ENSI’s work:

1. Participation of ENSI Junior Researchers on PRISM and GRESD Conferences 2011
   Junior Researchers cooperating within ENSI's JR’s project participated to the GRESD Conference at Uppsala University, Sweden and to the PRISM Conference at University of Gloucestershire, UK. Both Conferences were setting a focus on research for ESD and offered excellent opportunities for exchange and learning.

   a) Marie Curie Research Conference/PRISM network
   ENSI has participated as co-organiser to the Marie Curie Research Conference, organised by the PRISM network lead by Daniella Tillbury of Gloucestershire University in Cheltenham from 19 to 20 of May (glos.ac.uk/research/iris/prism/Pages/default.aspx). The theme of the conference was ‘The interdisciplinary researcher: Paradigms, Practices and Possibilities for Sustainability’. More than 50 participants from 15 countries attended the conference; Heila Lotz-Sisitka gave the key note presentations, while Michela Mayer, as ENSI representative, Merce Junyent, from Autonomous University of Barcelona, and Clemens Mader from Graz University chaired the parallel sessions.
   On Friday 20th ENSI proposed a workshop, attended by more than 30 participants, with the aim of presenting and discussing ENSI research achievements and proposals. Four new 'junior researchers' have received an ENSI grant for participating in the conference and many other participants expressed their interest for the ENSI JR network. What follows are the conclusions of the JR report, concerning the ENSI workshop:
   “the conference concluded with a stimulating time dedicated to the deepening of three key issues of conducting research: difficulties and/or open questions for researchers; advantages of becoming an active member of an international network; research questions as future challenges for networks as ENSI. The methodology (triangular interviews) of ENSI seminar supported participation and cooperation. It was the best closing that you would imagine just because it actually represented a new beginning together, collaboration for sharing interdisciplinary research and knowledge for sustainability.”

   b) GRESD Conference 17-19 May, 2011 in Uppsala
   The main purpose of the GRESD Conference was to offer GRESD graduate students and invited international graduate students the opportunity to present research papers and to offer international key-note presentations to participating graduate students and to other interested parties.
   More then 130 participants from all over the world gathered in Uppsala for participating to the current discourse on research for ESD. The following themes and issues were addressed in the key-notes presentations from Jutta Nickel (DE), Marcia Mc Kenzie (CA), Sheila Lotz-Sisitka (SA), Alan Reid (UK), Arjen Wals (NL), Badrakh Jadamba (MO), Jesse Lassoe (DK), Shi Geng Dong (CN) and William Scott (UK):
   - How is a research area like ESD defined or delimited?
   - What are the contemporary important discussions and how could they be further researched?
   - What empirical research still needs to be done?
   - What is ESD within different cultural contexts?
   - Implications of ESD research on teaching/learning practice?
ENSI was an invited guest and three Junior Researchers presented their work. The abstracts of the presentations of the GRESD students and also the key-notes are available:
- www.did.uu.se/gresd/conf_eng_81_start.lasso

Networking over the globe:

2. 4th. ICMEE International Conference on Measurement and Evaluation
09 - 12 October 2011, University Sains, Malaysia. ‘Sustaining effective culture of measurement and evaluation in a learning organisation’

**Important dates:**
Early bird registration to August 15th 2011
Preconference workshop registration to October 1st,
For more information see:
- www.icmee.com

3. 5th Beijing International Forum on Education for Sustainable Development
16 – 18 October 2011, Beijing (CN)
Beijing International Forum on Education for Sustainable Development (ESD) is biennial event presenting an excellent opportunity for researchers, educators and practitioners to exchange perspectives, views, innovations and best practices nationally and globally in addressing education for sustainable development (ESD) for children and youth.
This years forum theme: Philosophy and Educational Reform for Sustainable Development.

**Registration:** October 15th 2011
- Forum Background.pdf

4. A call from: European Schools for a living planet 2011/2012 (ESFALP IV)
Are you a teacher for 12-16 year olds in Austria, Bulgaria, Croatia, Czech Republic, Hungary, Moldau, Romania, Slovakia, Slovenia, Serbia, Ukraine?
We are happy to invite 3 teachers per country together with one of their students to participate in the Academy of WWF and ERSTE Foundation from 22nd to 27th of October 2011 in Austria.
There you will be trained to facilitate nature and environmental projects with your school class! We focus on three topics:
- the Danube – Europe’s lifeline
- the Ecological Footprint – consumption and global effects
- Active citizenship – get active and motivate others
It is important that we encourage young people to build up their mind and to see their possibilities to contribute to a socially and environmentally friendly planet earth. In this sense teaching is more than telling about facts and numbers. The goal of education for sustainable development is to give young people competencies and show possibilities that enable them to contribute actively and in a responsible way to future worth living.
All teachers are invited to attend the final event in Romania in June 2012. Language of the academy, project documentation and final event will be in English. Travel costs, lodging and the participation are free.
Out of all applicants WWF and ERSTE Foundation will select three teachers per country who are allowed to bring one of their students. If you are interested to participate, please fill in the attached application-form and attach a cover letter (one page) explaining why you and your school class want to participate in this project.
Please send your application and your cover letter not later than 15th of September 2011 to: WWF Romania, Dana Caratas: dcaratas@wwfdcp.ro
Attention: If you are a teacher from Ukraine or Moldova please send your application not later than 10th of September 2010, because you need a visa for Austria.
For more information visit:
- www.foralivingplanet.eu
Publications and reports:

5. **EcoRegion Perspectives**
   The EcoRegion Perspectives' series documents experiences and concepts which show how sustainable development in the Baltic Sea region can become a reality. Each issue focuses on a specific sustainability topic: tourism, spatial planning, education, transport, energy and agriculture.
   EcoRegion Perspectives supports relevant regional fora such as the CBSS Expert Group on Sustainable Development - Baltic 21 as well as the implementation of the EU Strategy for the Baltic Sea Region.
   The different EcoRegion Perspectives' issues are coordinated by the EcoRegion partners and reflect a wide range of stakeholders with expertise on the respective topics.
   You find ‘Perspectives’ at:
   - [www.baltic-ecoregion.eu/index.php5/Perspectives;30/1](http://www.baltic-ecoregion.eu/index.php5/Perspectives;30/1)

6. **“The Earth Charter Initiative”** is an extraordinarily diverse, global network of people, organizations, and institutions that participate in promoting and implementing the values and principles of the Earth Charter.
   The Earth Charter is a declaration of fundamental ethical principles for building a just, sustainable and peaceful global society in the 21st century. It seeks to inspire in all people a new sense of global interdependence and shared responsibility for the well-being of the whole human family, the greater community of life, and future generations. It is a product of a decade-long, worldwide, cross cultural dialogue on common goals and shared values.
   Homepage of the Earth Charter:
   - [www.earthcharterinaction.org/content/](http://www.earthcharterinaction.org/content/)

7. **UNESCO Bangkok’s newsletter Nr 2, June 2011:**
   - [www.unescobkk.org/education/esd/](http://www.unescobkk.org/education/esd/)

8. **Homepage and Newsletter of the European Environment Agency:**
   - [www.eea.eu](http://www.eea.eu)

In the focus:

   - [Orientierungsrahmen Kurzfassung englisch.pdf](http://www.eea.eu)