



IV ANNUAL FORUM ON EUROPEAN DRYSTONE HERITAGE

Resilient Dry Stone: Research, Documentation, Digital Tools and Community stewardship”



Nicosia, 29-30 April 2026

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Event Space: Central offices of the Department of Town Planning and Housing 5-6 Kinira str. 1102, Nicosia	
09:00 Welcome address and OFFICIAL OPENING OF THE FORUM	
9:30	<p>Regards</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr. Kyriakos Koundouros, Director of the Department of Town Planning and Housing • Ms. Antonia Theodosiou, Commissioner for the Environment and Animal Welfare • Mr. Konstantinos Konstanti, President of ETEK – Cyprus Technical Chambers
10:00-11:30	<p>Presentations by the REPS representatives (10 minutes per partner)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Representative of Consell de Mallorca (Mallorca, Spain) • A Community Approach to Dry Stone Restoration, the Experience of the Gatehouse Development Initiative, David Steel, Gatehouse of Fleet Development Initiative (Scotland, UK) • Representative of Pays de Balagne (Corsica, France) • Representative of Office de la Environment (Corsica, France) • Functional biodiversity in heroic terraced viticulture: a heritage-based conservation approach across Italian National Parks. Matteo Perrone, Parco Nazionale delle Cinque Terre (Liguria, Italy) • Lena Lakka, Perifereiaki Enosi Dimon Ipirou PED Epirus,(Epirus, Greece) • Andriani Charalambous, Department of Town Planning and Housing, Cyprus
11:30-12:00	Coffee break
12:00-14:00	<p>Presentations by experts and invited lecturers (15-20 min each)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • “Mapping and digitization of Drystone Cultural Heritage in Cyprus”, Dr. Kyriakos Themistokleous External Affairs & Business Development Director, Eratosthenis Centre of Excellence • “From Mapping to Economic Viability: Integrated Assessment of Drystone Terraces in Cyprus”, Dr Christos Zoumides, Research Scientist at Energy, Environment and Water Research Center (EEWRC), Cyprus Institute • “Machine Learning Framework for predicting Agricultural Terrace Suitability in the Troodos Mountains, Cyprus”, Aman Kumar Meena, PhD researcher at the Energy, Environment and Water Research Centre of The Cyprus Institute • “Stone on stone, layer upon layer: Building drystone resilience by digging into the multilayered benefits of the craft”, Christos Theodorou, Architect • “Reading the Landscape. A Field-Based Methodology for Identifying and Documenting DryStone Beacon Shelters in the Mountains of Cyprus”, Tasos Andreou & Jean Loizou, Conservation of Antiquities and Works of Art, Mnesthis Foundation • “The protection of drystone structures as a prerequisite both for preserving the art of drystone masonry and for the sustainable development of the Cyclades”, Konstantina Papageorgiou, Archaeologist, Book editor, Founding Member of Ampasada Environmental and Cultural Foundation Tinos <p>Discussion and IV Annual Forum closing</p>