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**6th ESENIASTOOLS Workshop: East and South European Network for Invasive Alien Species – A tool to support the management of alien species in Bulgaria (ESENIASTOOLS)**

**ESENIASTOOLS Kick-Off Meeting  
26-28 October 2015, Sofia, Bulgaria**

**ESENIASTOOLS WG5 Meeting: Data collection, analysis, standardisation and harmonisation on alien terrestrial invertebrate species**

**29-30 October 2015, Sofia, Bulgaria**

**ORGANISED BY:**

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## Workshop Outline

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) 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.

The 6th ESENIAS workshop and ESENIAS-TOOLS project kick-off meeting will bring together scientists, stakeholders and authorities from the ESENIAS network member countries and participants in the ESENIAS-TOOLS project to:

- Discuss ESENIAS-TOOLS project working plan, tasks and activities;
- Discuss and approve common data forms, templates, questionnaires, protocols and methods;
- Plan future work and organisation of this work within the working groups with the participation of experts from all ESENIAS countries;
- Share information on IAS related initiatives carried out at regional level, such as national and local monitoring schemes, risk assessments, control and eradication projects, management plans and national strategies, citizens activities and responsibilities;
- Seek further opportunities for cooperation and networking on IAS in the region and collaboration with other networks and projects, such as EASIN.

The workshop is organised by the Institute of Biodiversity and Ecosystem Research, Bulgarian Academy of Sciences (IBER-BAS) in the framework of the ESENIAS-TOOLS project and funded by the Financial Mechanism of the European Economic Area 2009-2014, under the Programme BG03 Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services.

## **Preliminary Agenda**

### **ESENIAS-TOOLS Kick-Off Meeting 26-28 October 2015, Sofia, Bulgaria**

#### **26 October 2015**

#### **Meeting of ESENIAS-TOOLS project participants and ESENIAS country representatives**

##### **Meeting venue:**

Radisson Blue Grand Hotel, Sofia  
4 Narodno Sabranie Square, 1000 Sofia, Bulgaria  
<https://www.radissonblu.com/en/hotel-sofia/location>

09:30 – 10:00 **Registration and coffee**

10:00 – 10:15 **Welcome and introduction of participants**

10:15 – 11:00 **Update on ESENIAS-TOOLS project** (Teodora Trichkova, Vladimir Vladimirov)  
ESENIAS-TOOLS project – goals and tasks, project partners, working plan and activities  
ESENIAS-TOOLS project scientific and financial reporting  
Discussion

11:00 – 11:40 **WG7: IAS research, management and legislation review** (Rumen Tomov, Vladimir Vladimirov)  
Discussion and acceptance of data forms, templates, questionnaires and protocols

11:40 – 12:00 **WG8: Capacity building** (Rumen Tomov)

12:00 – 12:30 **WG9: Awareness raising** (Rumen Tomov)

12:30 – 14:00 **Lunch break**

14:00 – 15:30 **WG1: Database development and organisation** (Teodora Trichkova)  
Data forms, templates  
Construction of the database (Antonyi Sharkov, Dimitar Vasilev)  
Creation of the GIS platform and mapping of priority species (Lyubomir Filipov)  
Database compatibility with the European Commission's European Alien Species Information Network (EASIN) (Stelios Katsanevakis)  
Discussion

15:30 – 16:00 **Coffee**

16:00 – 17:00 **WG10: Networking and dissemination of project results** (Ahmet Uludag)

**27 October 2015**

**ESENIAS-TOOLS Open Day**

**Meeting venue:**

Conference Hall of the Bulgarian Academy of Sciences

1, 15<sup>th</sup> November Str., Sofia

<http://www.bas.bg/contacts>

08:30 – 09:00 **Registration**

09:00 – 09:30 **Opening**

Assoc. Prof. Dr. Anna Ganeva, IBER-BAS, Director

Prof. Dr. Dimitar Ivanov, BAS, Scientific Secretary

Mr Valeri Georgiev, National Nature Protection Service Directorate, Ministry of Environment and Water

Ms. Kremena Gocheva, Coordination on EU Affairs and International Cooperation Directorate, Ministry of Environment and Water

**Session 1: Introduction**

Chairs: Rumen Tomov, Teodora Trichkova

09:30 – 10:00 Presentation of ESENIAS and ESENIAS-TOOLS project (Teodora Trichkova)

10:00 – 10:30 EU IAS Regulation and European Alien Species Information Network (EASIN) (Stelios Katsanevakis)

10:30 – 10:40 ESENIAS-TOOLS: opportunities for networking (Ahmet Uludag)

10:40 – 11:00 **Coffee**

**Session 2: ESENIAS country reports**

Chairs: Ahmet Uludag, Paulina Anastasiu

11:00 – 11:15 Review of IAS activities in Bulgaria (Rumen Tomov)

11:15 – 11:30 IAS country report Croatia (Aljoša Duplić)

11:30 – 12:00 IAS country report Greece (Argyro Zenetos)

12:00 – 12:15 Overview of the invasive alien species in Kosovo (Qenan Maxhuni)

12:15 – 12:30 Discussion

12:30 – 13:30 **Lunch break and coffee**

**Session 3: ESENIAS country reports (cont.)**

Chairs: Argyro Zenetos, Aljoša Duplić

13:30 – 13:45 IAS country report R. Macedonia (Bojan Simovski)

13:45 – 14:00 IAS country report Montenegro (Sead Hadžiablahović)

14:15 – 14:30 IAS country report Romania (Dan Cogalniceanu)

14:30 – 14:45 IAS country report Serbia (Milica Rat)

14:45 – 15:00 IAS country report Turkey (Ahmet Uludag)

15:00 – 15:30 **Coffee**

#### **Session 4: ESENIAS-TOOLS case studies**

Chairs: Milica Rat, Vladimir Vladimirov

15:30 – 15:45 IAS studies in Italy (Alberto Inghilesi)

15:45 – 16:00 Comparative study on the effect of hydrological regime on the distribution of the invasive diatom *Didymosphenia geminata* in extreme environments - Icelandic case study (David Finger)

16:00 – 16:15 Comparative study on the effect of hydrological regime on the distribution of the invasive diatom *Didymosphenia geminata* in extreme environments – changes in diatom composition in the Rila high-mountain lakes (Nadja Ognjanova)

16:15 – 16:30 Assessment of the impact of alien species on the biodiversity and endemism of ancient Balkan lakes - Lake Ohrid case study (Sasho Trajanovski)

16:30 – 16:45 Estimating dispersal routes for IAS (Dan Cogalniceanu)

16:45 – 17:00 Discussion and closure

**28 October 2015**

**Meeting of ESENIAS-TOOLS project participants and ESENIAS country representatives**

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**Session 5: ESENIAS case studies**

Chairs: Nadja Ognjanova, David Finger

09:00 – 09:30 Alien freshwater vascular plants in south-east Europe (Richard V. Lansdown)

09:30 – 10:00 Check-list of alien plant species in Turkey (Necmi Aksoy)

10:00 – 10:30 Invasive pest insects in Republic of Macedonia important for agriculture (Stanislava Lazarevska)

10:30 – 11:00 Development of awareness about IAS among professionals in horticulture industry and landscaping in Serbia (Milka Glavendekić)

11:00 – 11:30 **Coffee**

11:30 – 12:30 **WG discussions – tasks, participants, species lists, sampling protocols**

12:30 – 14:00 **Lunch break**

**Session 6: ESENIAS species data – presentation per WGs**

Chairs: Cristina Preda, Sead Hadžiablahović

14:00 – 14:30 WG2: Data collection, analysis, standardisation and harmonisation on alien marine species (Argyro Zenetos, Fabio Crocetta and Paraskevi Karachle)

14:30 – 15:00 WG3: Data collection, analysis, standardisation and harmonisation on alien freshwater species (Aljoša Duplić)

15:00 – 15:30 WG4: Data collection, analysis, standardisation and harmonisation on alien plant and fungi species (Milica Rat)

15:30 – 16:00 **Coffee**

**Session 6: ESENIAS species data – presentation per WGs (cont.)**

Chairs: Sonja Desnica, Necmi Aksoy

16:00 – 16:30 WG5: Data collection, analysis, standardisation and harmonisation on alien terrestrial invertebrate species (Rumen Tomov)

16:30 – 17:00 WG6: Data collection, analysis, standardisation and harmonisation on alien terrestrial vertebrate species (Dan Cogalniceanu)

**Wrap up and closure**