International Sava River Basin Commission | Transboundary Water Resources Management and Participation Processes |
| 11:45 | Thomas Crisman Professor, University of South Florida, USA | Empowering Local Communities at the Regional Level to Identify Watershed Issues and Develop Management Plans |

12:00 Coffee break

| Session 2: INNOVATION | | |
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| TIME | SPEAKER | PRESENTATIONS TITLE |
| 12:30 | Ioanna Samprakou Director at the General Secretary for Telecommunications & Post at Ministry of Development, Vice-Chair of Greek Union of Computer Engineers | Digital Development and Innovation at the Service of the Citizen |
| 12:45 | Kenneth Smillie Managing Director, Hexagon | Digital Innovation for Natural Resources Management : International Trends and Operational Applications |
| 13:00 | Steffen Kuntz Professor, University of Freiburg | New Satellite Missions and Protection of Natural Resources |
| 13:15 | Elefterios Iakovou Professor A.U.Th., Director of the Board of Alexander Innovation Zone S.A. | Innovative Digital Systems for Rural Development Purposes |
| 13:30 | Antonios Xatzidiamantis Mayor of the Municipality of Limnos | Innovation and Knowledge Transfer at the Local Level |
| 13:45 | Nikolaos Korovesis Production & Quality Assurance Director, Hellenic Saltworks S.A. | Role of Monitoring and Respective Management Plan for Sustainable Development: the Example of Hellenic Saltworks |

14:00 Lunch break

15:00 Interventions and open discussion

Coordination: Thanos Gavrilis, Technical Consultant, Consultant at the General Secretary for Telecommunications & Post on issues of Digital Convergence

Topics:

- **Agriculture and the Digital Era**
- **Innovation – Entrepreneurship - Investments**
- **Operational Applications of Remote Sensing and Satellite Data**
- **Telematics – Telemetry and Telecommunication Networks**
- **Governance and Smart Specialization**