

***ENVIRONMENT AND CLIMATE REGIONAL  
ACCESSION NETWORK  
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CSOs 2015 National Preparatory Meetings



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ECRAN Ministerial Meetings (political level)  
ECRAN Steering Committee Meetings (technical level)

ENVIRONMENT

CLIMATE ACTION

Strategic planning and investments

Approximation of environmental legislation and the accession negotiations

Climate Coordination Group

Public participation – NGOs Environment Forum

WG1 Water

WG2 Env. Assessments

WG3 Air Quality

WG 4 Waste

WG5 Nature

WG 6 IED/ Chemicals

WG 1 Climate Policy

WG 2 GHG Inv. & MMR

WG 3 ETS

WG 4 Adaptation

Cross-cutting activities

- Enforcement and compliance
- Progress Monitoring Exercise
- Legislative compliance checks
- Handbook on the Implementation of EU Environment *Acquis*
- Handbook on the Implementation of EU Climate *Acquis*

# ECF 2014 Activities

- EF Public Participation:
  - ✓ Development of ToR and application form for regional NGOs;
  - ✓ Selection of minimum 1 and maximum 3 NGOs per country;
  - ✓ Creation of regional Environment Forum with selected NGOs;
  - ✓ Organisation of preparatory meetings;
  - ✓ Organisation of annual meetings with EC;
  - ✓ Design and delivery of tailor made training programme.

Selected 21 NGOs from region:  
**3 from Serbia**

Kick-off meeting in Budva

Thematic Papers prepared for: CLIMATE CHANGE and WATER

PREPARATORY MEETING in each country

Training Need Assessment and Plan made;  
The first Regional Training in November in Podgorica

Enhanced public participation in environmental and climate planning and decisionmaking process

In addition

Participation in Progress Reporting

Opportunity to participate at WGs meetings



# Snapshot 1: ECF 2014/15 Activity: Participation on ECRAN WGs Meetings , Serbia

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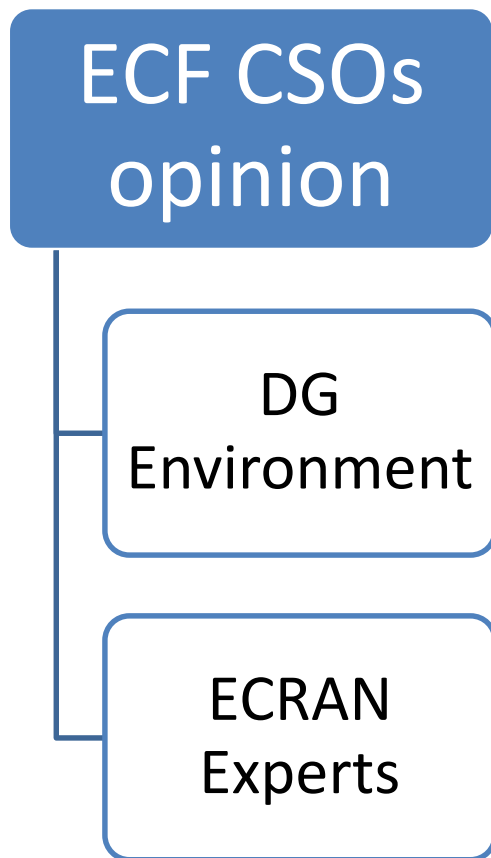
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# Snapshot 2: Contribution to EC Progress Report 2014





- Channels:
- 1. EU Delegation in Serbia (on-line call, by invitation, consultative meeting);
- 2. **ECF CSOs Network** (ECRAN project mechanism);
- 3. Peer Reviews (organized by ECRAN/DG Environment);
- 4. The Governmental Office for Cooperation with CSOs (organized to “watch live” Explanatory and Bilateral Screening for Chapter 27);
- 5. (related projects – like ENV.net, EU Convent; SECO mechanism – related to IPA programming, ...etc....)



## Snapshot 3: Annual Meeting with EC in Brussels 2014

The two main themes identified were Climate Change and Water Management. Besides these 2 themes, transposition and implementation of the EIA and SEA Directives was discussed.

### Climate Change priority issues:

- Low general awareness at all levels;
- Lack of alignment with the EU climate acquis;
- Lack of leadership among the decision makers

### Water Management priority issues:


- Rapid development of small hydro power plants in the region and impact on biodiversity;
- Addressing impact of climate change to water availability and management;
- Lack of transparency in water management related investment; and
- Limited involvement of the NGOs in policy development and implementation

### EIA/SEA priority issues:

- EIA/SEA processes:  
quality of documents;
- Quality of public participation in EIA/SEA processes;
- Weak reflection of externalities in the EIA/SEA evaluations





## Plan for 2015

- **2<sup>nd</sup> Training Module** will focus on **climate change** policies. The training will be delivered in collaboration with the CLIMATE Component of ECRAN. DG Climate representatives expressed their interest to collaborate on the agenda development and presentation of the EU policies during the training session, already planned in Zagreb;
- **2<sup>nd</sup> round of the preparatory meetings**, April – May 2015. **Since ECF will in 2015 facilitate common national positions of the civil society on the Progress Reports**, one alternative (to be further discussed) is to dedicate part of the preparatory meetings agenda to this topic;
- **2<sup>nd</sup> Regional Meeting of ECF NGOs** and will, besides evaluation and planning of activities focus on post-2015 development of the EU-NGO dialogue and civil society engagement in the EU accession process, already under preparation 2-5 June, Brussels (EU Green Week)
- **2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Meeting** in 2015; 
- **3<sup>rd</sup> Training Module** in 2015 and will be focused on **strategic planning and investments**. The training will be prepared and delivered in collaboration with the SPIWG of ECRAN;
- **4<sup>th</sup> Training Module** is scheduled for end of 2015 with the focus on **waste management**. The training will be prepared and delivered in collaboration with the SPIWG of ECRAN;



# ECF 2015

NGO capacity building		ECF Meetings			Participation to EC Progress Reporting with common position <i>monitoring of accession achievements</i>
<b>NGOs Regional Trainings</b>  <b>3 in 2015</b>	<b>Further participation to WGs (governmental) Sessions</b>  1-2 persons, based on interest and CVs	Country 2nd/2015 <b>Preparatory Meetings</b> , organized by ECF NGOs from country	Regional ECF Meeting	<b>Annual Meeting in Brussels, with DG Environment</b>	


  

 Thematic Papers prepared by ECF Expert support Team



# PMs to facilitate common national positions of the civil society on the Progress Reports

For 2015 PMs BACKGROUND PAPER: **Enlargement and Main Challenges: CSOs contribution in monitoring of accession achievements in the 2015**, is prepared

- Suggested template:

PM is opportunity for dialogue with governmental officials



Question		To be filled by ECF CSOs			
1	Horizontal issues (public participation, access to justice, INSPIRE Directive issues, control and surveillance, international and regional cooperation, environmental monitoring and reporting, environmental liability, etc.)	Case/example for positive or negative achievement, documented	Category of case/example:		Case/example is related to obligation to EC Directive:  (write the name of directive and related obligation)
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2	Air quality	Case/example for positive or negative achievement, documented	Category of case/example:		Case/example is related to obligation to EC Directive:  (write the name of directive and
			Transposition	Implementation /	



*Looking forward to outcome of  
Preparatory Meetings in:*

*Serbia, April 14, 2015, Belgrade;*

*Montenegro, April 21, 2015, Podgorica;*

*BiH, May 5, 2015, Sarajevo;*

*Turkey, May 7/8?, 2015, Ankara;*

*Kosovo\**

*Albania*

*Croatia*

*FYR Macedonia*

