



19 September 2012

EIONET/EEA/ ESENIAS Workshop: Managing Invasive Alien Species in East and South European countries: the way ahead 27-28 September 2012

Agenda 27 September 2012 (9h30) – 28 September (17h00)

Co-organizers: EEA, ESENIAS, University of Novi Sad, Faculty of Sciences

Thursday, 27 September

Opening Session with welcome and introduction of participants.

9.30 - 9:45 Welcome

Session 1. Update on ESENIAS activities

9:45 – 10:15 Overview of developments within ESENIAS. Where do we stand today? (Teodora Trichkova).

10:15 – 10:30 Networking and Presentations of ESENIAS at conferences, workshops (Ahmet Uludag)

10:30-11:00 Coffee

11:00 – 12:00 Reports from countries and organizations in ESENIAS on developments and activities regarding IAS (max 5-6 minutes per country).

12:00 – 13:00 LUNCH

13:00-14:00 Press Conference

Session 2. IAS Networks in Europe and ESENIAS (developing cooperation with other Pan-European and global groups).

14.00 - 14.15 EU Policy and strategy developments within the EU – the EU biodiversity Strategy for 2020 and EU regulation on IAS. Experiences with the work and speculations on what the coming regulation may bring (Melanie Josefsson)

14:15 – 14:35 IUCN Invasive Species Specialist Group's work with IAS. (Riccardo Scalera).

14:35 – 15:10 Progress toward an European network on IAS

- COST initiative (further development of DAISIE) (Riccardo Scalera).
- The EU Joint Research Center's EASIN (Melanie Josefsson)
- The Joint Work Programme to Strengthen Information Services on Invasive Alien Species. (Melanie Josefsson)
- NOBANIS

15:10 – 15:30 Coffee

15:30 – 18:00 Session 3. Developing an ESENIAS Work Plan for 2012 and beyond. (Teodora Trichkova, Milica Rat and steering committee)

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- Focus of ESENIAS
- ESENIAS structure – leadership, structure and governance of group. Secretariat?
- ESENIAS Website
- Who is the targeted audience or main users of the ESENIAS website?
- What data to collect?
- Review and listing of IAS in the region. Templates.
- ESENIAS work plan and time schedule
- Follow up of ESENIAS activities – how will this occur?
- Information sharing – what is desirable to be shared? How can this be done practically?
- Discuss approach to include neighbouring countries, Hungary, Romania, Slovenia, southern European countries, Italy, France, Spain, and Portugal followed by northern African countries, Morocco, Algeria, and Tunis.
- Networking and cooperation with other IAS databases and gateways.

19:00 DINNER followed by informal discussions

Friday, September 28

8:30 – 10:00 Session 3 *continued*

10.00 – 10:20 *Coffee*

10:20 – 12:30 Session 4. Technical issues for developing ESENIAS including ideas for funding ESENIAS. (Teodora Trichkova, Milica Rat and steering committee).

Possibilities for:

- BIODIVERSA project?
- COST project?
- National funding?
- Other ideas?

12:30-13:30 LUNCH

13:30 – 15:00 Session 4 continued

15:00 – 15:20 *Coffee*

15:20 – 16:20 ESENIAS publication. Ideas for structure and content. Time plan. (Teodora Trichkova, Milica Rat, Rumen Tomov)

16.20 – 16:40 **Session 5** (optional if time available). **How can Citizen Science Reporting be incorporated into ESENIAS? Nature Watch and national reporting systems** (Melanie Josefsson)

16:40 – 17:00 Session 6. Other business

- Date and Venue for next meeting
- Any Other Business