



# EASTERN ALPINE AND DINARIC SOCIETY FOR VEGETATION ECOLOGY (EADSVE)

41<sup>st</sup> EADSVE Meeting

Skopje, Republic of North Macedonia, May 27-30, 2026

<https://www.eadsve.org/41st-eadsve-meeting/>

## SECOND CIRCULAR





*In the spirit of the long-standing tradition and commitment of the **Eastern Alpine and Dinaric Society for Vegetation Ecology**, it is our honor to invite you to participate in its **41st annual meeting**, which will be held in Skopje. We are confident that this event will provide an excellent opportunity to establish new collaborations, strengthen existing ones, and exchange ideas, inspiration, and scientific achievements with colleagues from the region and beyond. The symposium also offers an outstanding platform to present your research to an international scientific audience.*

*The organizing team is working actively and carefully to ensure a high-quality event and a pleasant experience for all participants. We sincerely hope that your stay in the Republic of North Macedonia will be productive, inspiring, and enjoyable.*

*The symposium is open not only to members of the Society but also to the broader scientific community with an interest in the flora, vegetation, and ecology of the region and beyond.*

*We hope to see you in Skopje,*

*The Organizing Committee*

## **Dates and Venues**

The 41<sup>st</sup> Meeting of Eastern Alpine and Dinaric Society for Vegetation Ecology (EADSVE) will be held in Skopje, *Republic of North Macedonia*, from Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> to Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> of May 2026.

The registration, welcome reception and working sessions will be held at the Macedonian Academy of Sciences and Arts in Bulevar Krste Misirkov 2, 1000 Skopje.

The registration of participants will be on Wednesday, 27<sup>th</sup> May 2026, from 18:00 with welcome reception the same day from 19:00 to 20:00.

SECOND CIRCULAR – 41<sup>st</sup> EADSVE Meeting, Skopje, Republic of North Macedonia, 27-30 May 2026



The meeting will take place at the following venue location: 41.995865° N, 21.441222° E.”



## **Registration and Call for Abstracts**

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To register for the EADSVE Symposium and submit an abstract for an oral presentation or poster, please fill out the Registration Form. The official language of the conference is English; therefore, authors are kindly advised to proofread their abstracts, as they will be printed as submitted. Abstracts will be accepted upon the payment of the **Basic registration fee**. Accompanying persons are also required to register by completing a separate form.

### **Registration and Abstract Submission Form for regular participants**

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSe6CpGi8ImgiPrF7PE50BwEEEEBEGYqtMsWvDoOBvRO3bnH8-A/viewform>

### **Registration Form for accompanying persons**

[https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSf47a\\_nuA1nLVn2eqITCXkAwaovHfjZM5XzWriTsluWPDvLg/viewform](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSf47a_nuA1nLVn2eqITCXkAwaovHfjZM5XzWriTsluWPDvLg/viewform)

**Deadline for the registration and abstract submission is March 15, 2026.**

For any question, do not hesitate to contact us at any time.

## **Accommodation**

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There is plenty of accommodation options in Skopje in proximity of the venue (hotels, B&Bs, hostels, apartments) which can be easily booked online. If this is your choice, we recommend apartments, but feel free to contact us any time for assistance. As the Symposium will take place in the city center, participants may avail themselves of a wide range of accommodation options in the surrounding area (hotels, B&Bs, hostels, apartments), which can be conveniently booked online.

We recommend Astera Apart Hotel, due to its close proximity to the Macedonian Academy of Sciences and Arts, situated approximately 800 meters from the venue. The hotel comprises 25 rooms and apartments equipped with kitchen, free Wi-Fi, floor heating, air conditioner, TV with cable channels. In addition, for your convenience you will find a private bathroom, free toiletries and a hair dryer. There is a free parking lot in front, but also a closed private parking lot. The price is around €60 for one person + €10 for second person (depending on whether it is occupied by one or two persons), including breakfast.

The Skopje train and bus Station are close (200 m away from the Astera Apart Hotel), and the nearest shopping mall is less than a 5 min walk away. The main square of Skopje is a 10 min



walk away and Old Bazaar is a 15 min walk away. The airport is 23 km away. Shuttle service can be arranged upon request for an additional surcharge.

For further information and reservations, please follow the link provided <https://astera.mk/>

### Useful Information

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Skopje is the capital and largest city of North Macedonia, situated in the northern part of the country along the Vardar River. According to recent estimates, Skopje has a population of approximately 500,000 inhabitants within the city limits, while the broader metropolitan area exceeds 600,000 residents. As the principal political, administrative, economic, and cultural center of the country, Skopje hosts the main governmental institutions, universities, and key national infrastructure. The city experiences a continental climate characterized by hot, dry summers and cold winters. Average summer temperatures frequently exceed 30°C, whereas winter temperatures often fall below 0°C. Skopje is located in the Central European Time (CET) zone (UTC+1) and observes Central European Summer Time (CEST) (UTC+2) during daylight saving time. Its urban landscape reflects a complex historical development shaped by Byzantine, Ottoman, and modern European influences, resulting in a diverse architectural and cultural heritage.





There is an airport near Skopje (23 km, Skopje International Airport <https://skp.airports.com.mk/>) which is connected to the city by buses and taxis.

Information about bus lines can be found at the following link.

<https://eraktransporter.com/index.html>

The venue is easily accessible from the city center by foot (10 min), however, there is public transportation which costs around €0.65 per ride, or taxi (around €0,65 per km).

The currency in N. Macedonia is the Macedonian Denar (MKD), with an approximate exchange rate of 60 MKD for €1,00 (61.67 to be exact).

### Meeting Programme Outline

Wednesday	May 27, 2026	Registration and Welcome Reception
Thursday	May 28, 2026	Presentations (Oral & Posters)
Friday	May 29, 2026	Excursion to Kozjak and Matka (near Skopje); closing ceremony and social dinner
Saturday	May 30, 2026	Excursion to Krivolak

### Payment & Fees

The **Basic registration fee** for regular participants is **€60** (3.600 MKD), which covers:

- Wednesday welcome reception;
- Thursday lunch and coffee/tea-breaks;
- Meeting Pack with programme.

The **Basic registration fee** for accompanying persons is **€30** (1.800 MKD), which covers:

- Wednesday welcome reception;
- Thursday lunch and coffee/tea-breaks;

They will be charged the full price for the **excursions** and the **gala dinner**.



Fees for **meeting excursions** (Friday and Saturday) are **€35** (2.100 MKD) per excursion, inclusive of transportation and lunch. The catamaran and kayak ride to the Vrelo Cave is optional. Payment can be completed at the Information Desk upon registration.

The **Social Dinner** fee (Friday evening) is **€45** (2.700 MKD) (in the restaurant located in the city center, near Macedonian Academy of Sciences and Arts).

	Regular participant	Accompanying person
Basic registration fee	€60 /3.600 MKD	€30 /1.800 MKD (for lunch)
1 <sup>st</sup> Excursion (Kozjak and Matka)	€35 /2.100 MKD	€35 /2.100 MKD
2 <sup>nd</sup> Excursion (Krivolak)	€35 /2.100 MKD	€35 /2.100 MKD
Social dinner	€45 /2.700 MKD	€45 /2.700 MKD

The **basic fee** should be paid by **bank transfer**, but in case of any difficulties do not hesitate to contact us. Fees for **meeting excursions** and the **social dinner** can be paid either by **bank transfer** or in cash **on-site**. On-site fee payment will be possible at the registration desk. Only the exact amount in Euro or Macedonian Denar (MKD) will be accepted (no credit cards or other foreign currencies). The **receipt** will be available at the registration desk during the meeting. Additionally, please contact us if you require an official **letter of invitation**.

### Payment instructions for MK residents:

Македонско друштво на ботаничари МДБ Скопје  
 Ул. Архимедова, бр.3 1000 Скопје  
 Трансакциска сметка: 200003846057752  
 Стопанска Банка АД - Скопје  
 Цел на дознака: Котизација

### Payment instructions for foreign participants:

Makedonsko drushtvo na botanichari MDB Skopje  
 Adress ul.Arhimedova br.3 1000 Skopje  
 IBAN Code MK07200004334286203  
 Bank Name STOPANSKA BANKA AD - SKOPJE  
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 Country NORTH MACEDONIA  
 SWIFT STOBMK 2X



## Excursions

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### 1. Excursion to Krivolak; May 29, 2026

We will depart at 8:30 and return around 17:00.

The first excursion will begin with a visit to the archaeological site of Stobi—an ancient city situated on three terraces descending toward the Crna Reka River, at the confluence of the Crna Reka and the Vardar River, enclosed by fortification walls and covering an archaeological area of approximately 16 ha. Owing to its position at the crossroads of major communication routes linking the regions of the Middle Danube with the Mediterranean, Stobi held an exceptionally important strategic, military, and commercial role from the earliest periods, and in Roman times it further developed into a significant urban center.

The excursion then continues with a field walk across the hilly pastures of Krivolak, within the broader steppe-like landscape of central North Macedonia (the area between Veles, Štip, and Negotino). This area is characterized by a specific herbaceous vegetation known as the “Macedonian steppe,” shaped by unfavorable climatic conditions and centuries-long human influence. In the field, participants will become acquainted with characteristic grassland communities (e.g. *Hedysaro-Convolutetum*, *Astragalo-Morinetum*, *Brachypodio-Onobrychetum pindicolae*), as well as numerous steppe and halophytic species typical of dry and saline steppes (e.g. *Astragalus parnassii*, *Morina persica*, *Convolvulus holosericeus*, *Krascheninnikovia ceratoides*, *Camphorosma monspeliaca*). Particular attention will also be given to several local endemic species described from this region (e.g. *Hedysarum macedonicum*, *Astragalus cernjavskii*, *Tulipa mariannae*, *Ferulago macedonica*, *Salvia jurisicii*). With some of these floristic and vegetation rarities, symposium participants will have the opportunity to become acquainted during the planned excursion in this area, between the village of Krivolak and Negotino.

The excursion will conclude with lunch and a tasting of varietal wines in the region, which is well known and widely recognized for its wine tradition and high-quality wines.



## 2. Excursion to Kozjak and Matka (near Skopje); May 30, 2026

We will depart at 8:30 and return around 17:00, depending on traffic and other events.

The second excursion will include a visit to the Kozjak locality, situated on the northernmost branches of the Karadžica Mountain, approximately 30 km from Skopje (about a 40-minute drive). The deep gorge of the Treska River separates these branches from the neighboring Suva Gora Mountain. The locality represents a ridge with a dolomitized limestone substrate, dissected by steep slopes (15°–45°) on the southern, western, and northern sides, while the eastern side gradually descends into the Skopje Basin. At the foot of the locality lies the Kozjak reservoir. The altitudinal difference from the lake surface (around 370 m) to the highest point (Mount Kozjak, 1200 m a.s.l.) is approximately 800 m. In the past, forest vegetation with Macedonian oak (*Quercetum trojanae*) and *Pinus nigra* (*Fago-Pinetum nigrae*) developed in this area; however, today this vegetation is preserved only fragmentarily. In addition, individual trees of *Juniperus excelsa* can also be found. The locality lies within a broader area characterized by exceptionally high floristic diversity, which, among other features, includes Mount Mokra (Jakupica) and the lower part of the Treska River gorge. Among the more



significant species present at Kozjak are the endemics *Dianthus kapinaensis*, *Dianthus skopjensis*, *Euphorbia balcanica*, *Festuca pallens* subsp. *treskana*, *Viola kosaninii*, as well as the Balkan endemics *Astragalus sericophyllus*, *Centaurea grbavacensis*, *Genista nissana*, *Phelypaea boissieri*, *Ramonda nathaliae*, *Veronica kindlii*, and many others.

The excursion then continues to Matka, a refugial area in the Treska River canyon, characterized by steep and vertically cut carbonate cliffs, pronounced relief dissection, and specific microclimatic conditions. The site is located within the zone of thermophilous vegetation and occupies the area before the Treska River exits into the Skopje Basin, at elevations of approximately 300–600 m a.s.l. (locally higher). Owing to these conditions, Matka represents an important refugium with the presence of relict and endemic plant communities, including beech forests at lower altitudes, communities dominated by *Tilia tomentosa*, *Buxus sempervirens*, and *Juniperus excelsa*, as well as open chasmophytic communities on rocky terrain. Particularly striking is the vegetation dominated by *Ramonda nathaliae*, developed on vertical cliffs, which represents one of the most characteristic elements of the flora of Matka.

The excursion will conclude with lunch at an ethno-restaurant, where participants will have the opportunity to enjoy traditional Macedonian cuisine and a local ambience.





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