

MARGISTAR TRAINING SCHOOL

11–13th June, 2024

Peneda-Gerês Transboundary
Biosphere Reserve
Portugal

JOIN US!

Track Socio-Ecological Traps
in European Mountains:
*Understanding, Envisioning, &
Diagnosing*

- ✔ Understand Mountain Socio-Ecological Traps
- ✔ Envision Mountain Socio-Ecological Traps in the Field
- ✔ Learn about Diagnosing & Monitoring Socio-Ecological Traps

APPLY NOW

Accepting applications
until 15/03/24

WELCOME DAY

10th June 09:00

DAY 1

11th June 09:30 –17:30

DAY 2

12th June 09:00 –18:00

DAY 3

13th June 09:00 –15:00

TRAINING SCHOOL: DETAILS & OVERVIEW

WHO CAN PARTICIPATE?

- Training School applicants should be engaged in a research programme as postgraduate students, postdoctoral fellows, or early-stage researchers (less than 5 years after their PhD) and be employed in any COST country research institution or accepted NNC institution.
- COST rules and the MARGISTAR selection committee will determine participants' eligibility.
- The Training School will be held in English. Good working language knowledge is expected from trainees.

VENUE

- The Training School will take place at the Arcos de Valdevez, Peneda-Gerês Transboundary National Park, Portugal.
- GPS coordinates: 41°8458 N; 8°4192 W.

LOGISTICS

- The Training School starts on Monday, June 10, at 19:00 and ends on Thursday, June 13, at 15:00.
- We suggest that participants stay at the Luna Arcos Hotel.
- Selected participants must confirm their attendance by 15th April.

FINANCIAL SUPPORT

- Participants will receive a daily allowance (approximately €178) which will cover the incurred accommodation, meals, and local travel expenses.
- The daily allowance will be paid after the Training School (with possible exceptions for participants from ITC countries).
- Consult the COST Vademecum (Section 4 (pg. 25, Meetings – Financial Support) to determine whether you can be reimbursed for long-distance travel expenses.

APPLICATION PROCEDURE & ELIGIBILITY

Interested postgraduate students and young scientists must send their CV, motivation letter, and a short description of their scientific background to MARGISTAR's WG3 coordinators:

- Miglena Zhiyanski (zhiyanski@abv.bg)
- Mariana Melnykovich (mariana.melnykovich@bfh.ch)
- Antonio T. Monteiro (monteiroantonio@edu.ulisboa.pt)

Deadline: March 15th, 2024.

The MARGISTAR Selection Committee will choose max. 12 applicants based on the quality of applications, the suitability of the trainees, and COST principles.

Female candidates and applicants from ITC countries are especially encouraged to apply. For more information, don't hesitate to get in touch with us.

For eligible participants to receive financial support, they should create an e-COST profile at <https://e-services.cost.eu/> before accepting their e-COST invitation.

TRAINING SCHOOL: SCHEDULE

WELCOME DAY June 10, 09:00

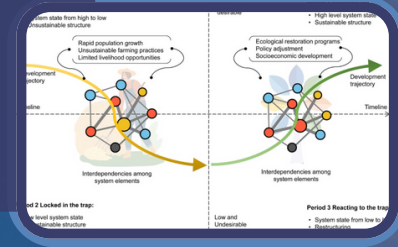
- Arrival at Arcos de Valdevez, Peneda-Gerês, Portugal
- Welcome drinks

DAY 1: UNDERSTANDING MOUNTAIN SOCIO-ECOLOGICAL TRAPS

June 11, 09:30 – 17:30

Trainees will start by learning about southwestern mountain regions and exploring peripheral trap visions. They will develop strategies to address socio-ecological traps, focusing on six key paradoxes of mountain systems: (1) Mountains as natural sanctuaries only, (2) Preference for life outside mountains, (3) Remote areas, yet susceptible to global change, (4) Abundance of resources, but low income, (5) Digital necessities lacking, and (6) Policy influenced by outsiders. Trainees will map out traps and potential pathways for escape per paradox.

Lecturers: Prof Juha Hiedanpää (LUKE) and Dr Simo Sarkki (Uni Oulu)

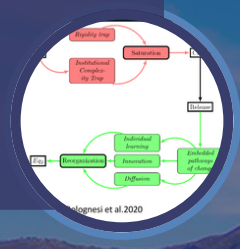


DAY 2: MOUNTAIN SOCIO-ECOLOGICAL TRAPS IN THE FIELD

June 12, 09:00 – 18:00

We will explore the socio-ecology of the southwest mountains using the Peneda-Gerês Transboundary Biosphere Reserve as a living lab. São Bento do Cando Square, future site of the Portuguese Mountain Research Facility, will host a discussion forum using the storytelling co-creative approach with farmers, council members, development agencies, and conservation authorities.

Speakers: Carlos Ferreira de Morais Pires (European Commission for Innovation, Research, Culture, Education and Youth) and local stakeholders



DAY 3: DIAGNOSING & MONITORING MOUNTAIN SOCIO-ECOLOGICAL TRAPS

June 13, 09:00 – 15:00

Trainees will learn about innovative tools for diagnosing and monitoring socio-ecological traps and pathways beyond marginalisation, such as digitalisation, numerical models, and satellite Earth observations.

Lecturers: Prof Theo Lynn (Dublin City University), Dr Antonio T. Monteiro (IGOT, Ullisboa)

