

About us

The international project team which is implementing its activities consist of six organisations from four countries. The Baltic Environmental Forum Germany is charge of the co-ordination of the activities, the Baltic Environmental Forum Latvia is running a similar project since 2002 in its country and provides expertise, knowledge and practical hints to the local partners: In Croatia, these are the two non-governmental non-profit organisations Osijek Greens and the local country office of the Regional Environmental Centre for Central and Eastern Europe (REC). In Macedonia these local partners are, the Balkan Foundation for Sustainable Development and the REC Country office Macedonia.

All four local partners have a long-year experience in the field of environmental protection in their countries, working together with local communities and providing environmental knowledge to the people in their countries.

About the project

Having in mind experiences from the previous accession rounds to the European Union which brought a lot of changes for the work of regional and local self-government, the project is based on a successful forerunner in Latvia which has been covering almost every aspect of European Union environmental legislation and its practical implementation since 2002.

The concept of the project is to train experts in the target countries in order to enable them to bring the understanding of the EU as such and its legal principles and the legislation to the staff of local and regional self-government in their own language.

Therefore the objectives of the project are:

- To build up capacities in local organizations on EU environmental legislation, to prepare training materials in local language and to prepare information materials specially adjusted to the needs of local communities and regional authorities in Croatia and Macedonia.
- Thus strengthening them and preparing them better for a future EU membership of their own countries.
- To provide not only a general overview of the EU and its complex setting, but also to look more deeply into selected topics, providing practical information and examples on how to come from legal theory to local reality.

The project is running from February 2007 until January 2009 and within this period the following steps are carried out:

- Training the trainers on general fundamental issues of the European Union
- Training the trainers on European waste and water legislation focussing on the needs for local and regional self-government
- Information days for local and regional authorities
- In depth information seminars on selected topics for local and regional authorities.
- Developing information material for local and regional self-government in local languages

Whom we address

Our project addresses staff from local and regional administrations who are dealing with the environment and related topics. EU accession may not only bring the expanded opportunities for the people to trade, travel, work and find exchange more easily across the continent. EU accession for administration brings fundamental changes to their work processes and this across the whole range of policies. The need to find information and process information quickly and to be prepared to implement the new legislation is most important. The participation in information days and topic seminars is an ideal chance to get to know the most important issues and to go into discussion with colleagues from EU member countries, which share their experiences in these events.

How to participate

Contact our local partner to find out more about the events. They will provide you with the necessary information

Tell us your interests and information needs.

Information day

In Croatia

Further information: www.rec-croatia.hr

In Macedonia

Further information: www.rec.org.mk

Topic seminars

The topic seminars will take place in 2008 and will focus on Waste management and Water management for local communities. We will keep you updated about the place, location.

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