

## 2nd Regional Meeting (Environment and Climate Forum)

Overview of progress: where we  
are, and where do we go...

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# Environment and Climate Forum (ECF)

The activities in the reporting period were based on Work Plan and its 3 main areas:

- (1) **Public Participation** in the EU accession process;
- (2) **NGO Capacities Development**;
- (3) **Effective Dialogue** at the national and regional level.



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## Activities/Tasks implemented

- ECF Successfully progressing as a horizontal component of ECRAN - Focus on planning and implementation of the activities at the regional and national level;
- 2014 Annual Meeting (building on the outcomes of the 1st Round of In-country PMs)
- 1st Training Module (Technical aspects of the EU accession process: Improving the knowledge base on scope and opportunities for civil society involvement), 2nd Training Module (Climate Change)
- 2nd Round of the Preparatory Meetings (April – May 2015)



## Preparatory meetings - the 2nd round

- Serbia: Belgrade/April 14, 2015
- Kosovo, UNMIK: Pristina/April 21, 2015
- BiH: Sarajevo/May 5, 2015
- Albania - Tirana/May 7, 2015
- Turkey: Ankara/May 8, 2015
- Montenegro: Podgorica/May 13, 2015
- FYROM: Skopje/May 22, 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	In progress/development of strong agenda for 2 training modules planned for the Fall of 2015 Active participation in ECRAN WGs.
Task 1.1.3 Preparatory meetings and wider consultations	Accomplished/Successful implementation of 7 planned PMs, taking into account varying situation with public participation in the countries
Task 1.1.4 Organisation of annual meetings	In progress/Facilitating quality inputs from NGOs into the agenda and discussions



## Upcoming activities/Issues/Challenges

- *Regional ECF meeting (back to back with 2015 Green Week, June 2-5, 2015) will provide feedback to activities and update workplan to reflect recent development;*
- Input into country progress reports as the main challenge in the upcoming period (ECF will deliver common statement containing country chapters in late June 2015) ;
- Improve reporting of ECRAN/ECF activities back to other NGOs in the countries involved and to civil society in general;



## Upcoming activities/Issues/Challenges II.

- Preparation for the 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Meeting has started by opening NGO discussion on topics and issues to be presented and discussed - The 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Meeting is tentatively scheduled for the Fall 2015
- 2 remaining training modules will be delivered in 2015,
- 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.
- Key challenge: 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Meeting

