

## Workshop

### PRO-ACTIVE MANAGEMENT OF FORESTS TO COMBAT CLIMATE CHANGE DRIVEN RISKS:

### *POLICIES AND MEASURES FOR INCREASING FOREST RESILIENCE AND CLIMATE CHANGE ADAPTATION IN EUROPE*

**03-04 September 2019, İstanbul, TURKEY**

#### PRACTICAL INFORMATION

#### WORKSHOP

The workshop will be held on 03-04 September 2019 at Elite World Europe Hotel / İstanbul / TURKEY.

The workshop is scheduled to start on Tuesday at 9:00 and will continue till 17:30 followed by poster session till 18:30. Then, there will be a dinner reception in the workshop venue at 19:30. For second day, the workshop will be between 9:00 to 11:00, then the excursion will start at 11:15 and completed at 18:00 in Belgrad Forest of İstanbul. The excursion bus can stop at the airport at 17:30.

The excursion will be related on the Workshop issues as follows in İstanbul- the Belgrad Forest, which is a temperate region oak-beech forest ecosystem under conservation status.

#### DATES AND TIMING

##### **Monday 02 September 2019**

16:00 – 19:00          Registration

##### **Tuesday, 03 September 2019**

08:30 – 09:00          Registration

09:00 – 17:30          Workshop Sessions

17:30 - 18:30          Poster Session

19.30                      Dinner Reception

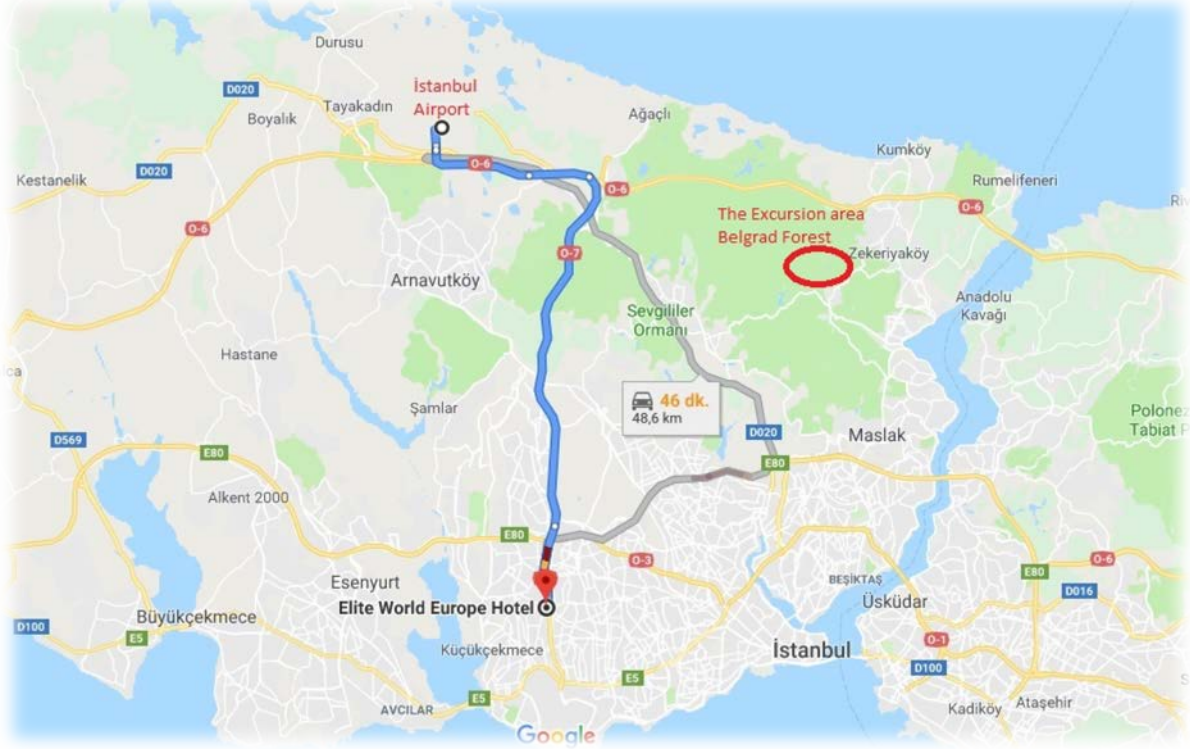
##### **Wednesday, 04 September 2019**

09:00 - 11:00          Workshop Session

11:15 - 18:00          Post-Workshop Excursion

## WORKSHOP VENUE

The workshop will take place in Elite World Europe Hotel / İstanbul located in Halkalı Merkez Mahallesi, Basın Ekspres Cd. No: 4, 34303 Halkalı/Küçükçekmece/İstanbul <https://www.eliteworldhotels.com.tr/elite-world-europe-otel.aspx>



## POST-WORKSHOP EXCURSION

**Forest Fire Management** - Since wildfires are very common and one of the major stressors for forests in Turkey located at the eastern wing of the Mediterranean basin, it is planned to visit one of the forest lands rehabilitated after fire occurrence. Although Belgrad forest is not under high risk for wildfires compared to southern coniferous forests it is still under threat due to widespread recreational activities. The rehabilitation after wildfires will be discussed in the excursion point where a historical fire has occurred.

The climate change is also predicted to cause a decrease in precipitation except the Eastern Black Sea region in the coming decades. Thus, the duration and severity of summer drought determine the frequency and coverage of the fires as area prone to burning enlarges.

Beyond post- fire rehabilitation, fire prevention and combating are also integral parts of forest fire management to be discussed during the excursion point being visited.

**Drought** - The precipitation is estimated to decrease in the region. This may have several consequences on the oak forests and their management. There has been a policy implemented to convert coppices to high forests in the region and this has arisen a debate due to some reports concluding that coppices consume less water compared to high forests. Thus, the forest water interactions and management implications will be planned to be discussed.

**Forest Ecosystem Monitoring and Assessment Programme** - Since installed Level I plots in the country's forest ecosystems of varied geo-climatic regions for the transnational evaluation and Level II plots representing the most wide spread forest tree species to better assess and describe changes in forest health and vitality under biotic and abiotic stress factors provide substantial information for strategic planning of Turkish Forest Service, it is planned to visit one of the level I plots as well as Atatürk Arboretum in Belgrad Forest.

## ARRIVAL DETAILS AND PUBLIC TRANSPORT

### Arriving by plane at İstanbul International Airport

The workshop venue is located 35.6 km far from the airport. There are direct flights to İstanbul and connecting flights from other major Turkish airports.

There are taxi services to any place of the city from the airport.

Alternatively, participants can also use airport busses which is named İST-17 (arrive Halkalı Police Center bus station, then you need to transfer to another bus which is named 79-G till arriving Fatih Caddesi bus station. Please see the bus time schedule at:

<https://www.iETT.istanbul/en/main/hatlar/%C4%B0ST-17/HALKALI%20-%20%C4%B0STANBUL%20HAVAL%C4%B0MANI-%C4%B0ETT-Otob%C3%BCs-Sefer-Saatleri-ve-Duraklar%C4%B1>)

## ACCOMMODATION

The Turkish Forest Service will make a block booking (for 80 people) for statutory workshop participants to reserve at low price included B&B + Lunch from 02 to 04 September 2019 in the Elite World Europe Hotel / İstanbul - Hotel, where the workshop place will be equipped with the facilities to make the workshop programme of work smoothly organized

## HOTEL PRICE

Accommodation cost is Euro 85 for a single room to one person including breakfast and lunch.

## MEALS

Dinner on Tuesday 03<sup>th</sup> September will be provided by the host country and the breakfast + lunch provided by the hotel for guests who stay at the hotel. There are plenty of possibilities to have meals at and around the hotel.

## CURRENCY

The official currency in Turkey is the Turkish Liras. (For currency information please visit the website at ; [https://www.tcmb.gov.tr/kurlar/kurlar\\_tr.html](https://www.tcmb.gov.tr/kurlar/kurlar_tr.html))

## NO-SMOKING POLICY

Smoking is not allowed indoors or in outside areas of hospitals and places of worship. However, special smoking areas have been established in cafes and restaurants. We ask our participants to kindly follow the no-smoking policy.

## SOUVENIR SHOP

All participants can easily access shops because of the location of the hotels.

## ELECTRICITY

Turkey operates on 220 volts, 50 Hz, with round-prong European-style plugs that fit into recessed wall sockets/points. We encourage our participants to bring the necessary transformers/adapters with them.

## MEDICAL SERVICES

A 24-hour first-aid service will be available at the hotels. If necessary, patients will be referred to medical facilities in İstanbul. We remind all participants that they must take out their own travel insurance.

## ALTERNATIVE HOTELS

### **Park Inn by Radisson Istanbul Ataturk Airport\*\*\*\***

Address: Halkalı Merkez Mahallesi Fatih Caddesi No 99 Kucukcekmece 34303, 34

Phone: (0212) 999 67 77

Web: <https://www.parkinn.com.tr/airport-hotel-istanbul-ataturk>

Price: approx.: 90€/night

### **Courtyard Marriott Istanbul International Airport \*\*\*\***

Address: Basın Ekspres Yolu Fatih Caddesi, Dereboyu Sokak No2, Halkalı 34303, 34

Phone: (0212) 692 00 00

Web: <https://www.marriott.com>

Price: approx. 50€/night

## CLIMATE

In summer the weather in İstanbul is hot and humid, the temperature between June and September averaging 82 °F (28°C). Summers are relatively dry, but rain occurs all year round. During winter it is cold, wet and often snowy. Snowfalls tend to be heavy, but temperatures rarely drop as low as freezing point. İstanbul also tends to be a windy city.

## REGISTRATION

To register for the meeting please visit the webpage at:

<https://foresteurope.org/event/14917/>

The deadline for registration of participants is 19 August 2019

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## TURKEY

A country of sun and history, Turkey straddles Europe and Asia and is located at the intersection of the three continents of the Old World - Asia, Africa and Europe. It is surrounded by the Black Sea, the Marmara Sea, the Aegean Sea and the Mediterranean Sea. Because of its geographical location, the Anatolian peninsula has been a crossroads for numerous migrating peoples who have shaped the course of Turkish history. Home to countless civilizations, Anatolia has developed a unique synthesis of cultures, each with its own distinct identity, yet linked to its predecessors by unbreakable threads. As an ancient land and modern nation, Turkey is both the inheritor and custodian of the common heritage of mankind.

In addition to being a nation with a vast history, Turkey boasts many ancient and beautiful heritage sites. Sixteen of them are included in the UNESCO World Heritage

List: Göreme National Park and the Rock Sites of Cappadocia; the Great Mosque and Hospital of Divriği; the Historic Areas of İstanbul; Hattusha: the Hittite Capital; Mount Nemrut; Hierapolis-Pamukkale; Xanthos-Letoon; the City of Safranbolu; the Archaeological Site of Troy; Selimiye Mosque and its Social Complex; the Neolithic Site of Çatalhöyük; Bursa and Cumalıkızık: the Birth of the Ottoman Empire; Pergamon and its Multi- Layered Cultural Landscape; Diyarbakır Fortress and Hevsel Gardens Cultural Landscape; Ephesus; and the Archaeological Site of Ani.

Turkey has a population of 82.3 million (2019 – February- TURKSTAT) people and is home to some of the world's largest cities and metropolitan areas.

## İSTANBUL

Old Istanbul is the crowded streets of the Grand Bazaar, magnificent mosques, hamams (bathhouses), and grand palaces of the Ottoman Empire. Its boutiques selling one-offs by globally recognised Turkish designers and the Cihangir districts' bars, and other cities claim to be at the crossroads of Europe and Asia – but only İstanbul can legitimately claim to straddle both continents. Split by the Bosphorus the western bank of the city is in Europe whilst the eastern side is in Asia. Istanbul is surrounded on 3 sides by water as well as the Bosphorus. There is the Sea of Marmara to the south of the city, and a narrow inlet known as the Golden Horn splits the European side. Istanbul is one of the biggest cities in Europe home to a population of approximately 16 million. Istanbul is also a university city, with over 150,000 students attending several universities and dozens of colleges.

Since 1923 Ankara has been the capital of Turkey, but Istanbul has always been and continues to be the financial and commercial capital. The country's economy is one of the fastest growing in the world and the city has quadrupled in size over the last few decades, which is a vital ever changing city charged with energy, creativity and commerce.

Byzantium, Constantinople, Istanbul – the names which the city has been called during its 28 centuries of existence. Relics from all these periods still exist in Istanbul. During the Constantinople era which began in 330AD, many stunning palaces, fountains and monumental churches were constructed. The city was the first Christian capital of the Eastern Roman Empire and over 900 years grew to become the wealthiest most splendid city in Europe, whilst Paris and London were still squalid towns. In 1453 Fatih Sultan Mehmet the Conquer, Ottoman Sultan brought an end to Constantinople, bringing Islam to the city, and renaming the city Istanbul. The Ottoman Empire reached its zenith under Sultanate of Süleyman the Magnificent in 1522-66.

666BC	Greek king Byzas establishes Byzantium.
179BC	Byzantium becomes part of the Roman Empire
330AD	Roman Emperor Constantine builds his new capital in the city and renames it Constantinople.
1453	Ottoman Turks conquer Constantinople and name it Istanbul.
1914	Ottoman Empire sides with Germany and Austria-Hungary during World War I.
1923	The Independent Republic of Turkey is established, with a new capital in Ankara.