



## WG4-Workshop Communicating Science to Policy Makers: Strategies and Tools for Effective Dialogue

**21-22<sup>nd</sup> April 2026**  
**Dokuz Eylül University, İzmir-Türkiye**

This 2-day WG4 workshop aims to strengthen the capacity of E-NICHE members, including early-career researchers, to engage effectively with environmental policy. It will provide practical knowledge, tools, and strategies for communicating scientific results to policy makers.

Through keynote presentations, interactive sessions, and group work, participants will develop approaches to translate scientific evidence into clear, policy-relevant messages. The workshop will also contribute to strengthening the European chemical ecology community by promoting knowledge exchange, visibility, and collaboration.

By addressing key societal challenges related to environmental sustainability and biodiversity, the workshop highlights the role of chemical ecology in understanding chemodiversity, evolutionary processes, and global environmental change.

### Expected outcomes

- gain awareness of relevant environmental policy frameworks linked to chemical ecology
- identify key policy makers and relevant calls or consultation opportunities
- develop practical skills and approaches for science–policy communication
- co-create a communication template to engage with policy makers
- contribute to defining follow-up actions, including the basis for a coordinated policy engagement effort within E-NICHE

### Parallel programme adapted to on-site (TR) and online (CET) participants:

On-site (TR local time) program	Online (CET local time) program
<b>Day 1: Understanding &amp; Positioning</b>	
Morning	
09:30–09:45 Welcome & objectives 09:45–11:00 Voices from the science-policy interface (In person speakers, see list below) 11:00–11:30 Roundtable I 11:30–13:30 Lunch break	08:30–08:45 Welcome & objectives 08:45–10:00 Voices from the science-policy interface 10:00–10:30 Roundtable I 10:30–10:45 Coffee break <i>10:45–11:45 Group work I.1: Targeting policy makers</i>



Afternoon	
<p><i>13:30–14:30 Group work I.2: Targeting policy topics</i></p> <p>14:30–14:45 Coffee break</p> <p>14:45–15:30 Voices from the science-policy interface (on-line speakers, see list below)</p> <p>15:30–16:00 Roundtable II</p> <p>16:00–16:30 Group reporting &amp; discussion</p> <p>18:00-22:00 Dinner &amp; Social Time</p>	<p>11:45-13:45 Lunch break</p> <p>13:45–14:30 Voices from the science-policy interface</p> <p>14:30–15:00 Roundtable II</p> <p>15:00–15:30 Group reporting &amp; discussion</p>
Day 2: From Opportunity to Action	
Morning	
<p><i>09:30–10:30 Group work III.1: First contact with policy makers: Communication code</i></p> <p>10:30–10:45 Coffee break</p> <p>10:45–11:30 Group reporting &amp; discussion</p> <p>11:30-13:30 Lunch break</p>	<p><i>08:30–09:30 Group work II: Identifying calls &amp; consultations</i></p> <p>09:30–09:45 Coffee break</p> <p>09:45–10:30 Group reporting &amp; discussion</p> <p>10:30–10:45 Coffee break</p> <p><i>10:45–12:15 Group work III.2: Template for first contact with policy makers</i></p>
Afternoon	
<p><i>13:30–15:00 Group work III.3: Call of action</i></p> <p>15:00–15:15 Coffee break</p> <p>15:15–16:15 Group reporting &amp; discussion</p> <p>16:15–17:00 Consolidation &amp; next steps</p>	<p>12:15-14:15 Lunch break</p> <p>14:15–15:15 Group reporting &amp; discussion</p> <p>15:15–16:00 Consolidation &amp; next steps</p>

### In person speakers:

**Martine Hossaert McKey**, CNRS, France

*Biodiversity Beyond the Lab: Mastering EU Compliance from Genetic Resources to the Cali Fund.*

**David Giron**, University of Tours, France

*From (Insect) Science to Action. How Do We Leverage Scientific Knowledge and Solutions for Advancing a Sustainable and Resilient Future?*

**Ozgur Tatar**, University of İzmir, Türkiye

*One Concept, Many Realities: Sustainable Agriculture Across Different Development Levels.*

**İsmail Türkan**, University of İzmir, Türkiye

*Sustainable Plant Production: Environmental and Ethical Aspect.*

**Margot Tixeront**, Agriodor, France



*Through Insect Chemical Ecology – Agriodor SPME Feedback on a Product Development.*

### Online speakers:

**Teun Dekker**, Nationaal Soorten Management, The Netherlands  
*Title to be announced.*

**Julie Maguire**, Bantry Marine Research Station, Ireland  
*Policy and Profit: How Regulations Shape Maine Industry Outcomes.*

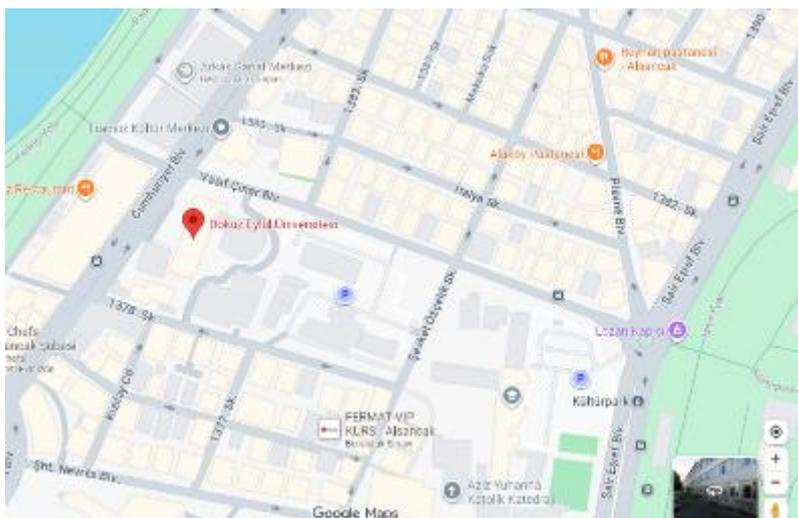
**François Verheggen**, University of Liège, Belgium  
*Same Science, Different Audiences: Why Scientists Need to Master the Social Media Ecosystem.*

## PRACTICAL INFORMATION FOR THE ON-SITE PARTICIPANTS

### Venue:

Dokuz Eylül University, Rectorate Building, Cumhuriyet Blv No:35210 no 144 Alsancak/İzmir

Google Map Link can be found here ([Dokuz Eylül Üniversitesi - Google Haritalar](https://maps.app.goo.gl/2SJdApReQNUKKX5W9)) (GOOGLE MAPS LINK FOR THE VENUE) <https://maps.app.goo.gl/2SJdApReQNUKKX5W9>



For more detailed information about İzmir city please visit:

<http://www.kultur.gov.tr>



<http://www.turizm.gov.tr>

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### **Transport:**

İzmir Adnan Menderes Airport is an International Airport (<https://izmirairport.com/en-EN/>). There direct flights from all around the world. Turkish Airlines, Pegasus and Sun Express have both direct and connected flights from different European cities. From the Airport to the Venue (and nearby hotels located in the Alsancak area) there are several convenient transport options. It is approximately 20 km from airport to Alsancak.

Car rental companies such as AVIS, Rent a car, Budget, Enterprise etc. all have representatives at the airport however, traffic and parking are is a huge problem in İzmir, especially in Alsancak area. Some hotels have parking lot availability which should be asked upon booking.

By taxi it will cost 35-40 Euros, it will take 20-30 min depending on the traffic.

By public transport it will take 45-50 min. There is a direct bus (bus No: 202) from Adnan Menderes Airport to the Alsancak area which is not very frequent. There is a stop nearby the Venue. You can get the schedule and transport map from <https://www.eshot.gov.tr/en/Home>.

You can take metro (which is called as İZBAN) and get off the train at Alsancak Gar station (Alsancak Train Station). You can either take the bus (ESHOT no 121 or 951) <https://www.eshot.gov.tr/en/Home>), tram (<http://www.tramizmir.com/en/Home>) or taxi which will not cost much and takes about 10-15 min depending on the traffic. The road is called as Talatpaşa. Even a pleasant walk is possible at a medium speed it will take 15-20 min to reach the Venue from the Alsancak Gar.





### Some notes:

- Euro is not valid in public transport and taxis. You can use your debit and credit cards or Turkish liras (1 euro  $\approx$  52 TL).
- People are usually friendly and ready to help but use of English is not so common. Students and young people can speak English.
- WiFi during the meeting can be used through Eduroam.
- İzmir is a very nice city and so much to see, it would be better to spare some time to visit and see around.
- Electricity Power is 220V AC same as Europe.
- The Venue is located at the Alsancak area that has lots of different restaurants, cafés and patisseries with a high variety of food options. Accordingly, please let us know your dietary intolerances, allergies and preferences in advance.