

# REPORT ON PUBLIC DISCLOSURE AND PUBLIC CONSULTATION ON ESMP

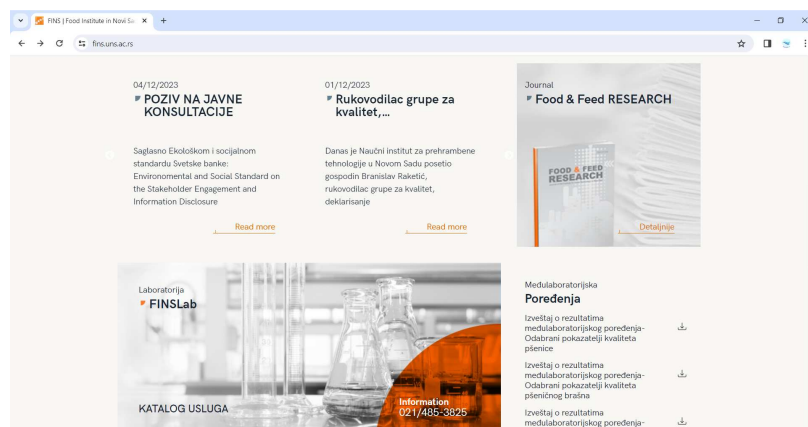
**Location:** Institute of Food Technology, Blvd cara Lazara 1, office no.122, 1<sup>st</sup> floor.

**Date:** 12/12/2023; **Time:** 12:00

## Manner in which notification of the consultation was announced:

The Scientific Institute for Food Technologies in Novi Sad initiated public consultations on the draft environmental and social issues management plan (ESMP) for the project "Reduction of the negative impact of invasive crayfish *Faxonius limosus* in the Danube by smart exploitation of their meat and shell (DANUBEcure)" in compliance with World Bank requirements for the environment and social standard 10 (ESS10). The institute published a public notice on its website (<http://fins.uns.ac.rs/>) December 4th, 2023, and an invitation for relevant entities, both natural and legal, as well as associations and the broader professional and public community to join the PUBLIC CONSULTATIONS for the ESMP document for the Project DANUBEcure". The draft ESMP document and the Call for Public Consultations were also published on the website of the Institute for Food Technology in Novi Sad (Figure 1 and Figure 2).

<https://fins.uns.ac.rs/poziv-na-javne-konsultacije-koje-se-odnose-na-plan-upravljanja-zivotnom-sredinom-i-socijalnim-pitanjima-za-projekt-pod-nazivom-smanjenje-negativnog-uticaja-invazivnih-rakova-faxonius-limosus-u-dunav/>



**Figure 1. Announcement for public consultation**



**Figure 2. Text of Announcement for public consultation**

On December 12, 2023, public consultations with key stakeholders were held in the premises of the Institute of Food Technology in Novi Sad, Blvd cara Lazara 1. 21000 Novi Sad.

Public consultations were attended by representatives from the following organizations: University of Novi Sad, Faculty of Technical Sciences (1 representative), University of Novi Sad, Faculty of Science (2 representatives), University of Novi Sad, Faculty of Technology Novi Sad (1 representative), University of Novi Sad, Faculty of Agriculture (2 representatives), University of Novi Sad, Institute of Food Technology (1 representative), Provincial Institute for Nature Protection (1 representative), PR Consulting Sofia (1 representative), Clinical Centre of Vojvodina (1 representative).



LISTA UČESNIKA/ PARTICIPANT LISTS\*

PREDMET JAVNIH KONSULTACIJA:		MESTO ODRŽAVANJA JAVNIH KONSULTACIJA:			
Plan upravljanja životnom sredinom i socijalnim uticajima Konsultacije sa ključnim zainteresovanim stranama		Naučni institut za prehrambene tehnologije u Novom Sadu, Bulevar cara Lazara 1, kancelarija br. 122, 1 sprat.			
Environmental and Social Management Plan (ESMP) Public consultation with key stakeholders		VENUE OF PUBLIC CONSULTATIONS: Institute of Food Technology, Blvd cara Lazara 1, office no.122 1 <sup>st</sup> floor.			
„Smanjenje negativnog uticaja invazivnih rakova <i>Faxonius limosus</i> u Dunavu pametnom eksploatacijom njihovog mesa i ljuštura“		DATUM ODRŽAVANJA JAVNIH KONSULTACIJA: 12/12./2023			
„Reducing the negative impact of invasive crayfish <i>Faxonius limosus</i> in the Danube by smart exploitation of their meat and shells“		DATE: 12/12./2023			
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1.		Dr. Ivana Čabarkapa			
2.		POSREDOVAŠKI ZAVOD ZA ZAŠT. PR.			
3.		PHF/UNG / NAUČNI KLUBNS			
4.		PHF/UNG			
5.		Tehnološki fakultet Novi Sad			
6.		Poljoprivredni fakultet NI			
7.		Poljoprivredni fakultet NI			
8.		PR.KONSULTING SOFIA			
9.		KCV			
10.		FINS			

\* Događaj će biti praćen fotografisanjem i snimanjem video zapisa. Potpisivanjem ovog registracionog formulara, dajem saglasnost Naučnom institutu za prehrambene tehnologije (FINS), da fotografije i/ili snimke može proslediti partnerima i ostalim trećim stranama sa kojima Naučni institut za prehrambene tehnologije saraduje.  
The event will be accompanied by photography and video recording. By signing this registration form, I give consent to the Scientific Institute for Food Technologies (FINS) to forward photos and/or recordings to partners and other third parties with whom the Scientific Institute for Food Technologies cooperate.

**Figure 3. List of attendees**

The meeting started as scheduled at 12 noon. Project coordinator Dr. Ivana Čabarkapa led public consultations according to the meeting agenda (Figure 4). During the session, Dr. Čabarkapa briefly introduced interested participants to the key aspects of the project and delved into a detailed explanation of the proposed ESMP.

Participants were informed that the purpose of the ESMP document is to indicate potential negative impacts on the environment and society as well as project management problems during its implementation and realization. In addition, it was emphasized that all activities supported within the Project will be ecologically and socially correct, sustainable and in accordance with ESS, WB and national legislation of Serbia.

During the public consultation, there were comments and questions regarding the risks presented in the ESMP, but no new issues related to the environment or society were raised.

AGENDA			
Public consultation on Environmental and Social Management Plan (ESMP) „Reducing the negative impact of invasive crayfish <i>Faxonius limosus</i> in the Danube by smart exploitation of their meat and shells“			
Date: 12.12.2023. Time: 12:00h			
Location: Institute of Food Technology, Blvd cara Lazara 1, office no.122 1st floor			
Agenda Item	Schedule	Duration	Action
Welcome	12:00h	5	Informational
Short introduction to project	12:05h	15	Informational
Presentation of Environmental and Social Management Plan (ESMP)	12:20h	20	Informational
Discussion	12:40h	20	Discussion
Final words	13:00h	10	Informational

**Figure 4. Meeting Agenda**

### Summary Meeting Minutes (Comments, Questions and Response by Presenters)

1. The representative from the Provincial Institute for Nature Protection pointed out that individuals of species other than *Faxonius limosus* might be caught in the set traps. They emphasized the crucial importance of releasing any species, other than the spiny-cheek crayfish, back into their natural habitat unharmed. The project coordinator conveyed appreciation for the comment and assured that it had been addressed by integrating appropriate mitigation measures into the ESMP. Furthermore, project coordinator underscored that the assessment of species determination would be conducted by qualified and experienced biologists.
2. The representative of the Provincial Institute for Nature Protection highlighted the necessary permits for fishing in protected areas. The project coordinator affirmed that the project plan already included provisions for submitting the necessary permits, and this aspect had been addressed in the ESMP.
3. The representative of the Faculty of Science posed the question: "Which chemicals will be used in the research when examining the adsorption-desorption cycle"? The project coordinator clarified that the chosen desorption agent should be effective without causing harm to the adsorbent or environmental pollution. In that case, different diluted mineral acids (HNO<sub>3</sub>, HCl, H<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>) would be utilized, and the acids with the highest efficiency based on past experience will be selected.

The participants of the public consultation gave positive comments on the presentation of the DANUBEcare project, and praised the ESMP.

The meeting ended at 14:15h

During the period of public inspection of the draft ESMP, an inquiry regarding the ESMP of the project arrived at the project's email (danubecare@gmail.com). In this way, the following question was asked: "Can leaching of heavy metals embedded in the product, in this case rubber, occur when it comes into contact with water"? The project coordinator thanked for the question and answered that the tests so far have shown that after incorporating ash into rubber products, significant leaching of heavy metals into the environment has not been

observed.

Feedback and inquiries pertaining to the presented ESMP did not raise concerns about potential new environmental or social issues.



Figure 5. Public consultation at Institute of Food Technology

27/12/2023

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**Public consultation report reviewed by Environmental and Social Expert**

26/12/2023

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