

FINAL CONFERENCE



Pollino National Park
(Italy) Autumn 2024



Kalkalpen and Gesäuse National Park
(Austria) Summer 2025



Protected areas of Tuscany
(Italy) Spring 2026



Bavarian Forest National Park
(Germany) Summer 2026

FRIDAY, 18 SEPTEMBER 2026

2:00-4:45 P.M.

HYBRID EVENT (on-site and online)

No registration fee

Large Seminar Room | Youth Hostel | Bavarian Forest National Park

Training, Cooperation and Field Experiences for Biodiversity Conservation

CONFERENCE PROGRAMME

Duration: 2 hours 45 minutes

01 WELCOME & PROJECT OVERVIEW

15 min | Moderator: Prof. Christine Schmitt

Institutional greetings; BESTNATURE objectives, partnership, achievements.

Prof. Gianluca Piovesan and Prof. Alessandro Chiarucci -
Reconnect with Nature: Building Multidisciplinary Competences for
Biodiversity Monitoring and Governance -

02 FROM ONLINE LEARNING TO THE FIELD

30 min | Moderator: Prof. Christine Schmitt

The blended-learning model, Field Week experiences in protected areas, teachers' lessons learned and a contribution from:

Prof. Silvia Del Vecchio (University of Bologna) - The educational model: Blended learning approach combining online lectures and field activities

Prof. Francesco Ripullone (Università della Basilicata) - **online**
Col. Daniela Piccoli (Scuola Ufficiali dei Carabinieri) - **online**

03 STUDENTS' ROUND TABLE

40 min | Moderator: Prof. Manuela Hirschmugl, Prof. Pietro Milanesi and Dr. Jordan Palli

Dr. Michele Baliva - Interactive opening poll
BESTNATURE through our eyes": memorable experiences, field-based learning, new skills and ideas for BESTNATURE 2.0.

BREAK

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15 min

A short opportunity to meet, exchange and connect.

04 LEGACY, TRANSFER & FUTURE COOPERATION

50 min | Moderator: Prof. Adriana Bellati

Open educational resources, transfer to other European and national initiatives, and future cooperation:

Dr. Hanns Kirchmeir (ECO)

Dr. Thomas Dirnböck (Environment Agency Austria). Some ongoing activities from EAA point of view

General Raffaele Manicone (CUFAA) on LIFE Train2K - **online**

Ramona Arechiga (University of Oulu) on Horizon FORbEST - **online**

05 CLOSING REMARKS

15 min | Moderator: Prof. Gianluca Piovesan and Prof. Alessandro Chiarucci - **online**

Open discussion: What we achieved, what we learned and what continues after BESTNATURE - with acknowledgements and the official closing.

ONLINE PARTICIPATION

Visit the BESTNATURE website for the remote access link

<https://www.bestnature.unitus.it/home-page>

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