

**GMO-free Balkan  
Food safety, biodiversity, sustainable agriculture  
Balkan Conference Thessaloniki 25. – 27. 12. 2005**

**Overview and Outcome 6. 12. 2005**

The Balkan Conference, which was organized in Thessaloniki at 25, 26, and 27. November 2005 can be estimated as a highlight for the movement against GMOs. At the Conference, titled “ GMO free Balkan, food safety, biodiversity and sustainable agriculture” participated 110 institutions [1] and organizations from Greece and the surrounding Balkan countries, representing a wide range of social, food production, scientific, educational and political engagement.

At this Conference participated also organizations of Albania, Bulgaria, Serbia-Montenegro, Croatia, FYROM, Turkey and Cyprus, which have focused their activities at the level of consumers, organic agriculture, environment protection and others.

This successful event could be achieved due to the existing European Network, the contribution of the Greek Organization Committee and the funding by ENAE (Union of Greek District Governments / Prefectures).

As results of the Conference there are the issue of the common positions [2] and the final conclusions for cooperation between the organizations of the Balkan Countries” [3] who want to achieve a “GMO free Balkan”. The out coming text of the declaration is an important document, therefore it is worth while to report it in full length.

The documents will be sent attached  
and they can be found in the web site: [www.GMOstop.org](http://www.GMOstop.org)

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[1] List of Participants and Supporters (Institutions, Organizations)

[2] Declaration of the Balkan Conference

[3]Round table/ workshop: GMO-free Rhodope