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Cooperation agreement between H.F.R.I. and NECCA

On Tuesday, April 5, 2022 between the Hellenic Foundation for Research and Innovation (H.F.R.I.) and the Natural Environment and Climate Change Agency (NECCA), in the presence of the Deputy Minister for Development and Investments, Mr. Christos Dimas, and the Deputy Minister for Environment and Energy, Mr. Georgios Amyras, a cooperation agreement was signed for the implementation of a high-quality research program titled "Field studies of endemic and threatened species of Greece", under which research projects will be funded, after evaluation.

Professor Xenia Chrysochoou, Chair of H.F.R.I.'s Scientific Council, stated: "H.F.R.I. warmly welcomes this cooperation, which enhances biodiversity research, an issue of utmost importance to society as a whole. We thank NECCA for the trust showed in us to contribute to the process of evaluating and monitoring the projects. We are happy that the scientific community will contribute with its work to the protection of biodiversity of the country's species. We await with great joy the results of this Action".

Then, the Deputy Minister for Development and Investments, Mr. Dimas, spoke of a "*mutually beneficial cooperation between two public bodies*" in an issue of crucial importance, such as the protection of biodiversity, a cooperation that he is sure will lead to useful conclusions. In addition, the Deputy Minister for Environment and Energy, Mr. Amyras, highlighted that the

results of the research projects will be critical "*tools for the implementation of action plans aimed at addressing climate crisis and protecting biodiversity*".

A snapshot from the event is hereby attached.

About H.F.R.I.

The Hellenic Foundation for Research and Innovation was created (Law 4429/2016) out of the vital need to support Greek male and female Scientists. It is a legal person governed by private law, monitored by the Ministry of Development and Investments. H.F.R.I. aims to promote research and innovation in the country. In particular, it aims to evaluate and fund unrestricted research, namely research activities, research infrastructure and their technological applications, arising from scientific curiosity, without any thematic exclusions or geographical limitations, having scientific quality and excellence as a sole criterion.

