



## Invitation to ESENIA Workshop: International Workshop on IAS in Agricultural and Non-Agricultural Areas in ESENIA Region

Dear colleagues,

We would like to invite you to participate in the 4<sup>th</sup> ESENIA (South and East European Network on Invasive Alien Species) workshop, entitled: **International Workshop on IAS in Agricultural and Non-Agricultural Areas in ESENIA Region**, which will be held on 16-17 December 2013, at Çanakkale Onsekiz Mart University, Çanakkale, Turkey.

The ESENIA network was initiated in two workshops held in Zagreb in 2010 and Sofia in 2011, organized by the EEA/EIONET and national institutions. The network organized its third workshop in Serbia in 2012 together with EEA and Serbian institutions. ESENIA would like to keep exchanging information mainly in the context of recent developments in CBD and EU bodies in its 4<sup>th</sup> workshop which will be held in Turkey co-organized by Çanakkale Onsekiz Mart University, ESENIA, and Institute of Biodiversity and Ecosystem Research BAS, with collaboration of the IUCN Invasive Alien Species Specialist Group, on 16-17 December 2013.

The European Commission has published a proposal for a Regulation on the prevention and management of the introduction and spread of invasive alien species (9.9.2013, COM(2013) 620 final), which is not only a concern of EU countries but also neighboring countries that are members of ESENIA. New Animal and Plant health regulations concerning issues related to invasive alien species (IAS) are proposed this year. CBD 2020 Strategy also requires to countries, invasive alien species and pathways are identified and prioritized, priority species are controlled or eradicated and measures are in place to manage pathways to prevent their introduction and establishment by 2020 (Target 9). In addition, ESENIA prepared a work plan in the last workshop. All these issues are planned to be discussed in the workshop.

The Workshop will bring together representatives of ESENIA, as well as of environmental management and pest control from national and regional environmental and agricultural departments and ministries, the scientific community and other organizations working with IAS to:

- Share information on IAS in agricultural and non-agricultural areas and related initiatives carried out at the regional level, such as national or local monitoring schemes, risk assessments, control and eradication projects, management plans and national strategies, citizens activities and responsibilities;
- Follow up work plan of the ESENIA network, which was prepared in the previous meeting;
- Discuss new EU Regulation proposal on IAS management;
- Keep up to following requirements of CBD 2020 Strategy and review developments in the region;
- Seek further improvement of cooperation and networking on IAS in the region and collaboration with other networks.



## PRELIMINARY PROGRAM

### 15 December 2013

16:00-18:00 Registration  
18:30 Welcome cocktail

### 16 December 2013

08:30-09:30 Registration  
09:30-10:00 Opening ceremony  
10:00-10:30 Coffee break  
10:30-12:30 First scientific session (IAS and agricultural areas)  
12:30-14:00 Lunch  
14:00-15:30 Second scientific session (IAS and non-agricultural areas)  
15:30-16:00 Coffee break  
16:00-18:00 Roundtable (Work plan of ESENIAS)  
19:00 Gala dinner

### 17 December 2013

09:00-10:30 Third scientific session (New EU Regulation on IAS)  
10:30-11:00 Coffee break  
11:00-12:30 Fourth scientific session (Developments about CBD 2020 Strategy)  
12:30-14:00 Closing followed by lunch  
14:00 Field trip

## Practical steps for registering for the workshop

Please inform ESENIAS ([trichkova@gmail.com](mailto:trichkova@gmail.com), with copy to [ahuludag@yahoo.com](mailto:ahuludag@yahoo.com)) by 31 October 2013 if you will attend the workshop.

**Please send an abstract of your contribution by 15 November 2013.**

The abstracts will be published as hardcopy and on the ESENIAS website, [www.esenias.org](http://www.esenias.org).

**No registration fee required.**

Accommodation (cost € 20 per night per person) is available. For more details contact Ahmet Uludag ([ahuludag@yahoo.com](mailto:ahuludag@yahoo.com)).

Yours sincerely,

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On behalf of the Organizers