



Inspiring Rural Heritage:
Sustainable Practices
to Protect and Conserve
Upland Landscapes and Memories

Project IRIS - Inspiring rural heritage: sustainable practices to protect and conserve upland landscapes and memories

Closing Conference and Sinjajevina workshop

19-21 October 2023, Kolašin, Montenegro

DRAFT AGENDA

18 October 2023, Wednesday

Arrival of participants to Kolašin during the day.

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19 October 2023, Thursday

Field trip to Sinjajevina

This day is planned as a drive up to the highlands of Sinjajevina by several 4x4 cars (from 1,000 masl in Bianca hotel / Kolasin, to 1,800 masl in Sinjajevina). We will visit the pastures and pastoral settlements - *katuns* - with their church, and some of the people and animals that will still be present (e.g. katun Okruljak). Here is the map for the field trip we will have on Saturday:

<https://www.google.com/maps/d/edit?mid=1waviMS1gm2mitmz5cRZlIfqEKLjTgHQ&ll=42.898185307102196%2C19.437722492911774&z=12>. Please note that the weather is not optimal in this period (cloudy or even a bit rainy, with a temperature of about 5-10 °C), so please come minimally equipped. There will not be a lot of walking but small circles of 100 meters or so can be done. Field trip lunch is planned in Katun Potrk. A local family will prepare traditional food, and then we will go back down to Kolasin. The 4x4 cars should start at 10am from Hotel Bianca in Kolasin and they should be back down with everybody at around 5pm, so if some people want to use the swimming pool or spa of the Hotel, they also may do so.



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20 October 2023, Friday

Sinjajevina workshop

Place: Hotel Bianca conference hall

	<i>Welcome and introduction</i>	Speakers
09:00 – 09:30	<p>Welcome:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ IRIS project global coordinator (UNIGE). ▪ IRIS project coordinator in Montenegro (GEODE). ▪ IRIS coordinator of the University of Montenegro team (UoM). ▪ Representative of the Directorate of Cultural Heritage of the Ministry of Culture. ▪ Representative of Kolašin Municipality, Vice-mayor. 	<p>Sebastiano Salvido.</p> <p>Pablo Dominguez.</p> <p>Ivan Laković.</p> <p>Milica Martić.</p> <p>Vasilije Ivanović.</p>
09:30 – 09:40	Possibilities for multilateral and bilateral collaborations for Montenegro in the field of research valorization and intangible CH in Europe.	Pascal Liévaux, Chair of the Joint Programming Initiative on Cultural Heritage and Global Change (JPI CH).
	<i>Results of the IRIS project in Sinjajevina</i>	Speakers
09:40 – 11:30 <small>(presentations of 10 minutes each with 5 minutes for questions after each presentation)</small>	<p>Presentation of results of the IRIS project in the case study area of Montenegro: Values of Sinjajevina living heritage.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Pablo Dominguez (Overall view). ▪ Aleksandra Kapetanović (Mapping). ▪ Ivan Laković (History). ▪ Milana Tomić (Law). ▪ Milan Marković (Agro-Economy). ▪ Jelena Lazarević (Ecology).
11:30 – 12:00	Coffee break	
	<i>Opportunities for Sinjajevina</i>	Speakers
12:00 – 13:30 <small>(presentations of 10 minutes each with 5 minutes for questions after each presentation)</small>	Protection of nature, Sinjajevina as a Regional Nature Park.	Environmental Protection Agency of Montenegro.
	Protection of cultural heritage.	Tanja Vujović, Administration for Protection of Cultural Property.
	Tourism potentials.	Ministry of Economic Development and Tourism.
	Rural tourism and potentials for protection of katuns - FAO GIHAS.	Jelena Krivčević, Regional Development Agency for Bjelasica, Komovi and Prokletije.
	Agricultural potentials.	Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Water Management.
Rural development opportunities (LEADER, LAGs).	Network for Rural Development of Montenegro.	
13:30 – 14:45	Lunch break.	



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	Local perspectives	Speakers
14:45 – 15:10 (presentations of 5 minutes each)	Challenges and perspectives for local governments - municipalities	Municipalities of Kolašin, Mojkovac, Žabljak, Šavnik and Danilovgrad
15:10 – 15:20	Challenges and perspectives for local communities of Sinjajevina.	Milan Sekulović, Save Sinjajevina Civic Initiative.
	International perspectives	Speakers
15:20 – 15:50 (presentations of 10 minutes each with 5 minutes for questions after each presentation)	The UN's International Year for Rangelands and Pastoralists (IYRP) and how it can contribute to bring support to Sinjajevinan, Montenegrin and Western Balkan pastoralists.	Francesca Pasetti, Chair of the European Regional Support Group for the UN's International Year for Rangelands and Pastoralists (IYRP)
	Euro-Mediterranean ICCAs: Commons for Nature Conservation. The Gajna grasslands experience (Croatia) and possible inspirations for Sinjajevina.	Iris Beneš, Brod Ecological Society / ICCA consortium (Indigenous peoples and local Communities Conserved Areas and territories).
Work in groups, discussion and recommendations		
15:50 – 16:50	Work in groups on key issues related to Sinjajevina: - Legal and management issues of upland pastures (katun), katun ways of life and their traditional commons. - Protection of nature and biodiversity, future Regional Nature Park. - Protection of living heritage and sustainable eco-agro-ethno-tourism. - Agro-economy, LAG Sinjajevina and future EU LEADER projects.	Work in groups.
16:50 – 17:10	Coffee break.	Speakers
17:10 – 18:00 (presentations of 5 minutes each with questions and discussion after)	Presentations of key issues resulting from the 4 work groups.	Groups' representatives present.
18:00 – 18:30	General discussion and recommendations for future steps.	All participants.

The opening of the IRIS exhibition

Place: Museum of Kolašin, Trg boraca 1, Kolašin

19:00	Opening of the IRIS exhibition "Future through tradition: Inspiring living heritage to protect and promote European mountain landscapes"	All participants & citizens of Kolašin
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21 October 2023, Saturday

IRIS results presentations

Place: Hotel Bianca conference hall

09:15 – 09:45	Presentation of IRIS project: origins, global aims, objectives and general results (global project coordination, UNIGE)	Sebastiano Salvido, Anna Stagno, University of Genoa
09:45 – 10:45	Presentation of results in the case study area of Italy* : Stratified landscapes and rural practices in Liguria	Rebekka Dossche, Sabina Ghislandi, Alessandro Panetta, Caterina Piu, University of Genoa
10:45 – 11:15	Coffee break	
11:15 – 12:15	Presentation of results in the case study area of Spain* : Building landscapes with water. Endangered communal management and local ecological knowledge in the Guadix basin (Granada)	Jose María Civantos, José Abellán Santisteban University of Granada
12:15 – 13:15	Presentation of results in the case study area of UK* : Hill farming heritage in the Cheviot Hills	Chris Gerrard, University of Durham Chris Dalglish, Skye McAlpine Walker, INHERIT
13:15 – 14:30	Lunch break	
14:30 – 15:30	Presentation of results in the case study area of France* : Controlled burning practices - The mountain of Enveitg, Eastern Pyrenees	Vanessa Py-Saragaglia, GEODE
15:30 – 16:00	Joint Programming Initiative on Cultural Heritage and Global Change (JPI CH); exploiting results and future opportunities.	Alexandre Caussé, JPI CH Secretary General
16:00 – 16:30	Coffee break	
16:30 – 18:00	Global discussion about the works presented and what to do with the accumulated knowledge: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Discussion and planning for the IRIS Final publication - Finalization of other project activities - Planning other valorizations of the project results - New possible collaborations and project proposal submission - Other possibilities (possible heritage recognition applications, etc.) 	All participants

* presentation 45 min + discussion 15 min



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22 October 2023, Sunday

Departure of participants during the day.



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