



PARTICIPANT INFORMATION SHEET

Questionnaire on attitudes and perceptions

The European Programme LIFE GRECABAT (LIFE17 NAT/GR/000522) «Greek Caves and Bats: Management Actions and Change of Attitude» / LIFE GRECABAT (LIFE17NAT/GR/000522) implements demonstrative conservation actions in 10 areas of the NATURA 2000 Network (for 10 chiroptera species and the cave habitat from annexes II and I of the Directive 92/43/EOK respectively) across Greece (from Evros to Crete), with the aim of protecting and highlighting the caves and the unique forms of life they host. The Coordinator Beneficiary is the University of Crete - Natural History Museum of Crete (UoC - NHMC), and associated beneficiaries are: (1) Ministry of Environment and Energy (MEEN), (2) Green Fund (GRUF), (3) Institute of Speleological Research of Greece (HISR) and (4) ATEPE Ecosystem Management Ltd. (ATEPE).

What is the aim of this questionnaire? This iterative social-environmental survey of Action D3 aims to determine the perceptions and opinions of interested citizens and organizations regarding issues related to caves and bats in Greece following the implementation of the project's actions.

Action D3 is part of the monitoring actions capturing the impact of the project [mainly Action C4, but also the other conservation (C2, C3, C5) and information (E1, E2, E3) actions of the Project] on the current attitudes and behavior of social partners (by comparing the results of this survey with those of a survey conducted during Action A4 implemented in the period 2019-2020).

How is the research carried out? We ask interested parties to complete a 15-minute questionnaire.

Is the survey anonymous and confidential? All questionnaires are anonymous. During the survey you will be asked to fill in some demographic information which is collected for statistical purposes and will not be shared. At the end of the questionnaire, you will be given the option to fill in only your emails for future information.





How will my personal data be used? The LIFE GRECABAT project maintains a list of electronic addresses for communication and promotion needs, which does not include any other personal data of users (name, surname, address, telephone numbers, etc.). The email addresses that will be registered are not shared and are not used for any other reason or purpose. All necessary steps have been taken to prevent leakage of the specific information. Your personal information will not be passed on or disclosed to anyone in accordance with the provisions of the European General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) 2016/679 (General Data Protection Regulation – GDPR) of the European Union (entered into force on 25 May 2018). All personal information and original questionnaires will be destroyed after 5 years from the completion of the survey.

Is it mandatory to participate in the survey? No, you can refuse to participate in the survey without giving us a specific reason.

Will I earn anything by participating? The main benefit of your participation is moral and educational and will help to understand at national and European level the best ways to manage caves and bats.

- Ethical satisfaction from your contribution, (1) to scientific research and the protection of species and habitat, (2) to the maintenance of ecosystem services enjoyed by participants, (3) satisfaction of your personal questions through the notification of the overall research results.
- By participating in this research, you are contributing to the better understanding of people's and agencies' perceptions about the habitat of caves (and other underground shelters), bat species and their ecosystems. Understanding these is crucial for addressing problems that arise due to human activities and the need to preserve, protect and properly manage nature in general as a condition for the well-being of human societies.

The ultimate goal is to inform decision-making processes for the formulation of policies at national and European level regarding these issues.





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