

CONFERENCE ON THE TOPIC :

Rural Crete Observatory:

Towards a Renaissance of the rural areas

Friday 14 February 2020 - 10:00 AM

Cultural & Conference Center of Heraklion, Crete

10:00 Attendance- Subscriptions

10:15 Conference opening

Welcome addresses by the Regional Governor Mr. Stavros Arnaoutakis
& the Rector of Technical University of Crete Mr. Evangelos Diamantopoulos.

1st PART | COORDINATION: Haris Roditakis – Nikos Skoutelis

10:30 Haris Roditakis – President of "Educational – Developmental PLOIGOS"
company

Rural Crete: A "crossword" with "difficult" solutions

10:40 Nikos Skoutelis – professor Technical University of Crete - Scientific coordinator
of the Rural Crete Observatory

"The necessity, the circumstances, the role of our observatory"

10:50 Pieter Versteegh – Phd architect - ARENA alter Rurality network coordinator

"Rural areas: opportunities for equality and ecology"

11:10 Theanò S. Terkenli - professor University of the Aegean

"The rural landscape as a tool for reading, planning and managing space"

11:30 Pere Sala i Marti – Director Obsevatori del Paisatge de Catalunya

"The Landscape Observatory of Catalonia. Projects related to rural landscapes"

11:50 -12:10 Coffee break

12:10 Michele Buffa – *Osservatorio del paesaggio - Regione Sicilia*
"The role of the Regional Sicily Observatory for the Quality of Landscape"

12:30 Maria Kassotaki - *Chemical engineer - Head of Special Management Service of the Operational Program of the Region of Crete*
"The contribution of the ESPA project to rural development: Useful Experiences for the New Programming Period"

12:50 Despoina Dimelli – *Assistant professor Technical University of Crete*
"The Lasithi plateau: the pilot project of the Rural Crete Observatory"

2nd PART | COORDINATION: Chryssa Pagalou – Environmentalist – PhD on Cultural Landscape – Coordinator of the Rural Crete Observatory

13:15 Representatives of the Catalonia and Sicily Observatories, Mr. Mr., Pere Sala i Marti and Michele Buffa and Alter Rurality Network Coordinator Mr. Pieter Versteegh, answer questions from representatives of Crete's institutions (on how the Observatories and the network operate and organize, the relationships and forms of cooperation between Regions, Municipalities, Local Development Agencies, Academic and Research Areas, representatives of society, etc. as well as the exploitation of results).

13:45 Conference Conclusions by: Professor Nikos Skoutelis
Professor Theanò S. Terkenli

14:00 End of Conference

Saturday 15 February 2020 - Visit Rural Crete

Rural Crete Observatory: Project Financed by the Public Investment Program of the Region of Crete