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### **ENA, the European Nursery Stock Association, met at IPM Essen and welcomed Serbia as new member.**

The European Nursery Stock Association (ENA) held its winter General Assembly meeting in Essen, Germany, on 29<sup>th</sup> January 2015 during IPM trade show.

During the previous evening the second European Nursery reception within the framework of the IPM ESSEN 2015 was held in cooperation with the Federation of German Tree Nurseries (BdB) and the IPM. During his speech Mr Tim Edwards, the President of ENA, gave a positive point of view saying in our society “no one seems to dispute that Plants are Good!”. He asserted “Right now, what nurserymen do has greater importance than it has ever had before. And yet, right now, there is greater competition than ever before, for the money that should be spent on plants and landscaping. It seems to me, there has never been a greater need for Nurserymen to work together, to speak with one voice and to demand recognition for what we do.”

Data about European nurseries, supplied by the countries organizations, were presented to the General Assembly. With the incorporation of Serbia during the meeting, ENA has now 17 members, 14 of them in the European Union.:

	<b>Number of nurseries</b>	<b>Production area (ha)</b>	<b>Employees</b>	<b>Production value</b>
<b>ENA</b>	<b>17.302</b>	<b>116.186</b>	<b>108.598</b>	<b>6.710.401.781 €</b>
<b>European Union</b>	<b>23.967</b>	<b>139.295</b>	<b>132.969</b>	<b>8.159.210.030 €</b>
ENA/EU	70%	82%	80%	80%





Serbia was unanimously accepted by the General Assembly as the newest full member of ENA. Prof.Dr. Milka M. Glavendekić, President of the Society of Landscape Horticulture in Serbia, presented the main facts of the Serbian nursery industry.

**SERBIA:**

In 2014 there were 231 nurseries registered, which produce trees, shrubs and perennials.

Main regions for nursery production:

North (Province Vojvodina:Subotica, Banat) 43,5%

West (Mačva: Lipolist, Šabac) 6.5%

Belgrade, Šumadija, 19%

Central (Pomoravlje: Veliki Šiljegovac, Kruševac) 26%

Value of production: 11 million Euro

Export: 2 million Euro

The **ENA EU Legislation Working Group**, chaired by Marc Van Hulle, presented the work done during last months.

A proposal from Italy about the **Combined Nomenclature** was debated. The CN was established to meet the requirements both of the Common Customs Tariff and of the external trade statistics of the European Union. The proposal aims to provide a more detailed framework for Chapter 6 “live trees and other plants; bulbs, roots and the like; cut flowers and ornamental foliage” of the Nomenclature (Settlement EU n. 2658/87 modified with Settlement EU n. 927/2012 on 9/10/2012).

The proposal’s aims, to update the codes of Chapter 6, were stated as follows:

- 1) Modification of the description of 4-digit HS subheadings;
- 2) Introduction of new 6-digit CN subheadings.
- 3) Creation of an additional unit for category 060220

Within the new 6-digit CN subheadings three new codes are proposed, concerning the HS code 0602: live plants (including their roots); cuttings and slips; mushroom spawn. In particular, the proposal asks for greater detail on “0602 9049”, this code lists all kinds of trees and shrubs.

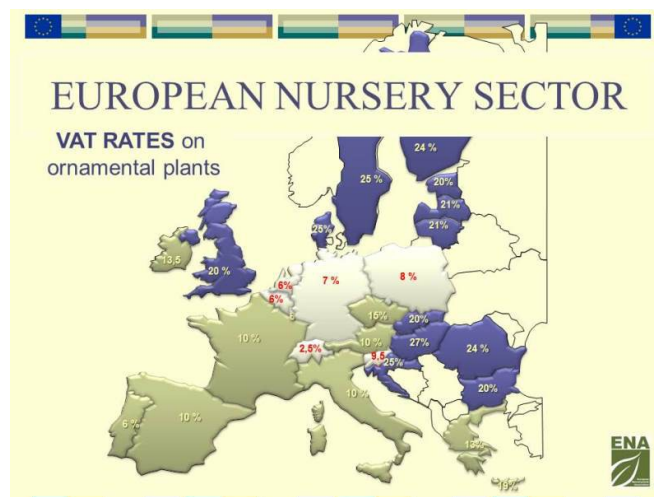
General Assembly of ENA accepted the proposal and pledged to support it.



A discussion about the **TTIP (Transatlantic Trade and Investment Partnership)** was started. As it will modify the plant health controls and requirements at the borders in the trade between USA and EU, in both senses, ENA has to be aware of the opportunities and threats for the European nurseries.

It was also decided to participate at the meeting with the EU Commissioner for Health and Food Safety, Mr Vytenis Andriukaitis, in early March 2015, to directly exchange views on Plant Health and Plant Reproductive Material and their plan to produce the new EU Regulations to cover it.

An ENA document summarizing the **VAT rate for plants in each country**, updated at January 2015, was also presented at the meeting.



The General Assembly moreover decided to reactivate the Working Group with taxonomists and nurserymen to work on the updated of the International Plant Names List ([www.internationalplantnames.com](http://www.internationalplantnames.com)) to have ready at the end of this year the list for the term 2015-2020.





From left to right: Oliver Kurth, CEO of Messe Essen; Helmut Selders, President of BdB; Tim Edwards, President of ENA at the IPM-ENA-BdB reception.  
Photo by Nele Lauwers (AVBS).



The ENA General Assembly meeting of 29 January 2015.  
Photo by Edoardo Sciutti (ANVE).

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