

ALTER-NET SUMMER SCHOOL

About the Summer School

Biodiversity. Ecosystem Services. Science policy.

The ALTER-Net Summer School is an unparalleled venue for graduate and post-graduate scientists (as well as professionals in relevant fields) to immerse themselves in these subjects and more.

Since 2006, scientists from all over the world have joined us in the South of France to consider the sustainability challenges that society is currently facing. Each Summer School programme aims at the integration and spread of scientific excellence within our network and beyond—with a special emphasis on promoting interdisciplinary approaches.



Activities: Peyresq & Beyond

The ALTER-Net Summer School is held annually in Peyresq, a remote, rustic village in the Haute-de-Provence Alps of Southeastern France. The programme of activities includes:

- Morning talks and discussions with topical experts
- Afternoon working group projects (leading to the compilation and presentation of synthesis reports aimed at policymakers)
- Aperitif talks prior to dinner
- Field trips into the mountain landscapes
- Free time for leisure and further discussion

Topics of Study & Discussion

- Biodiversity & Ecosystem Services
- IPBES
- Planetary Boundaries
- Biodiversity Conflicts
- Biodiversity, Farming, & Farmers
- Ecosystem Service Assessments: Tradeoffs, Synergies, & Bundles
- Ecosystem Service Concept & Local Decision-making
- Urban Biodiversity, Ecosystem Services, & Nature-Based Solutions
- Should We Price Nature to Save It?
- Monetary, Non-monetary, & Integrated Valuation
- Scenarios: Planning for an Uncertain Future
- Climate Change, Biodiversity, & Intergovernmental Processes
- The Biodiversity Science-Policy Interface
- Nitrogen: Pollutant or Answer to World Food Shortages?
- Transformations toward Sustainability



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