

ENVIRONMENT AND CLIMATE FORUM (ECF)

ANNUAL MEETING
24-25 November 2014
Brussels, Hotel BLOOM



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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
 - Survey-Training Plan-Modules outline
 - 1st Module (Podgorica NOV-20-21, 2014)
- 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: NOV 24-25, 2014



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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
	NGO Green Home
Montenegro	NGO Center for Protection and Research of Birds of Montenegro
	Association of Young Ecologists of Niksic
	MACEDONIAN GREEN CENTER
FYROM	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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Key objectives of the meeting

- (i) To disseminate information (to the broad NGO community and other relevant stakeholders) about recent development, planned climate and environment policies and legislation of the European Union and evaluation of progress and bottlenecks in the EU accession process from the EC perspective;
- (ii) To increase capacities of the regional NGOs to actively participate in EU enlargement;
- (iii) To bring to the attention to the EU the enlargement points and concerns of civil society and discuss how to address issues and cases identified by the NGOs;



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Start	Finish	Topic	Facilitator/Speaker	Sub topic/Content
14:00	14:30	Registration of the participants in Hotel Lobby - Coffee/tea, informal meetings		
14:30	14:45	Goals and objectives of the NGO preparatory meeting.	Richard FILCAK, ECRAN expert	Experience from the ECF so far and NGO feedback/expectations. How to optimally use ECF, synergies, drivers and opportunities.
14:45	16:00	NGO SESSION 1: Self-organizing and preparatory meeting for discussion with the EC	NGO facilitators Dragana Mileusnic, CAN Europe	Based on the Climate Change and Water Management papers- the key priorities identified in the 2 thematic areas and key messages to be presented to the thematic sessions. SEA/EIA as horizontal priorities Selection of NGO representatives to co-chair Thematic Session
16:00	16:30	Coffee Break		
16:30	17:30	NGO SESSION 2: Internal rules, decision making and processes in the ECF management	NGO facilitator (to be selected)	Decision-making, selection process for ECRAN events, basic rules of work in ECF, self-organizing principles, communication and selection process for nominations, key documents and positions development and approval.
17:30	17:45	Any other business/Wrap up of the discussion/Conclusions	Richard FILCAK, ECRAN expert	



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Start	Finish	Topic	Facilitator/Speaker
9.00	09:30	Official Opening of the Annual Meeting	Nicholas HANLEY , Head of Unit European Commission, DG Environment, Unit on International, Regional and Bilateral Relations
09.30	10.45	THEMATIC SESSION 1: Water management	Ms Marta MOREN ABAT , Policy Officer European Commission, DG Environment, Unit on International, Regional and Bilateral Relations Co-Chaired by selected NGO representative
10.45	11.15	Coffee break	
11.15	12.30	THEMATIC SESSION 2: EIA/SEA	Mrs. Slavtza DOBREVA DE SCHIETERE , Policy Officer Ms. Iris VALKOVIC , Policy Officer European Commission, DG Environment, Unit on Enforcement, Cohesion Policy & European Semester Co-Chaired by selected NGO representative
12.30	14.30	Lunch break and meeting with Green 10	



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14.30	15.30	Introductory remarks	DG Climate Action and Energy
tbd	tbd	THEMATIC SESSION 3: Climate	DG Climate Action and Energy
tbd	tbd	THEMATIC SESSION 4: Climate	DG Climate Action and Energy
tbd	tbd	Coffee break	
tbd	tbd	NGO SESSION 3: Conclusions and next steps	Madalina IVANICA , Policy Officer European Commission, DG Environment, Unit on International, Regional and Bilateral Relations DG Climate Action and Energy (tbd) Richard FILCAK NGOs



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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)										
1st Regional Training										
2nd 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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