

National Workshop

“Anti-poisoning and wildlife crime in Albania”

24th of January 2020, [Europe House](#), Tirana

09:00–09:30 **Registration**

09:30–11:30 **First Session – Synergetic actions against poisoning and other criminal counterfeits against birds and other wildlife species, as important elements for the European engagements of Albania** (facilitated by the Ministry of Tourism and Environment)

I-st Pannel – Nature Conservation and the European Responsibilities of Albania

09:30–09:35 Opening speech of Dr. Taulant Bino, Albanian Ornithological Society

09:35–09:45 Opening remarks of the Minister of Tourism and Environment, Mr. Blendi Klosi

09:45–09:55 Opening remarks of the Ambassador of Spain to Albania, H.E. Mr. Vincente Canelles

09:55–10:10 Nature conservation as an important element for the engagements of Albania in the European Integration (Mrs. Klodiana Marika, Director of Development Programs on Environment, Ministry of Tourism and Environment)

II-nd Pannel – The importance of Science for the Conservation of Wildlife

10:10–10:40 The importance of science and knowledge as key factors to reverse negative population trends in long-lived birds (Prof. Dr. Jose Antonio Donazar)

10:40–10:55 Conservation status of vultures in Albania, identification of main threats (representative of PPNEA)

10:55–11:10 The anti-poisoning road map and activities of the Anti-Poisoning Working Group (Dr. Taulant Bino, Albanian Ornithological Society)

11:10–11:30 *Questions, answers and discussions*

11:30–11:50 **Coffee break**

11:50–13:30 **Second Session - Consequences of illegal activities aiming poisoning and other criminal actions against wildlife** (Facilitated by the Albanian Ornithological Society)

11:50–12:05 Consequences of poisoning on wildlife (Prof. Kastriot Korro (Faculty of Medicinal Veterinary, Agricultural University Tirana),

- 12:05-12:20 Anti-poisoning work in the Balkan Peninsula (Jovan Andevski, Vulture Conservation Foundation)
- 12:20-12:35 The Balkan Anti-poison data base (Tasos Bounas, Hellenic Ornithological Society)
- 12:35-12:45 Institutional capacities for detecting wildlife poisoning in Albania (representative from Institute of Food Safety and Veterinary or State Police)
- 12:45-12:55 National capacities for the detection of intentional poisoning and other criminal activities against wildlife (representatives of State Police)
- 12:55-13:05 Mitigating poisoning incidents through carcasses management (representative from Veterinary Directorate, Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development)
- 13:05-13:30 *Questions, answers and discussions*
- 13:30-14:30 Lunch buffet**
- 14:30-16:00 Third Session – Preventing and combating bird and wildlife crime in Albania and the Balkans (facilitated by the Ministry of Tourism and Environment)**
- 14:30-14:45 Bird-crime work in the Balkans: Outcomes and perspectives (BSPB representative)
- 14:45-15:00 Evidences of wildlife crime in Albania including poaching, bird trapping, bird trafficking (MSc. Erald Xeka, Albanian Ornithological Society)
- 15:00-15:15 Anti-poaching efforts in Divjaka-Karavasta National Park (Mr. Ardian Koci, Regional Agency for Protected Areas, Fier)
- 15:15-15:30 Smart phone for data collection on threats towards birds and wildlife (AOS and BSPB representative)
- 15:30-15:45 Working together against environmental crime in Albania (Mr. Elton Qendro, OSCE Tirana)
- 15:45-16:00 Combating wildlife crime through anti-poisoning unit dogs in Greece. Experiences to be shared with Albania (Dimitris Vavylis, HOS representative)
- 16:00-16:30 *Questions, discussions and closure of the workshop*