

Activity 1.1 Public Participation (Environment and Climate Forum) 4th Interim Period (01 April 2014 – 31 September 2015)

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Task 1.1.1 NGOs selection and engagement

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Task 1.1.1 NGOs selection and engagement

Achievement	Impact
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The 21 selected NGOs work as national contacts and hub for information dissemination. They actively participate in all project activities – although situation differs among the NGOs and the countries; - Regional Planning and Capacity Building Meeting side-by-side with NGO participation at the 2015 green Week (2-5 June 2015) - <i>The 2015 Progress Reports – NGOs Perspectives and Inputs.</i> - THE FUTURE OF ENVIRONMENT FORUM: Recommendations from Environment and Climate Forum members 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Improved access to information among the civil society organisations; - Capacity development of NGO experts, - Project allows for improved access to information among the civil society organisations, and capacity development for successful implementation of the ECF component of ECRAN, as well as for general work of NGOs in their respective countries and/or at the regional level; - Common positions development enhance national and regional collaboration.

Task 1.1.1 NGOs selection and engagement

Upcoming activities and challenges:

- Improve reporting of ECRAN/ECF activities back to other NGOs in the countries involved and to civil society in general;
- Continue in development of dialogue among the NGOs and other stakeholders;
- Capacity building through common positions and work;
- Final activity: NGO position on the Progress report (June 2016).



Task 1.1.2 Design and implementation of NGO capacity building programme

Achievement	Impact
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Training Module 2 on Climate Change, held in Zagreb, Croatia, 23 – 24. - Implementation of the NGOs Specific Regional Training Plan modified; - Participation of NGO experts in ECRAN Work Groups activities; 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Participants from the 2nd training module get information and know-how how to better understand EU accession process vis-à-vis climate change agenda, what are the opportunities and examples of successful NGO campaigns and projects. This should bring results in more competent approach to the public participation in EU enlargement process and stimulate NGO activities in the region; - Participation in the ECRAN working groups brought in technical expertise on selected aspects of the negotiations, contacts on experts and access to materials.



Task 1.1.2 Design and implementation of NGO capacity building programme

Upcoming activities and challenges:

- There was a change in number of training modules reflecting NGO position (“one size fits all” problem)
- One more (final) training module will be delivered in first half of 2016,
- The ECF NGOs will actively follow the ECRAN activities and together with project team identify and suggest NGO experts for the ECRAN Working Groups events.



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Task 1.1.3 Preparatory meetings and wider consultations

Achievement	Impact
<p>Preparatory meetings 2015:</p> <p>Belgrade, Serbia (14 April 2015)</p> <p>Pristina, Kosovo* (21 April 2015)</p> <p>Sarajevo, Bosnia and Herzegovina (05 May 2015)</p> <p>Tirana, Albania (06 May 2015)</p> <p>Istanbul, Turkey (08 May 2015)</p> <p>Podgorica, Montenegro (13 May 2015)</p> <p>Skopje, FYROM (21 May 2015)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Stimulating public discussion and in getting attention to the challenges and opportunities provided by the enlargement process; - The meetings help to improve cooperation among the civil society organisations and contributed to direct contact among NGOs and decision makers; - Improved information and inputs for the ECF tasks and activities (i.e., input to progress reports, organization of the Annual Meeting 2016).



Task 1.1.4 Organisation of annual meetings

Achievement	Impact
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Outcomes of the 7 conducted preparatory meeting processes and serve as inputs to the 2nd Annual Meeting; - The 2nd Annual Meeting preparatory works in progress 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Capacity building of NGO in terms of getting first hand information on state of the art in the EU enlargement process, what are the plans for the upcoming period and in helping to identify priority areas for work; - The AM impact is also in stimulating public participation in the EU enlargement process and in improving legitimacy of NGOs as relevant stakeholders and partners in the negotiations.



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Task 1.1.4 Organisation of annual meetings

Upcoming activities and challenges:

- Originally scheduled for 2015: problem with timing and agenda
- Preparation for the 2nd Annual Meeting has started by opening NGO discussion on topics and issues to be presented and discussed,
- Outcomes and points from the preparatory meetings in countries will serve as the bases for discussion;
- The 2nd Annual Meeting is now tentatively scheduled for early 2015



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Activity	Achievements/Challenges
Task 1.1.1 NGOs selection and engagement	In progress /differentiated level of activities, involvements and capacities among the countries, need to stimulate wider engagement
Task 1.1.2 Design and implementation of NGO capacity building programme	Modified /Participation at ECRAN WG goes well, development of agenda for 3 rd training module planned for 2016
Task 1.1.3 Preparatory meetings and wider consultations	Closing /Successful implementation of 2 round and 15 planned PMs, operates now though other NGO events and activities
Task 1.1.4 Organisation of annual meetings	Postponed /1 st AM delivered, the 2 nd AM on the agenda for 2016



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