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Annual meeting of the  
Forest Invasive Species Network for Europe and  
Central Asia (REUFIS) on

# THE ROLE OF INVASIVE SPECIES IN URBAN FOREST PLANNING

Skopje, North Macedonia  
4-6 June 2024

Exploring the relationship between invasive species and urban forestry, focusing on how urban greening aids their spread. Delving into causes, consequences, and management strategies for invasive species to protect urban ecosystems.

## DETAILED AGENDA



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TUESDAY 04 JUNE

09:00 - 09:15 OPENING CEREMONY

### Ferenc Lakatos

University of Sopron, Secretary of REUFIS.

### Shiroma Sathyapala

Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO).

### Norbert Winkler-Ráthonyi

Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO).

### Sasho Petrovski

Regional centre for forestry and rural development (REFORD).

09:15 - 10:30 PANEL DISCUSSION: TREE SPECIES IN URBAN LANDSCAPES

### European urban tree inventory.

### Benno Andreas Augustinus

Swiss Federal Institute for Forest, Snow and Landscape Research WSL, Switzerland

### Mitigation of the negative impact of allergenic trees in urban green areas in Hungary.

### Donát Magyar

National Center for Public Health and Pharmacy, Hungary

### László Orlóci

Hungarian University of Agriculture and Life Sciences, Hungary

### New invasive pests threatening the European and Mediterranean forests: an EPPO perspective

### Dmitrii Musolin

EPPO

10:30 - 10:45 *Coffee break*

10:45 - 12:00 PANEL DISCUSSION: FOREST HEALTH CHALLENGES IN URBAN AREAS

### Tree diseases: Combating misinformation in a rapidly changing world

### Lucio Montecchio

University of Padova, Italy

### Major pests and diseases of trees in urban areas

### Milka Glavendekic

University of Belgrade, Serbia

### Biological control of tree of heaven (*Ailanthus altissima*)

### Erhard Halmschlager

University of Natural Resources and Life Sciences, Austria

12:00 - 13:30 *lunch break*



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13:30 - 18:00 COUNTRY PRESENTATIONS

The invasive species *Cydalima perspectalis* (Walker.) as a threat to the natural sites of *Buxus* spp. in the Republic of North Macedonia

**Sterja Nacheski**  
Ss. Cyril and Methodius University in  
Skopje, North Macedonia

GRIS - North Macedonia: Invasive Alien  
Woody Plants

**Bojan Simovski**  
Ss. Cyril and Methodius University in  
Skopje, North Macedonia

120 years with chestnut blight: which lessons  
have we learned?

**Kiril Sotirovski**  
St. Cyril and Methodius University in  
Skopje, North Macedonia

14:45 - 15:00 *Coffee break*

Occurrence of *Anoplophora chinensis* in urban  
areas of Slovenia

**Eva Groznik**  
Slovenian Forest Institute, Slovenia

Urban and forest tree protection in Ukraine

**Denys Baturkin**  
State Specialized Forest Protection  
Enterprise Kharkivlizozakhist, Ukraine

Phoenix rising from ashes: Safeguarding ash  
trees against invasive threats

**Kateryna Davydenko**  
G.M.V. Ukrainian Research Institute of  
Forestry & Forest Melioration, Ukraine

Invasive alien species in Polish forests

**Małgorzata Czyżewska**  
General State Forest Directorate, Poland

Biological protection in forestry, use of  
entomopathogenic fungi

**Slavomír Rell**  
Forest Protection Service, Slovakia

18:00 *Dinner*



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09:00 - 17:00

FIELD VISIT

Various locations in the vicinity of Skopje:

### Dendro-park of the Forest Faculty

**(urban park of woody species, lower altitude)**

Offspring of various invasive plant species (e.g., *Robinia pseudoacacia*, *Gleditsia triacanthos*, *Acer negundo*, *Koelreuteria paniculata*, *Ailanthus altissima*, among others) and *Cydalima perspectalis* damage on *Buxus* spp. (hedge, and individual shrubs).

### Gazi Baba Nature Park

**(Protected area - anti-erosive urban landscaping, lower altitude, thermo-xeric site conditions)**

Small/large groups, patches with high territorial expansion, and colonization of: *Koelreuteria paniculata*, *Ailanthus altissima*, *Robinia pseudoacacia*, *Maclura pomifera*.

### Vodno Natural Monument

**(Protected area - anti-erosive urban landscaping on northern slopes in peri-urban area, mediate altitude)**

Spreading on higher altitudes compared to previous localities: *Ailanthus altissima*, *Robinia pseudoacacia*, *Gleditsia triacanthos*.

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THURSDAY 06 JUNE

09:00 - 13:00 REUFIS FOCAL POINTS MEETING

Updates on forest invasive species and management challenges in REUFIS member countries.

REUFIS focal points

11:00 - 11:30 *Coffee break*

REUFIS 2024-2025 workplan

**Shiroma Sathyapala**

Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO).

**Ferenc Lakatos**

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13:00 - 14:00 *Closing lunch*



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