

## Report on the outcomes of a presentation and participation in a ITC Conference<sup>1</sup>

**Action number: 18201**

**Grantee name: Sara Cvetanoska**

### **Conference Details**

Conference title: **39 th Eastern Alpine and Dinaric Society for Vegetation Ecology Conference**

Conference web-page: <http://www.eadsve.org/about/>

Conference venue<sup>2</sup>: **Dubrovnik Student Centre and Dormitory**

(address: **Marka Marojice 2b, 20000 Dubrovnik**)

Conference start and end date: **03/05/2022 to 08/05/2022**

### **Accepted contribution details**

Title of the presentation: **Plant assessment process for the national Red List according to the IUCN methodology in North Macedonia**

Type of the presentation: (oral/poster) **oral**

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### **Outcome of the conference participation**

Thanks to the financial support from the COST Action CA18201 - An integrated approach to conservation of threatened plants for the 21st Century, I took part at the "39 th Eastern Alpine and Dinaric Society for Vegetation Ecology " in the period from May 04-08-05, 2022. At the symposium was orally was presented the presentation titled "Plant assessment process for the national Red List according to the IUCN methodology in North Macedonia " in co-authorship with Prof. Renata Custerevska and M.Sc. Cvetanka Cvetkoska who are MC members of this Cost action. Through the presentation I had the opportunity to explain to the audience the current process of creating a priority red list of plants for the Republic of North Macedonia. This process started in 2018 and so far, 25 species have been evaluated, and 5 more are in the evaluation procedure. All these data, with images of the most endemic species, their distribution and threats were presented. After the presentation, there were several questions, after which a discussion developed, about some species that the attendees were interested in.

The Eastern Alpine and Dinaric Society was founded in 1960 in order to stimulate cooperation for the study of flora and vegetation, primarily between scientists from the Apennines and the Balkans. The

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Society organizes meetings every second year. The meeting is open not only to members, but also to other research interested in the flora and vegetation in the region.

At this symposium, researches by more than 40 participants from many European countries were presented, contacts were made and opinions were exchanged with several participants.

There were many positive outcomes for me that came out of this conference. I spoke with many people from different areas within the flora giving me an insight into what is required and where my skill set may fit in. This also allowed me to meet and interact with potential project partners.

One of the wonderful things that came out of this conference was that it has solidified the fact that I am in the right place with my work and offered me the direction with my career goals. The flora, biodiversity and vegetation are highly interesting, great to be involved with and that I am convinced about my passion in the field of environmental sciences.

An excursion to the Peljesac Peninsula, the Konavle area and the island of Lokrum was planned as part of the symposium, during which sites with endemic plants (*Euphorbia barrelieri* subsp. hercegovina, *Hyacinthella dalmatica*, *Satureja visianii*, *Micromeria pseudocroatica* and others) and the Botanical Garden were visited.

I would like to thank the COST for providing the opportunity to present our research in such an accommodating forum, and look forward to working with the flora going forward, and presenting at future events.

I briefly explained to the attendees about the activities of our Cost action and what are its activities and goals.

#### **Acknowledgement of inclusion of necessary supporting documents to claim the grant**

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- the certificate of conference attendance.
- the programme of the conference or book of abstracts / proceedings indicating the presentation (oral or poster) of the grantee.
- copy of the given presentation (oral or poster).