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 Stamatis, State Minister
10:00 Key speech
   Georgios Zalidis, Professor A.U.Th., Scientific Director of the Balkan Environment Center
   Interventions from:
   o Representative of the Ministry of Public Order and Citizen Protection
   o Representative of the Development Directorate, Region of Central Macedonia
   o Representative of the International Center for Black Sea Studies
   o Representative of Public Power Corporation S.A.
   o Representatives of Hellenic Saltworks S.A.

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<td>Barbara Ryan&lt;br&gt;Secretariat Director of the Intergovernmental Group on Earth Observations (GEO)</td>
<td>Governance and Innovation - Building a Global Earth Observation System of Systems (GEOSS)</td>
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<td>11:00</td>
<td>Athanassios Karountzos&lt;br&gt;General Secretary of Decentralized Administration of Macedonia-Thrace, Director of Balkan Environment Center</td>
<td>Improving Governance Indicators at the Regional Level</td>
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<td>Georgios Kremlis&lt;br&gt;Deputy Manager of The Directorate-General of the Environment in EC</td>
<td>European Policies: from Regional to Interregional Levels (from Transboundary to EGTC)</td>
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<td>Dejan Komatina&lt;br&gt;Secretary of International Sava River Basin Commission</td>
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<td>Thomas Crisman&lt;br&gt;Professor, University of South Florida, USA</td>
<td>Empowering Local Communities at the Regional Level to Identify Watershed Issues and Develop Management Plans</td>
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12:00 Coffee break

**Session 2: INNOVATION**

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| 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 Gavrillis, 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