

MAES implementation in Cyprus



Step 1: MAES coordination committee

Cyprus has established a Coordination Committee for the implementation of actions for MAES that consists of:

- 3 scientists/experts from academia and
- 2 experts from the government sector (Department of Environment & Department of Forests).

The committee will be under the auspices of the Minister of Agriculture, Rural Development and Environment, Dr Costas Kadis.

Step 2: Scheduled MAES workshops

- **July 2018:** A workshop on the Ecosystem Services concept and what has been studied so far in Cyprus and in Europe is to be organized.
- **September 2018:** A workshop will be organized for the implementation of mapping and assessing ecosystem services in Cyprus. The workshop will aim at informing and training both at the political and scientific/technical level so as to achieve the goal set in Goal 2, Action 5 of the European Biodiversity Strategy.

Completion of ES studies

ROADMAP FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF AN EVALUATION FRAMEWORK FOR ECOSYSTEM SERVICES IN CYPRUS (2015).

This study included, among others, the categories of ecosystems; categories of the ecosystem services; impact assessment; Development of methodology for the national assessment of ecosystems; Pilot Study on the Mapping of Ecosystem Services, Evaluation of existing data for Cyprus as well as evaluation based on land cover maps etc.

MAPPING AND ASSESSMENT OF ECOSYSTEM SERVICES (MAES) IN CYPRUS (2017).

This study included Mapping of ecosystems; establishing indicators for monitoring and evaluation of Ecosystem Services; Categorization of the Ecosystem Services according to ecosystem; Mapping of Ecosystem, etc.

A case study is scheduled

A new case study on wetland ecosystems for MAES implementation is planned to be completed by the end of 2018.