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Press Release

Event of “Amvrakikos Alliance”

Following the ratification of the "[Amvrakikos Alliance](#)", the Environmental Organization [iSea](#), the [Tethys Research Institute](#), [ARCHELON](#), the [Hellenic Ornithological Society](#), the [Department of Geology](#) and [the Department of Fisheries and Aquaculture](#) of the University of Patras, together with the [Blue Marine Foundation](#), are organising an event to present their collective effort and next steps in the Amvrakikos Gulf, which will take place on the **12th of July 2024**, in collaboration with the **University of Ioannina** (Arta branch).

The event will take place at the **Library of the University of Ioannina** in **Arta**, at **12:00**, in the framework of the project "[Contributing to the effective management of the National Wetlands Park of the Amvrakikos Gulf](#)".

Amvrakikos Gulf is the largest wetland in Greece with significant ecological value, rich biodiversity and unique habitats that compose a mosaic of unparalleled beauty and support important activities for local communities, which, to a large extent, depend on the natural resources and ecosystem services of the Gulf for their livelihoods.

With a common vision to promote the unique ecological value and the natural and cultural heritage of the Amvrakikos Gulf and with the support of the **Management Unit of Protected Areas of Acheloos Valley and Amvrakikos Gulf** of the Natural Environment and Climate Change Agency (**NECCA**), the "Amvrakikos Alliance" aims at more effective management, restoration and protection of ecosystems and biodiversity, in cooperation with the local community! Through targeted actions, including research and awareness raising, the members of the Alliance work together to support the work of the Management Unit, while fostering a long-term partnership among stakeholders operating in the area and involving the local community from the early stages of the "Amvrakikos Alliance" creation.

Through the consistent work with the stakeholders in the region, the exchange of information and their close cooperation with the local community, the most important threats Amvrakikos Gulf is facing have been identified and the next steps have been formulated in order to contribute to addressing them, as well as to cover possible knowledge gaps.

In the context of the event, a detailed briefing will be held on the actions to be implemented in the region for the next 3 years in order to effectively protect the Amvrakikos Gulf!

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NOTES TO EDITORS:

[1] Find out more about the Amvrakikos Gulf, as well as the actions of the project "Contributing to the effective management of the Gulf National Wetlands Park of the Amvrakikos Gulf" here: <https://isea.com.gr/amvrakikos-gulf/?lang=en>

[2] Find out more about the biotic diversity of the Amvrakikos Gulf and the threats it faces here: <https://isea.com.gr/wp-content/uploads/2024/02/Amvrakikos-Gulf-Biodiversity-Threats-Laymans-Report.pdf>

[3] Find out more about the Amvrakikos Gulf here: <https://necca.gov.gr/mdpp/management-unit-of-acheloos-valley-and-amvrakikos-gulf-protected-areas/>