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Project: East and South European Network for Invasive Alien Species – a tool to support the management of alien species in Bulgaria (ESENIAS-TOOLS)

WG3 MEETING: DATA COLLECTION, ANALYSIS, STANDARTISATION AND HARMONISATION ON ALIEN FRESHWATER SPECIES

05 August 2015
Meeting venue: 1 Tsar Osvoboditel Blvd., Sofia, Bulgaria

Meeting outline: The meeting is a kick-off meeting of activities within the WG3 Data collection, analysis, standartisation and harmonisation on alien freshwater species in Bulgaria. The meeting has the following objectives:

- Present the ESENIAS-TOOLS project and WG3 activities planned
- Discuss the list of alien freshwater species in Bulgaria for the project
- Discuss methods for data collection and analysis
- Approve data templates and protocols
- Present preliminary work on the case studies.

AGENDA

10:00 ESENIAS-TOOLS – Project aims, tasks, structure; WG3 planned activities (T. Trichkova)

10:20 List of alien species
- Terminology
- Alien species of freshwater invertebrate species (T. Trichkova)
- Alien species of freshwater vertebrate species (E. Uzunova)
- Discussion and finalisation of the lists for the project

10:50 Methods for data collection and analysis – published data, field data, mapping, data templates, sampling protocols (T. Trichkova, L. Filipov)

11:10 Preparation of fact sheets and maps
- Alien species for Bulgaria – data templates
- Alien species for the ESENIAS region – prioritisation criteria, priority species

11.30 Case studies
- Case study 1: Biological and ecological traits of invasive alien freshwater mussels in Bulgaria (A. Cardeccia, T. Trichkova)

- Case study 2: Comparative study on the effect of hydrological regime on the distribution of the invasive diatom *Didymosphenia geminata* in extreme environments (Icelandic rivers and lakes, and Bulgarian high-mountain lakes) (N. Ognjanova)
- Case study 3: Assessment of the impact of alien species on the biodiversity and endemism of ancient Balkan lakes (Lake Ohrid case study) (S. Trajanovski, T. Trichkova)
- Case study 4: Estimating dispersal routes for IAS (R. Iosif, T. Trichkova)

Discussion

12.30 Reporting and deadlines