



SENSFOR MC & WG meeting

Sofia (Bulgaria), February 10-11, 2016



**ENHANCING THE RESILIENCE CAPACITY OF SENSITIVE MOUNTAIN  
FOREST ECOSYSTEMS UNDER ENVIRONMENTAL CHANGE  
(SENSFOR)**

**COST ACTION ES1203**



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## **AGENDA**

### **Tuesday, February 9, 2016**

Arrival

18:00-20:00 Core group meeting

### **Wednesday, February 10, 2016**

#### **8:30-9:00 Registration**

#### **9:00- 9:30 Welcome**

Project Vice-Chair (Oddvar Skre), Local organizers (Dr. Anna Ganeva - Director of IBER-BAS; Prof. DSc Hristo tsakvo, Director of FRI-BAS; Dr. Miglena Zhiyanski - FRI-BAS, Dr. Svetla Doncheva - IBER-BAS)

#### **9:30-11:00 Key-note lectures session I**

9:30-9:50 **Prof. Robert Jandl:** "Climate Changes Biogeochemistry" (Institut für Waldökologie und Boden, Vienna, Austria)

9:50 - 10:10 **Dr. Marcus Schaub,** Matthias Arend, Andreas Rigling: „Swiss Forests under Future Climate Change“ (WSL, Zurich, Switzerland)

10:10-10:30 **Dr. Osman Cenk Demiroglu:** "A Research Agenda for Understanding the Climate Change Resilience Capacity of Snow Sports Tourism in the Balkans" (Istanbul Bilgi University, Turkey)

10:30-10:50 **Dr. Tzvetan Zlatanov,** Boris Nikolov, Stoyan Stoyanov: "Habitat requirements of Boreal Owl (*Aegolius funereus*) and Pygmy Owl (*Glaucidium passerinum*) in mountainous populations on the Balkan Peninsula" (Forest Research Institute-BAS, Sofia, Bulgaria)

10:50-11:00 **Discussion**

#### **11:00 - 11:30 Coffee Break**

#### **11:30 - 13:00 Key-note lectures session II**

11:30 - 11:50 **Dr. Momchil Panayotov:** "Tree ring studies in subalpine treeline ecosystems in Bulgaria" (University of Forestry, Sofia, Bulgaria)

11:50 - 12:10 **Dr. Margarita Georgieva:** "*Ips typographus* (L.) (Coleoptera: Curculioninae, Scolytidae) a destructive xylophagous pest of Norway spruce (*Picea abies* L. Karst.) in Vitosha Mountain after the windthrow in 2001" (Forest Research Institute - BAS)

12:10 - 12:30 **Dr. Deniza Pandevea,** Dr. Lyubcho Trichkov, Albena Bobeva: "Bulgarian forests and ecosystem services" (Ministry of Environment and Waters, Bulgaria)

12:30 - 12:50 **Dr. Petar Zhelev:** "Adaptive measures for preservation biodiversity of mountain regions under climate change" (University of Forestry, Sofia, Bulgaria)



12:50 - 13:00 **Discussion**

**13:15 - 14:15 Lunch break**

14:30 - 16:00 Plenary WG session

16:00 - 16:30 Coffee Break

16:30 - 18:30 WG1, WG2, WG3 and WG 4 meetings in parallel sessions

19:30 - Social dinner

(COST participants, who would like to attend the official dinner to confirm before 20<sup>th</sup> January 2016 to the local organizers: [zhiyanski@abv.bg](mailto:zhiyanski@abv.bg) and/or [sbrat@abv.bg](mailto:sbrat@abv.bg) . Please, **indicate any special requests**. Information about the venue will be distributed among the registered participant by mail and on the registration).

## **Thursday, February 11, 2016**

8:30 - Field excursion to Vitosha Mountain and meetings with stakeholders (NP Vitosha representatives, MoEW). Discussion on questionnaires fulfilled by stakeholders.

Coffee break.

Travel by bus and/or lift. Meeting in the NP “Vitosha” visitor centre or in the conference hall.

13:00 (13.30) - 14:00 Lunch break

14:00 - 15:00 Plenary WG session: WG1, WG2 and WG3 present the results of the work during the sessions and plan for the future

15:00 - 15:30 Coffee break with parallel poster session

15:30 - 17:00 MC meeting

Cocktail

## **Thursday / Friday 13 February 2016 - Departure**

**VENUE: Park Hotel MOSKVA**

<http://www.parkhotelmoskva.net/>

**CONFERENCE FEE:**



**195.58 BGN (100 €) paid in advance to the bank account below -  
field excursion with coffee break, social dinner, cocktail.**

**Exchange rate 5 Jan 2016: EUR 1 = BGN 1.9558**

**Bank account in BGN:**

**Bank holder:                    FONDACIA PRIRODEN PARK VITOSHA**  
**Bank:                            ALPHA BANK, SOFIA, BULGARIA**  
**Bank address: 1000 Sofia, 17 "Antim Ist" Street**  
**BIC code:                    C R B A B G S F**  
**IBAN:                            B G 9 3 C R B A 9 8 9 8 1 2 3 0 0 1 7 6 5 0**

**For COST participant, who will stay in Park Hotel MOSKVA the easiest and fastest transport from/to Sofia airport is the subway**



**(stop: Station Juliet Curries).**

<http://www.parkhotelmoskva.net/en/contacts/contacts.htm>

### **Other hotels:**

Hotel Metropolitan Sofia <http://metropolitanhotelsofia.com/bg>

Hotel Elate Plaza [www.elateplaza.com](http://www.elateplaza.com)

Best Western Expo Hotel [www.hotelexposofia.com](http://www.hotelexposofia.com)

Arena di Serdica: <http://arenadiserdica.com/>

**Other hotels could be found at: Booking.com OR TripAdvisor.com**

### **Taxi services**

There are a few well-known taxi companies in Sofia with modern cars and offering the same rates: "Yes and Yellow 333", "OK Supertrans", "S-Express".

Standard rates are as follows: Daytime - 0.40 €/km (0.77 BGN/km) and Nighttime - 0.45 €/km (0.88 BGN/km)

### **Sample rates**

From Park Hotel MOSKVA to Sofia Airport - around 5-6 € (10-12 BGN) in low traffic and around 10 € (20 BGN) in rush hour. From the hotel to the city centre - maximum of 8 € (16 BGN).

For your convenience, the hotel offers 24/7 currency exchange.

### **Useful information**

The taxi driver must have an ID and a vehicle licence which must be on the dashboard. Do not hesitate to file a complaint if you are not satisfied with the service. In order to call a taxi, you need to dial a phone number or hail a taxi with a green light if you are on the street.

Always check the rates in order to avoid a deceit.

### **Public transport**

For more information about public transport

<http://www.sofiatraffic.bg/en/transport/121/marshrutna-mrezha> (Center for urban mobility)