



Recreation and Nature conservation in a post-lockdown society

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COVID-19 is the infectious disease caused by the most recently discovered coronavirus. COVID-19 is now a pandemic affecting many countries globally. Daylife and personal activities are also affected.



Hunting Federation of Macedonia & Thrace had to adapt to this new situation. We have experience in public health matters as we deal with relevant conditions (monitoring and sampling) like:

- Red fox rabies virus
- African Swine Fever
- Avian Flu H1N1
- West Nile virus
- Other zoonotic agents (in wild boar, hare, etc.)



So it was not difficult for the Boarding Council and the employees to realize the new danger of the pandemic and to undertake the proper actions immediately.

Safety is First

In your organisation

- Follow the instructions given by Ministry of Health
- Adapt these to your working environment
- Aware your staff
- Procure the necessary personal protective equipment
- Organize your contacts with visitors and others
- Organize working by distance, communications, webinars, e-meetings, etc.

- Safety in using vehicles
- Safety in using common equipment
- Safety in using the same space
- Disinfection as to keep it everything safe
- Give the **message**

that you are a Safe Organisation

and that you can provide services to others in safe.



Making a new strategy

(especially under a lock-down situation).

This is not a plan B – is the reform in a new situation

- Highlight the value of human contact with nature (especially under a lock-down situation).
- Contribution to the improvement of mental and physical health
- Creation of a new “social-distancing” family/friends code behavior into the nature
- Organizing recreational and outdoor activities in general
- Continue to provide services
- Increase the use of new technologies -web information, orientation movement, provision of digital maps, mobile applications (with paths, maps, information about the diversity of the area, main spots of interest, “digital personal guide”, etc.
- Continue the work on nature conservation and monitoring – *do not leave time gaps with lack of necessary data*

Nature conservation and field work

- Create team groups...working by distance
- Modelling of collecting data
- Encourage the use of new technologies
- Communicate that your organisation is in a formulated operation
- *Pride and self confidence of working on nature conservation*



Operating also means having income...

- Keep the schedule in running projects (don't give up)
- *Work for having fees from visitors & stakeholders*
- *Collaborate with other Agencies and NGOs*
- *If you stay standing ...biodiversity benefits*



New twinning on recreation and nature conservation in a post-lockdown society

So let's find our common way



Let's have the nature at our side in any new lockdown



The Covid-19 crisis highlighted the value of recreation and the importance to have contact with nature, turn this tragedy into a new opportunity