

TRAINING MODULE 1

TECHNICAL ASPECTS OF THE EU ACCESSION PROCES: IMPROVING THE KNOWLEDGE BASE ON SCOPE AND OPPORTUNITIES FOR CIVIL SOCIETY INVOLVEMENT

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- Task 1.1.1 NGOs selection and engagement
 - 21 core ECF NGOs/wider engagement
- Task 1.1.2 Design and implementation of NGO capacity building programme
 - Active involvement of NGOs into ECRAN trainings and workshops
 - Survey-Training Plan-Modules outline
- Task 1.1.3 Preparatory meetings and wider consultations
 - 1st round accomplishes in 8 countries
- Task 1.1.4 Organisation of annual meetings
 - 1st AM Under preparation



Albania	Co-PLAN Institute for Habitat Development
	EDEN Center
	Eco Movement Group Albania
BiH	Center for Environment
	Center for ecology and energy
	LIR Evolution
Croatia	Friends of the Earth Croatia
Kosovo*	ATRC
	Instituti i Kosoves per Politika Zhvillimore
Montenegro	NGO Green Home
	NGO Center for Protection and Research of Birds of Montenegro
	Association of Young Ecologists of Niksic
FYROM	MACEDONIAN GREEN CENTER
	Milieukontakt Macedonia
	Center for environmental research and information Eco-sense
	Center for Climate Change - Skopje
Serbia	CEKOR
	Environmental Ambassadors for Sustainable Development
	Young Researchers of Serbia
Turkey	KADOS Kadikoyu Friends of Science Culture and Art Association
	TEMA



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Task 1.1.2 Design and implementation of NGO capacity building programme

- Training Needs Assessment (TNA) questionnaire distributed to all ECF NGOs, questionnaire collected and analyzed
- Outcomes of the TNA questionnaire presented and discussed with NGOs at the kick-off meeting, collection of points, reflections and suggestion for Specific Regional Training Plan
- Drafting version of the NGOs Specific Regional Training Plan developed (the SRTP is a working document and will be periodically updated based on training progress)
- Concept and agenda outline for first modules of regional NGO training



Key objectives of the meeting

- (i) To progress with implementation of regional capacity building programme, test methodology adopted and set up system of cooperation among the project team, trainers and beneficiaries;
- (ii) To explain and provide holistic picture on the general guiding principles in the EU accession process, discuss role and responsibilities of the key actors and identify opportunities for the civil society involvement;
- (iii) To improve the knowledge, know-how and skill of the civil society representatives in technical aspects of negotiations, key policies and steps;
- (iv) To support better implementation of legislation, better information sharing and public involvement through professional non-state actors participation in process.



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Start	Finish	Topic	Facilitator/Speaker	Sub topic/Content
08:30	09:00	Registration and coffee		
9.00	09.10	Opening	Richard Filcak, ECRAN ECF Expert	Welcome/agenda ECRAN and civil society involvement Introduction of the participants and keynote speakers
09.10	09.30	Address by the Ministry of Sustainable Development and Tourism	Ivana Vojinovic, Assistant Minister, Ministry of Sustainable Development and Tourism	Reflections on the progress of Montenegro in the EU enlargement process and role and involvement of the civil society
9.30	10.00	The EU enlargement and the civil society	Alberto Cammarata, Head of Political Section in the EU Delegation to Montenegro	The EU enlargement process and involvement of the civil society: goals and experience
10.00	11.00	West Balkan, Turkey and the enlargement process	Mihail Dimovski, ECRAN Team Leader	ECRAN experience from progress monitoring and project activities: Situation, challenges and opportunities for public participation
11.00	11.30	Coffee Break		
11.30	12.30	NGOs opportunities to contribute to country EU accession process	Andjelka Mihajlov, ECRAN ECF expert	Accession to the EU and Negotiation with the EU (Chapter 27): 1. Accession steps, 2. Progress Monitoring, and 3. Negotiation
12.30	13.30	Lunch		



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13.30	14.15	Civil society and the enlargement – new member state experience	Fedor Cerne, ex member of negotiation team for Slovenia	The EU accessions and civil society involvement: Slovenian experience
14.15	15.00	EU accession and Croatia: NGO perspective	Zeljka Leljak Gracin, Green Action Croatia	NGO perspective on the most recent EU enlargement: Lessons learned
15.00	15.30	Coffee Break		
15.30	16.30	Negotiations and public involvement – Country experience Montenegro	Olivera Kujundzic, Ministry of Sustainable Development and Tourism, Montenegro Natasa Kovacevic – Green Home Montenegro	Experience from the enlargement process in Montenegro: existing models for cooperation with CSOs, challenges and future perspectives
16.30	17.00	Closing of the day	Richard Filcak, ECRAN Expert	Wrap up of the day, key issues for the 2nd day, AOB



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9:00	9:30	Opening	Richard Filcak, ECRAN ECF Expert	Summary of topics discussed day 1, goals of the day 2
9:30	10:30	Strategic Planning and public involvement	Nadya Boneva, ECRAN Expert	The main needs of the approximation process, role of strategic planning in organising approximation process, experience from old and new Member States and Candidate Countries, the most important planning documents for the approximation process.
10.30	11.00	Coffee Break		
11.00	13.00	Advocacy and the EU enlargement – short intro Focusing the future (Group Work)	Lidija Zivcic, FOCUS Slovenia Richard Filcak	Starting from SWOT, groups of NGOs identify key issues and challenges, outline strategic plans for the upcoming period and present their strategies reflecting inputs from the training
13.00	14.00	Lunch		
14.00	15.00	Civil society and the enlargement process– Panel Discussion	Moderator to be confirmed	Experiences, lessons learned and key messages for the NGO involvement
15.00	15.30	Wrap up, open issues for the future and evaluation	Richard Filcak, ECRAN Expert	Revisiting key issues, discussion on drivers, barriers and challenges and future of the EU accession process
15.30		Departure		



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Presentation 2

- Exercise (day 2)



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Process

- **Set objectives** – defining what is your NGO going to do in 2015 in the enlargement process
- **Environmental scanning**
- Internal appraisals of the organization's SWOT (to include an assessment of the present situation as well as an analysis of the context of objectives set)
- Strategic challenges, Identification 2-3 areas that are most challenging from SWOT analysis.
- **Action Plan and Gap analysis**, which will look at environmental factors
- **Strategic Issues** defined – key factors in the development of a plan which needs to be addressed by the organization
- **Develop** new/revised strategies – revised analysis of strategic issues may mean the objectives need to change
- **Establish** critical success factors – the achievement of objectives and strategy implementation
- **Preparation** of operational, resource, projects plans for strategy implementation
- **Monitoring** results – mapping against plans, taking corrective action which may mean amending objectives/strategies



SWOT

- Strengths: characteristics of the organisation or project that give it an advantage over others.
- Weaknesses: characteristics that place the organisation or project at a disadvantage relative to others
- Opportunities: elements that the project could exploit to its advantage
- Threats: elements in the environment that could cause trouble for the organisation or project



SWOT ANALYSIS

Environment and Climate
Regional Accession Network

ECRAN



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Final Session



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2014 – 2015 Key Priorities

- Information sharing, back up support and active involvement of NGOs into the work of ECF, communication and management of the planned activities.
- ECF Trainings:
 - Module 1: Technical aspects of the EU accession proces - Improving the knowledge base on scope and opportunities for civil society involvement Podgorica, Nov 20-21, 2014,
 - Module 2: Strategic Planning and public involvement (early 2015)
- 1st Annual Meeting (Brussels)



YEAR	2014				2015			2016		
MONTH	1-3	4-6	7-9	10-12	1-3	4-6	7-9	10-12	1-3	4-6
Task 1.1.1 NGOs selection and engagement										
1 st NGO Regional meetings (kick – off)										
2 nd NGO Regional meeting										
Task 1.1.2 Design and implementation of NGOs capacity building programme										
The NGOs Specific Regional Training Plan (SRTP)										
1 st Regional Training										
2 nd Regional Training										
3 rd Regional Training										
4 th Regional Training										
5 th Regional Training										
SRTP Review (based on Regional Trainings outcomes)										
NGOs involvement to events under relevant ECRAN WGs										
Task 1.1.3 Preparatory meetings and wider consultations										
1 st Prep-meetings and wider consultations (1 in each country)										
2 nd Prep-meetings and wider consultations (1 in each country)										
Back-up/Support of the in-country stakeholder dialogue										
Task 1.1.4 Organisation of annual meetings										
1 st Annual Meeting (in Brussels)										
2 nd Annual Meeting (in Brussels)										



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Key challenges in the implementation

- Effectively working ECF - NGO group : Self-management, leadership/co-ownership and ability to work with key stakeholders (i.e., FP/governments)
- Training and capacity development: For/With the NGOs, linking to ECRAN opportunities and country needs – capacity development as the key priority for 2015
- Stakeholder dialogue: Linking the EU/Regional/National level: Well-targeted and effective
- Outreach at the national level: Hubs and information sharing



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