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Introduction

The main objective of the session is to promote the existing networks on ecosystem services and generate ideas for their development in South East Europe

• Ecosystem services partnership (ESP) - worldwide network to enhance the science and practical application of ES

• ESP in South East Europe (SEE) – emerging national networks, prospects and directions for their development

• SEE in ESP – can we develop regional structure of ESP?
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Introduction

Other networks and groups in related to ecosystem services – MAES, ILTER, IALE …

• How they interact between themselves?

• What are the common areas they could cooperate in?

• How they can cooperate in mapping of ES?

• What are the main perspectives?
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ESP National Networks in SEE

Bulgaria – Stoyan Nedkov

Greece – Panayotis Dimopoulos

Macedonia – Nate Nikodinoska

Romania – Cristian Mihai Adamescu

Serbia – Jeroen Arends
Bulgaria

Welcome to the official webpage of the Bulgaria ESP national network. If you would like to visit this network’s discussion board, please click here (members only).

Lead team

- Stoyan Nedkov
- Svetla Doncheva
- Kremena Boyanova (support)

If you are interested in becoming a member of the lead team, please contact the current lead team members.

If you are interested in becoming a member of this national network, please click here.

Introduction & Objectives

ESP National Networks aim to improve decision making on ecosystem services by providing a platform for researchers, government, non-government, business, industry and communities to exchange information and experiences on the theoretical and practical application of ecosystem services at local to national scales.
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Objectives of the National Network in Bulgaria

• Provide a focal point for ESP members at the national level, in Bulgarian language
• Organize meetings and conferences of interest to the National ESP members
• Support the implementation of ES science and practice at national and local levels and especially by contributing to national assessments and policy evaluations
• Feed bottom up information into regional and international activities
• Maintain a database of researcher and practitioner expertise, contacts and projects
• Organize meetings of interest to the National ESP members
• Actively promote ESP activities and membership
• Actively promote national activities and membership
• Promote educational opportunities to improve understanding of ES
• Maintain webpage on ESP website
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Proposed activities of the National Network:

• Develop an ES researchers and practitioners contact database for the nation

• Draw attention to publications specific to the nation

• Collaborate on RS surveys to create an overview of the needs, ideas of researchers and other stakeholders

• Develop an inventory of case studies in the country and put them on ESP website.

• Actively approach researchers and practitioners to become ESP members and identify ways to increase the ESP membership.

• Jointly design and conduct research projects or applications in practice with RCs.
Related projects:

Methodological Support for Ecosystem Services Mapping and Biophysical Valuation (MetEcosMap)

Toward better UNderstanding the Ecosystem Services in URBan environments trough assessment (TUNESinURB)

Enhancing ecoSysteM sERvices mApping for poLicy and Decision mAking (ESMERALDA)

Collaborators:
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Key issues for collaboration

• Exchange of knowledge, experience good practices
• Organization of common events i.e. regional conference
• Preparation of common projects, cross border projects
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Main challenges

• to identify and incorporate research communities
• to create a platform for knowledge exchange
• to promote the ES concept in education
• to engage non-academic stakeholders
• to find funding
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Development of the network(s)

• to create a platform for knowledge exchange
• cross-border cooperation
• to create regional network ESP-SEE
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Other networks

MAES working group – Joachim Maes

ILTER – Maria Nijnik, Svetla Bratanova-Doncheva
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Discussion

Collaboration between the networks

Platform for knowledge exchange

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