



TRAIN THE TRAINERS SEMINAR

on Wetland Inventory using Information Systems

28/2 – 4/3 2005, Thessaloniki, EKBY

On 4th of March 2005 the “Train the trainers” seminar was completed successfully at EKBY premises in Thessaloniki Greece. It was addressed to scientists with an advanced level of knowledge on wetland inventories and the use of information systems. The aims of the seminar were to:

- build capacities of the attendants on planning, implementation and use of wetland inventories;
- provide advanced knowledge on wetland inventorying and data management with the use of databases, Geographic Information Systems and Remote Sensing tools;
- make attendants capable to act as trainers and apply the training package “Wetland Inventory using Information Systems”.

The training on “Wetland Inventory using Information Systems” is part of the ALWET project which focuses on building capacities for the wetland conservation in Albania. Thus the design of the training was based on a Training Needs Analysis that was elaborated in Albania. For this purpose questionnaires were answered by Albanian scientists who are positioned in a) central and local services, b) educational and research institutes, and c) NGO's. The questionnaires explored the current status of management and conservation of wetlands in Albania, the current level of knowledge, and the needs for training.

Though the Training is addressed to Albanian scientists there was an open call for the “Train the Trainers” seminar offering an opportunity to scientists from other Mediterranean countries to participate. Finally the seminar participated by seven Albanian, one Spanish and three Greek scientists.

The seminar was completed with success as it was reflected to the results of the knowledge evaluation and of the training program evaluation.