

# BIOFEST MERAKI

19-22 October 2023

Astros and Kalamata . Greece



## **BioFest Meraki – Community Biology for the Meraki People**

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To celebrate the opening of the new 'Meraki People Community BioFabLab' in Astros, Greece, we are organizing a fungal-themed BioFest!

- **Learn to use fungi and mycelium for food, health, and soil remediation**
- **Help build a Community Biolab for the Meraki people**
- **Make new friends and enjoy the hospitality and beauty of the Thyrea/ Arcadia region**

**Apply here – <https://tinyurl.com/MerakiBioFest>**

**Deadline for application is Sunday October first!**



Join us in the beautiful Arcadia region for workshops that focus on mycelium as a building material; kombucha leather; farming fungi for food, health, and recreation; and fungal remediation of polluted soil. The program will consist of a mix of community-oriented local workshops, an unconference, and regional excursions to some of the cultural, natural and academic highlights of the region.

The BioFest will also provide ample opportunities to share ongoing bio projects, to discuss governance and work on a charter, and to design and start building a common digital infrastructure. This will also be a great opportunity to start new collaborations, soak up inspiration, and share knowledge and best practices for rural development.

This BioFest is a volunteer-driven effort to support the new Meraki People Community BioFabLab. Participation is free, and it looks like we will be able to provide free lodging for a small number of people. It is easiest to get around by car, so be prepared to rent one. We estimate costs for flying in, getting around, lodging, and food to be around 300 Euro per person.

We will share further details as they become available on the Europe Community Bio WhatsApp group, and in the Facebook group for people who signed up. The latter will be a great place to coordinate with other participants for car sharing and such.

**Join us to make, build, and grow together!**

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