

CALL FOR E- POSTERS

The PrespaNet team invites researchers and practitioners to submit poster proposals for display at the Prespa Lakes 3rd Scientific Symposium, **Shared Waters, Shared Challenges: Building Climate Resilience in the Prespa Lakes through Science and Cooperation**.

This symposium aims to bring together scientists, policymakers, and practitioners from Albania, Greece, and North Macedonia for a dialogue on science-based solutions to enhance ecosystem and community resilience in the face of climate change, within the first transboundary park in the Balkans. Achieving aquatic ecosystem preservation under climate change conditions is one of the major challenges faced by society today, both globally and locally. By building bridges between disciplines, sectors and different stakeholders, the symposium provides a platform for knowledge exchange. Consequently, interdisciplinary links are revealed and synergies between scientific evidence and societal and political decisions are released. The symposium thus contributes to the formulation of sustainable approaches for joint water resources management in the face of climate change.

The theme for poster applications will be focused on practical, management-oriented solutions or applied research aligned with the symposium themes to share scientific findings, case studies, or policy/practice insights, and engage in interactive dialogue to foster knowledge exchange and collaboration across borders and sectors.

Please note that participating in this Call does not confirm your registration for the Symposium.

Key Dates:

Call for e-Poster Proposals: December 22 – January 15

Notification to Proposers: January 21

Deadline for submission of e-Posters' final versions (PDF format): January 27

Opening of Gallery Posters at the Symposium: February 2 - February 4

KNOWLEDGE AREAS

E-Posters must highlight research work rooted in at least one of the following areas of the Prespa Lakes 3rd Scientific Symposium:

1. *Climate Change and Water Management* – Observed effects, acceleration trends, extreme events, and implications for water resources in the Prespa Lakes.
2. *Biodiversity Conservation and Ecosystem Management* – Status of native biodiversity, ecosystem resilience, role of protected areas, management challenges, and successful conservation strategies.
3. *Transboundary Adaptation: Community and Policy Responses* – Local community challenges, governance for water resilience, climate adaptation strategies, and links between water, energy, food, and ecosystems.

The Symposium will publish official proceedings. Accepted posters will be included and published after the Symposium.

GUIDELINES

A maximum two-page proposal in a Word file (reference font size: Times New Roman; minimum font-size: 11 points) should be sent to **contact@ppnea.org** with the subject “e-Poster proposal – Prespa Lakes 3rd Scientific Symposium” and must necessarily include the following information in English:

Main author’s name, affiliation, and short bio;

Title of the e-poster;

Knowledge Area (pick one of the Program’s three Knowledge Areas);

Summary of the research work to be addressed in the e-poster (only plain text with no images or graphics). The summary should be concise and give an overview of the research background (problem/opportunity/need); the hypotheses driving the research or the solution encountered; the methodology used; the expected or achieved results; the interdisciplinary nature and the (potential) implications of the research work to its respective scientific field and/or application domain.

Other authors and their respective affiliations (if relevant).

PROPOSAL EVALUATION

The PrespaNet Academic Committee of the Symposium will review proposals and authors will be notified about the outcome by 21.01.2026.

Selected authors are required to send by e-mail no later than January 27, with the version of their digital posters to contact@ppnea.org. Should the versions sent need to be fine-tuned, the team will contact the respective authors to ensure that posters on display meet the Symposium's Poster Exhibition standards.