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Co-organization of the Conference "Olive Sector: Challenges and Prospects" with the Midterm Conference of LIFE OLIVER

The **Scientific Society of Olive Encyclopedists (4E)** announces the co-organization of the thematic session "**Climate Change: Impacts on Olive Cultivation and Mitigation Measures**", within the framework of the Conference "Olive Sector: Challenges and Prospects", together with the **Midterm Conference** of the European program **LIFE OLIVER**.

The conference will take place on **June 11 and 12, 2026**, at the **Agricultural University of Athens** and will examine, in a comprehensive manner, the key issues and future prospects of the olive sector, as well as the impacts of climate change.

With climate change at its core, particular emphasis will be placed on "**carbon farming**" in olive groves and on enhancing the sustainability of olive cultivation through carbon dioxide sequestration.

Through this collaboration, LIFE OLIVER aims to highlight the role of olive groves as systems for climate change mitigation, leveraging their capacity to capture CO₂ and provide essential ecosystem services.

The objective of the LIFE OLIVER Midterm Conference is to contribute to shaping a common framework of understanding regarding the challenges and opportunities of the olive sector, while fostering dialogue among scientists, producers, and policymakers.

Key Topics:

1. Prospects of carbon farming in olive groves and their contribution to climate change mitigation
2. Economic benefits for producers through the development of carbon markets and services
3. Environmental benefits from CO₂ sequestration and the strengthening of agro-ecosystems



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4. Voluntary carbon markets and ecolabelling schemes for olive oil
5. Carbon sequestration certification system developed within the LIFE OLIVER framework

Scientific Coordinators and Speakers:

- **Professor Kostas Bithas, President of the Department of Economic & Regional Development, Panteion University** – “Carbon Farming: Prospects, Economic and Environmental Benefits”
- **Flavia Francese, Environmental Engineer, TETIS Institute SRL** – “OLIVER Protocol and Certification Framework for Carbon Farming in Olive Cultivation”
- **Professors Pablo Domouso de Agar & José Liétor Gallego, Universidad de Jaén** – “Carbon Farming: The Harvest of the Future”
- **Dr. Roberto Calisti, PhD, Agronomist, University of Perugia** – “OlivCarbCalc”: Carbon Credit Simulation in a Greek Olive Grove”

The Scientific Society of Olive Encyclopedists (4E) and LIFE OLIVER invite all interested parties to participate, actively contributing to shaping a sustainable future for olive cultivation and the environment.