

NEWSLETTER

STRENGTHENING INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION IN THE BLACK SEA BASIN

IASON+ Project – BSB00174
12–14 November 2025 | Kavala, Greece

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Advancing Scientific and Transnational Cooperation

The three-day programme addressed a broad range of scientific, technical and operational topics related to project implementation. Discussions focused on strengthening cooperation among partners, exchanging expertise and ensuring a coordinated approach to the assessment of invasive alien species, ecosystem services and climate-related pressures across the project's study areas.

Steering Committee Meeting

The programme also included the official **IASON+ Steering Committee Meeting**, providing partners with an opportunity to review achievements, discuss implementation priorities and coordinate the next stages of the project. The meeting reinforced the consortium's commitment to effective cross-border cooperation and to achieving the common objectives of IASON+.

From Scientific Discussion to Field Application

An important component of the meeting was the **field application in the Nestos Delta and Lake Vistonida**, where project partners had the opportunity to connect scientific methodologies with real-world ecosystem conditions. The field activities supported the exchange of practical knowledge related to biodiversity, invasive alien species monitoring, ecosystem services and the environmental pressures affecting protected wetland and deltaic ecosystems.



Together for Resilient Black Sea Ecosystems

Through scientific collaboration, international exchange of expertise and practical fieldwork, the IASON+ project continues to strengthen the capacity of Black Sea Basin countries to respond to the challenges posed by **invasive alien species and climate change**. The Kavala meeting represents another important step towards building a strong and sustainable transnational network dedicated to the protection, monitoring and resilience of deltaic ecosystems across the Black Sea Basin.

IASON+

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for the Assessment of Climate Change Impacts and
Contextual Ecosystem Services Evaluation in
Black Sea Deltaic Protected Areas

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NESTOS DELTA

LAKE VISTONIDA

KAVALA, GREECE

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