



# Environment and Climate Forum (ECF) ECRAN

## Goals/Main Activities/Outcomes

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- ☐ DG ENV-NGO Dialogue Group 1999-2004
- ☐ NGO Forum (2004 - 2008)
- ☐ NGO Environment Forum (2009 – 2012)
- ☐ **Environment&Climate Forum (2013-2016)**
- ☐ 2016 - ?

MARGOT WALLSTRÖM, Commissioner for Environment (right) responds to questions raised in a discussion chaired by TIMO MÄKELÄ, Head of Unit, DG Environment (centre right) and RODOLF RAGONESI, Friends of the Earth, Malta (centre left).



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# Activity 1.1: Public participation (Environment and Climate Forum)

- Task 1.1.1 NGOs selection and engagement
  - Open and transparent selection process: 21 core ECF NGOs/wider engagement
  - Regional meetings and common activities
- Task 1.1.2 Design and implementation of NGO capacity building programme
  - Framework: Survey-Training Plan-Modules outline):
  - 2+1 trainings (EU and Enlargement/Climate Change/Green Week
  - Participation at WGs and capacity building
- Task 1.1.3 Preparatory meetings and wider consultations
  - 2 rounds/15 meetings accomplishes in 8 countries (2014 and 2015)
- Task 1.1.4 Organisation of annual meetings
  - 2 Annual Meetings



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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
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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# Main achievements

- Incorporated in ECRAN - horizontal component: (1) Participation (2) Capacities (3) Effective Dialogue
- 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 mean-not as the end
- 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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# Few Challenges & Few Lessons Learnt

- ECF as a tool for legitimacy and support of the civil society role in the enlargement process
- Many tangible and intangible impact of ECF on regional cooperation on national level
- Moving more towards “watchdog” network?
- Missing direct support to NGOs limits outreach
- Capacity development important in this stage, more support to regional reports, positions and campaigns
- Biodiversity and climate change as key NGO profile issues – from individual cases to development policies, programs and projects



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