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**ESENIASTOOLS WG4 Meeting: Data collection, analysis, standardisation and  
harmonisation on alien plant and fungi species**

**03-04 March 2016, Novi Sad, Serbia**

**ORGANISED BY:**

University of Novi Sad Faculty of Sciences, Department of Biology and Ecology  
East and South European Network for Invasive Alien Species (ESENIASTOOLS)  
Institute of Biodiversity and Ecosystem Research,  
Bulgarian Academy of Sciences (IBER-BAS)

**ORGANISED IN THE FRAMEWORK OF:**

Project: East and South European Network for Invasive Alien Species –  
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## BACKGROUND

Invasive alien species (IAS) threaten biodiversity and ecosystem services, and have adverse socio-economic impact. Their introductions and spread have increased due to human activities and global change. As a response to this threat, a new EU Regulation 1143/2014 on IAS was adopted and in force from 1<sup>st</sup> January 2015. The European Alien Species Information Network (EASIN) was developed to facilitate the exploration of existing IAS information. Networking on IAS in different scales is needed to collect data, prevent new introductions and manage already widely spread invasive alien species. The East and South European Network for Invasive Alien Species (ESENIAS) was established in 2011 to facilitate solving IAS issues at regional level. One of the main activities of ESENIAS has been the organisation of yearly workshops (Zagreb 2010, Sofia 2011, Belgrade 2012, Çanakkale 2013, and Antalya 2014), which aimed at promoting capacity building initiatives and increasing knowledge on IAS within all countries in the region.

A new project has been launched: **East and South European Network for Invasive Alien Species – A tool to support the management of alien species in Bulgaria (ESENIAS-TOOLS)**. The project is funded by the Financial Mechanism of the European Economic Area 2009-2014, under the Programme BG03 Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services, and aims at networking and development of IAS tools within the framework of ESENIAS to support the management of alien species in Bulgaria and in the overall region. The project promoter is the Institute of Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services with the Bulgarian Academy of Sciences and project partners include 10 state and research institutions from Bulgaria, Greece, Croatia, Serbia, Romania, Turkey, Iceland and R. Macedonia.

Within the ESENIAS-TOOLS project, ten working groups have been organised, among which is the working-group *WG4: Data collection, analysis, standardisation and harmonisation on alien plant and fungi species*. Project Coordinator for this group is Milica Rat from the University of Novi Sad, Faculty of Sciences. The working-group involves expert(s) representatives of each country.

## AIMS OF THE MEETING

- 1) Discuss ESENIAS-TOOLS WG4 (alien plants and fungi species) working plan, tasks, activities and expected results
- 2) Share and discuss information about existing list/s of alien plant species per country
- 3) Present and discuss existing review lists of alien plant species for the ESENIAS region
- 4) Plan future activities to compile data for the 2nd ESENIAS book, as one of the Project outcomes; Preparation of fact sheets
- 5) Discuss standardisation and harmonisation of methods on alien plant species
- 6) Discuss process of prioritisation of alien plant species
- 7) Discuss process of data validation per country and possible publishing of new national lists.

# AGENDA

## **Meeting venue:**

University of Novi Sad  
Zorana Đinđića 1, 21000 Novi Sad, Serbia

## **03 March 2016, Thursday**

09:30 - 10:00 Registration and coffee

10:00 - 10:15 Welcome

10:15 - 10:30 Participant introduction

10:30 - 10:45 Presentation of ESENIAS Network - history, aims, structure and participants (Milica Rat)

10:45 - 11:00 Presentation of ESENIAS-TOOLS project: Working plan, expected results, issues and challenges (Vladimir Vladimirov)

## **State of art on alien plants and fungi in the ESENIAS region**

### *Country reports - check list, trends and pathways*

11:00 - 11:10 Country report Bulgaria

11:10 - 11:20 Country report Croatia

11:20 - 11:30 Country report Greece

11:30 - 11:40 Country report Macedonia

11:40 - 11:50 Country report Romania

11:50 - 12:00 Country report Turkey

## **12:30 - 14:00 Lunch break and coffee**

### *Country reports - check list, trends and pathways*

14:00 - 14:10 Country report Montenegro

14:10 - 14:20 Country report Hungary

14:20 - 14:30 Country report Slovenia

14:30 - 14:40 Country report Serbia

14:45 - 15:00 Alien Freshwater Vascular Plants in SE Europe: Preparation of list of alien species - ESENIAS list (Richard Lansdown)

15:00 - 15:15 Alien Terrestrial Plants in SE Europe: Preparation of list of alien species - ESENIAS list (Milica Rat)

15:15 - 16:30 Discussion

## ***15:30 - 16:00 Coffee break***

16:00 - 17:00 ESENIAS Book: plants, fungi; fact sheets (Ahmet Uludag, Vladimir Vladimirov)

## **04 March 2016, Friday**

09:30 - 10:00 Standardisation and harmonisation of methods, discussion

10:00 - 11:00 Prioritisation of alien species, discussion (Vladimir Vladimirov)

## ***11:00 - 11:30 Coffee break***

11:30 - 12:30 Prioritisation of alien species, discussion

## ***13:00 - 14:30 Lunch***

14:30 - 15:00 Validation of data per countries, publishing of new national lists

15:00 - 15:30 Preparation of fact sheets

15:30 - 16:00 Time-table of future activities, reporting, dissemination of results, technical issues

## **Wrap up and closure**