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THE REGIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL CENTER
for Central and Eastern Europe

THE REGIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL CENTER FOR CENTRAL AND EASTERN EUROPE (REC) is a non-partisan, non-advocacy, not-for-profit organisation with a mission to assist in solving environmental problems in Central and Eastern Europe (CEE). The Center fulfils this mission by encouraging cooperation among non-governmental organisations, governments, businesses and other environmental stakeholders, by supporting the free exchange of information and by promoting public participation in environmental decision-making.

The REC was established in 1990 by the United States, the European Commission and Hungary. Today, the REC is legally based on a Charter signed by the governments of 27 countries and the European Commission, and on an International Agreement with the Government of Hungary. The REC has its headquarters in Szentendre, Hungary, and local offices in each of its 15 beneficiary CEE countries which are: Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Bulgaria, Croatia, Czech Republic, Estonia, Hungary, Latvia, Lithuania, FYR Macedonia, Poland, Romania, Slovakia, Slovenia and Yugoslavia.

Recent donors are the European Commission and the governments of Albania, Belgium, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Bulgaria, Canada, the Czech Republic, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, France, Germany, Italy, Japan, Latvia, Lithuania, the Netherlands, Poland, Slovenia, Sweden, Switzerland, the United Kingdom, the United States and Yugoslavia, as well as other inter-governmental and private institutions.



The Regional Environmental Center for Central and Eastern Europe looks back at 2001 as the most productive in its 12-year history. As a year without a defining environmental event, 2001 proved to be an excellent time for networking, educating, participation and dialogue, efforts that set the table for a successful environmental future.

By garnishing the year's successes with local recipes from the region, the REC pays homage to the local dishes that the people of Central and Eastern Europe are so rightfully proud of. The REC wishes to elevate and celebrate the cuisine derived from fresh, local products and prepared in time-honoured fashions, because the health of an average family and the purity of their evening meal must surely be the best gauge of a nation's environment.

The following pages show how supper is served in the region and how the region is served by the REC.

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MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD

What is the recipe for a successful Regional Environmental Center for Central and Eastern Europe?

FIRST, take a dozen years....

There is no substitute for experience, whether in encouraging public participation and empowering people by giving them information and policy tools or by supporting organisations that are directly involved in environmental action. Over the course of its 12 years, the REC has gradually changed from a beneficiary entity to a financially self-sustaining one and expanded many times in its geographic scope and human resources.

SELECT the ingredients carefully, respecting the distinctive differences among them that contribute to a harmonious whole...

Governments, non-governmental organisations, businesses, local authorities, media, academia and individual citizens must all work together to understand each other's needs. That understanding will enable them to develop their countries in ways that have minimal impacts on natural

systems. But cooperation among different countries and peoples in Central and Eastern Europe (CEE), is just as important. In fact, it is essential for ensuring the health of international waterways such as the Danube and Elbe rivers, for eliminating dangerous transboundary pollution and for sustainably managing biologically diverse areas.

ADD WATER... and air and trees and soil, plus the continent's richest possible variety of natural resources. Preserve as many of the ingredients as you can for the future and guard against waste. The year 2001 saw the long-awaited final ratification of the Aarhus Convention and the introduction of the 6th Environmental Action Programme for Europe, two strategic policy documents that benefited from substantial input from the REC. Implementing them in the CEE region will ensure that environmental concerns are not neglected as economic issues become paramount.

BLEND ingredients together until a delicate balance is achieved.

Serves thousands.

Allan Gromov
Chairman of the Board

“We have said how necessary it is that in the composure of a salad, every plant should come in to bear its part, without being overpower'd by some herb of a stronger taste, so as to endanger the native savour and virtue of the rest; but fall into their places, like the notes in music, in which there should be nothing harsh or grating. And though admitting some discords (to distinguish and illustrate the rest) striking in all the more sprightly, and sometimes gentler notes, reconcile all dissonances, and melt them into an agreeable composition.”

John Evelyn, *Acetaria* (1699)

Being the executive director of a flexible, democratic institution like the REC requires more than managerial competence. It involves an in-depth knowledge of all facets of the organisation's activities, as well as an openness to participation and collective decision-making. It entails teamwork and the delegation of authority, along with a great deal of trust in management and staff. Whereas my work as Minister of Environment and Physical Planning was a true personal challenge, leading the REC is an altruistic endeavour, a living example of the kind of cooperation and participation necessary for a successful democracy.

The main basis of our current structure and work is an inheritance from my predecessor, Jernej Stritih. Looking through our achievements, which reflect these same ideals, it is clear his strategy has been taken to heart, and the results achieved by the REC in 2001 are a testament to that vision.

Serving as a co-secretariat of the Environmental Action Programme Task Force, the REC has contributed to the preparations for the Kiev Conference through the affirmation of Central and Eastern Europe as a critical bridge between the Newly Independent States and the West. The REC is anxious to share its experience on the development and implementation of the Regional Environmental Reconstruction Programme (REReP) for South Eastern Europe (SEE), and will propose similar action oriented programmes.

A unique, comprehensive programme that involves all SEE stakeholders, REReP became fully operational in 2001. More than 90 multilateral projects were launched with more than EUR 100 million in funding. A positive donor response combined with the SEE countries' commitment established a vital precondition for the success of the programme. REReP supports the Stabilisation and Association Agreements between SEE countries and EU and is seen as a facilitator in EU integration.

The EU accession process is still the main driving force for overall environmental improvement across the region. On behalf of the REC, I would like to congratulate those countries that have closed environmental chapters. Transposition and implementation of EU environmental legislation and cost effectiveness of the investments in environmental infrastructure continue to be the main challenges of the process. That is why the candidate countries will need strong support and assistance before and after they join the EU.

A concrete breakthrough in 2001 was the signing of the Ministerial Declaration and the Memorandum of Understanding between the International Commission for Protection of the Danube River and the International Commission for Protection of the Black Sea. The DABLAS Task Force was established to implement these documents and the REC was invited to become a member.

Preparations for the World Summit on Sustainable Development in Johannesburg began in 2001 and have reached a critical phase. Although progress on agreements made in Rio have been slow in coming over the past decade, it is clear that support for sustainable development is at the heart of the REC's mission.

The revenue of core funds earned in 2001 was 47 percent higher than the previous year. The Japan Special Fund remained a stable and important financial mechanism. Another encouraging development was the creation of the Italian Trust Fund, a contribution of the Italian Ministry for the Environment and Territory to the REC.

I strongly believe that the REC is going to continue to demonstrate its abilities in the implementation of its work plan for the year 2002.

Toni Popovski
Executive Director





Year in review

A year of relative calm for a turbulent region, 2001 proved to be the REC's most successful ever in terms of accomplishments. A stable presence in the region allowed the REC to repeat and expand successful projects, disseminate results, identify new areas in need of attention and promote public participation in the decision-making process. In addition to local concerns, nations hungry for EU accession accepted the REC's invitation to break bread with their neighbours and join networks, regional projects, and fact-finding missions, setting the table for environmental success.

Business and Environment Programme

ABEI The REC's Business & Environment Programme, secretariat of the Aarhus Business and Environment Initiative (ABEI) for Central and Eastern Europe, directed its efforts toward several major activities in 2001.

The ABEI Steering Committee redefined the second and third phases of its work programme to achieve the basic goal of the initiative — to improve the environment in CEE countries via eco-efficient management of businesses.

In the second phase, the ABEI prepared several country reports on eco-efficiency in CEE. A booklet on Hungarian industries discussed case studies in which firms improved profitability while addressing environmental management. National round tables on eco-efficiency disseminated information about CEE businesses.

NATURAL BEAUTY —NGOs in South Eastern Europe work to preserve areas of natural beauty such as the Carpathian Mountains in Romania (left). Biodiversity in the region is bolstered through Green Balkans' protection of orchids in Bulgaria (upper far left) and the Mycological Society of Montenegro's preservation of rare mushrooms (lower far left).

FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS A Phare project allowed the programme to provide training on financial instruments for environmental investments to the Environmental Fund managers of the Hungarian Ministry of Environment. International discussions will lead to the development of a corporate sustainability index for CEE, building on the methodologies of the US Dow Jones Sustainability Index and Swiss Sustainable Assets Management AG.

MANAGEMENT The programme firmed up its ties with the World Business Council for Sustainable Development (WBCSD, Geneva), the European Partners for the Environment (EPE, Brussels) and the International Network for Environmental Management (INEM, Hamburg-Budapest). An assessment of environmental management tool kits is underway to find the most suitable ones for the region's micro, small and medium-sized enterprises. Environmental award scheme managers from all CEE countries and from Malta and Cyprus were introduced to the European Environmental Award for Industry and its organisers from DG Environment.

Capacity Building Programme

EDUCATION The year's highlight was the development of the environmental education product the Green Pack. Funded by the Toyota Environmental Activities Grants Programme 2000, the pack includes a teachers' handbook and a multi-media CD-ROM and is targeted at Polish gymnasium teachers and their students.

“If we do not permit the earth to produce beauty and joy, it will in the end not produce food either.”

Joseph Wood Krutch, naturalist (1893-1970)



“The pleasures of the table are of all times and all ages, of every country and of every day.”

Jean-Anthelme Brillat-Savarin



The Internship Programme placed 19 students in REC projects concerned with business, information, biodiversity and other areas.

In addition, the REC helped its sister organisations with training on granting procedures and financial management for REC-Caucasus and REC-Ukraine.

Climate Change Programme

In 2001, the Climate Change Programme's Capacity for Climate Protection project entered its third year. One of its main activities was publishing case studies on good practices in domestic policies and measures to mitigate climate change effects. The information was distributed during a regional workshop held at the REC in September and at the workshop organised by the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) Secretariat in Copenhagen in October.

Fact sheets were published in seven languages and widely distributed in the respective countries. In support of renewable energy resources, a feasibility study for joint implementation of windmill technology was conducted in Estonia.

Case studies from six Central and Eastern European countries are being prepared by NGOs to evaluate access to information and public participation in climate related activities. In collaboration with the Business and Environment Programme, a workshop was held in April 2001 on the topic of business involvement in joint implementation in CEE. A report, *Complying with the Kyoto Protocol Requirements: Capacity Needs in Central and Eastern Europe*, was published and distributed during workshops and Conference of Parties 6 and 7 meetings under the UNFCCC.

LEARNING TO GREEN — Young environmentalists plant the future in Lithuania (far upper right), pupils test their green acumen under the guidance of the SOSNA Center for Sustainable Activities in Slovakia (right), and a clean-up crew restores an Albanian beach to its natural state (far lower right).

EcoLinks

EcoLinks, an initiative of the U.S. Agency for International Development, promotes practical, market-based solutions to urban and industrial environmental problems in Central and Eastern Europe and Asia. The REC jointly manages the programme with the Institute of International Education (for Eurasia and the overall programme coordination) with the aim of linking businesses, municipalities and associations with their counterparts in the region and in the United States. Working as partners, these organisations identify and remedy environmental problems, adopt best practices and increase trade and investment. In 2001 EcoLinks offered two types of grants in the region: Challenge Grants and Quick Response Awards.

CHALLENGE GRANTS In 2001, EcoLinks started its fourth cycle of the Challenge Grants component, allocating 18 awards totalling EUR 922,000 to municipalities, businesses and associations in Central and Eastern Europe. The fifth Challenge Grants cycle also began at the end of 2001 and 18 more projects were selected, totalling EUR 885,000. These will be implemented in 2002. Every project demonstrated that it is possible to protect the environment and reduce costs at the same time and will be implemented by a CEE organisation in collaboration with a regional or U.S. partner. Of the lead organisations awarded grants in the 4th cycle, 55 percent were local governments or utilities and 45 percent businesses.

With the hope of a high replication rate, 27 of the most successful projects from the first three cycles were written up as best practices and published on the Web.



“One’s stomach
is one’s internal
environment.”

Samuel Butler



QUICK RESPONSE AWARDS In 2001, EcoLinks awarded 77 Quick Response Awards totalling EUR 340,000.

The main objective of this component was to encourage partnerships and help the recipients prepare applications for the larger challenge grants, as well as to stimulate trade and investments in environmentally friendly technologies between CEE and the United States.

Environmental Law Programme

In October the REC established the Environmental Law Programme, which has initiated some major projects including 1) developing and implementing multilateral environmental agreements; 2) strengthening of environmental governance by supporting independent environmental legal professionals; and 3) assisting in reform of environmental legislation. The REC’s capacities are enhanced through the Joint Environmental Law Service consortium, which includes, besides the REC, the UNEP-Regional Office for Europe and the IUCN Environmental Law Programme. The consortium has contributed to a REReP steering group meeting and a workshop on multilateral agreements in Yugoslavia organised by the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) and United Nations Economic Commission for Europe (UNECE) and supported by the REC.

The programme finalised terms of reference and commissioned legal experts to develop country assessments on the acceptance and implementation of multilateral environmental agreements in seven South Eastern European (SEE) countries.

More than 30 applications from the seven subject countries were received for the pilot Environmental Legal Advocacy/Advisory Centre (REReP 2.6).

The REC produced legislative assessments for five new state-parties to the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species (CITES). The REC supported the Convention and UNEP in a workshop on multilateral environmental agreements held with the Caspian Environment Programme.

Environmental Policy Programme

REReP The Regional Environmental Reconstruction Programme for South Eastern Europe (REReP) became fully operational in 2001. More than 90 projects totalling more than EUR 100 million have been launched.

The REReP mechanism was favourably reviewed at the third REReP Task Force meeting in September 2001. The programme supports the implementation of the Stabilisation and Association Agreements between SEE countries and the EU.

Serving as the REReP Secretariat, the REC has been implementing projects, facilitating dialogue among REReP stakeholders and continually assessing REReP priorities.

The REC helped launch the Balkan Environmental Regulatory Compliance and Enforcement Network in December 2001 in Tirana, Albania. It aims to enable SEE countries to improve environmental enforcement and compliance through cooperation and exchange of experience. The REC’s role as secretariat for the network ensures the implementation of the work plan.

BIODIVERSITY The promotion of cross-border cooperation for biodiversity protection extended to a third site, West Stara planina (Yugoslavia/Serbia-Bulgaria), in addition to the existing sites in the Neretva Delta (Bosnia and Herzegovina-Croatia) and Skadar Lake (Albania-Yugoslavia/Montenegro). Based on joint surveys of the environmental status of the sites and potential threats, local stakeholders jointly managed and protected their shared natural resources. The REC gave small grants to local NGOs and associations to encourage the sustainable use of resources and the revitalisation of local crafts. Partners began the preparations for long-term management plans for the sites.

EAP TASK FORCE The work programme for the next two years for the CEE sub-programme of the Task Force for Implementation of the Environmental Action Programme for Central and Eastern Europe (EAP Task Force) was adopted.

Six REC programmes have joined efforts to implement the planned activities with the Environmental Policy Programme providing secretariat coordination.

ECONOMIC INSTRUMENTS Within the Sofia Initiative on Economic Instruments, the REC updated the Database of Environmental Taxes and Charges in Central and Eastern Europe. The collected data for all the countries in the region was published and analysed in a report entitled *Environmental Taxes in an Enlarged Europe*. The report compared economic instruments used in CEE to EU practices. It also analysed environmental taxes and charges in the EU accession process.

The REC published a report on a conference held in 2000, *Economic Instruments and Water Policies in CEE*, organised by the REC and the European Commission. A report on the waste management policies in the CEE countries was also published, which highlighted the role of economic instruments, analysed strategies for self-financing in the waste sector, assessed waste-management priorities and strategies and looked at the development of national recycling policies.

SEA In support of the Sofia initiative, the REC organised two workshops on strategic environmental assessment (SEA) among senior government officials in the region. The first workshop, held in Szentendre, identified common priorities in the development of the national environmental assessment systems in the region. A joint REC/UNDP workshop reviewed the lessons learned with environmental assessment in regional development plans and compared this experience with that in the EU. The REC also assisted the Czech Ministry of Environment in the formulation of a methodology for strategic environmental assessment and assisted a sectoral operational programme for tourism in the Czech Republic.

TRANSPORT A meeting of high officials on environmentally friendly transport took place in March in Szentendre, establishing a network of professionals which will promote sustainable transport in CEE/NIS countries at local and regional levels. A report on the meeting was presented at the first high-level meeting on transport, environment and health on May 4, 2001 in Geneva.

INVESTMENT The REC continued to assist CEE countries with their environmental investment strategies. Of particular importance were international meetings on priority environmental projects for accession. The third meeting, held in June, focused on private sector involvement in the implementation of selected EU directives, project pipeline development, project preparation, and the use of consultants in developing financing plans. The fourth meeting focused on investment planning and further addressed financing strategies.

ENVIRONMENTAL FUNDS The REC revived its role in the Network of CEE Environmental Funds — extremely timely given the debate on the future of such funds in the “post-accession” period. As the Network’s secretariat, the REC organised several workshops on such topics as the new EU state aid guidelines. Additionally, the REC published a report, *Environmental Funds in the Candidate Countries*, which assessed the Funds’ performances based on OECD/EU requirements and their role in the “post-accession” period.

Information Programme

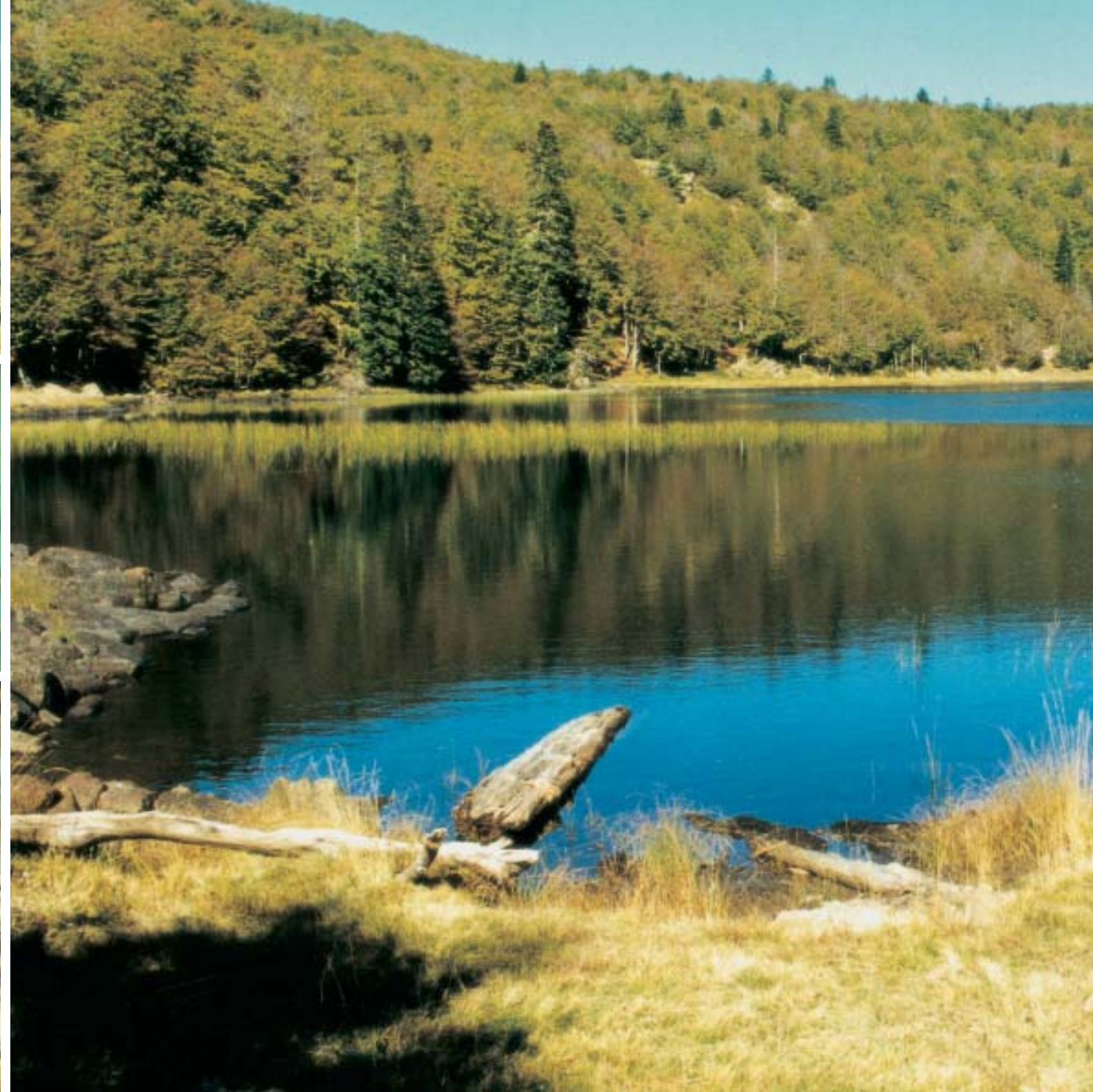
LIBRARY Already a significant collection of English-language environmental information, the library continued to grow and also to host the Balkan Information Service especially for the SEE environmental community. The library launched a homepage with a searchable catalogue and handled more than 400 information requests from diverse stakeholders from the CEE region and around the world.

Funds from the Regional Environmental Accession Programme (REAP) helped update information resources for NGOs and local authorities. These included electronic databases and printed directories for government and environment, funding sources for environmental NGOs and regional environmental events.

“Cooking should be a carefully balanced reflection of all the good things of the earth.”

Jean and Pierre Troisgros





The Information Programme produced four issues of the REC's environmental magazine, *The Bulletin*, with cover stories about transport, agriculture, climate change and globalisation. The programme sent out its monthly regional environmental news digest, *Green Horizon*, to 250 journalists across Europe and redesigned the REC's Web site to serve as a portal to environmental information on the CEE countries and activities at the REC.

REReP The Information Programme initiated several projects under the Regional Environmental Reconstruction Programme for South Eastern Europe (REReP), including the Balkan Information Service, Strengthening of National Environmental Information Systems and Electronic NGO Networking. A country-by-country survey identified national priorities and a follow-up workshop led to the drafting of national action plans for strategic development. A regional survey on NGO needs and expectations was followed by national workshops to introduce project and network objectives. An on-going series of South Eastern European country reports, prepared at the request of the Swedish International Development Agency, reviewed the state of the environment, driving forces that affect it and institutional responses in Croatia and Yugoslavia.

ELECTRONIC TOOLS The Information Programme, with Japan Special Fund assistance, supported the Electronic Tools Task Force under the Aarhus Convention through a needs assessment, project Web site, good practice compendium and joint organisation of a workshop in Norway. Workshop participants presented good practices in information management and dissemination. The compendium forms a snapshot of priorities, challenges and case studies in the region.

HABITATS — The Black Lake in the northern Albania is surrounded by a crucial wolf habitat (left), while endangered eagles survey the Carpathian landscape (far upper left), and a turtle and frogs populate marshlands (far middle and lower left).

RESEARCH UNEP's Third Global Environmental Outlook report included references to major policy initiatives and a retrospective look at the state of the environment for all of Europe, edited by the REC. Under the REAP umbrella, the Programme helped cities take advantage of the EC's urban sustainability indicators programme. Cooperation with the Sustainable Development Communications Network realised an on-line information package for interested municipalities.

The Programme supported projects and initiatives related to the promotion of good ore mining practices, helped draft an industry code for cyanide management, and supported a World Health Organisation project developing a methodology for rapid environment and health risk assessment.

PUBLISHING The REC's expanded publishing team prepared new project Web sites and produced 38 reports, brochures and publications, including the award-winning *Annual Report 2000: Focus on the Region*.

Local Initiatives Programme

The Local Initiatives Programme, which works with local and regional governments to improve environmental management, started several new projects, including new efforts in municipal and project financial planning.

LEAPs The programme continued to help authorities reach out to their community to initiate local and regional environmental action plans (LEAPs or REAPs). The REC focused especially on the development of a LEAP Practitioners' Network through a regional meeting and the creation of a LEAP Web site, which contained demonstration projects, guidelines, training and other reference materials.

“The act of putting into your mouth what the earth has grown is perhaps your most direct interaction with the earth.”

Frances Moore Lappe



“One of the very nicest things about life is the way we must regularly stop whatever it is we are doing and devote our attention to eating.”

Luciano Pavarotti



Local Initiatives experts worked with REC country offices to carry out demonstration projects in Bulgaria, Latvia, and Romania. The REC's country office staff improved their LEAP training and implementation and have begun promoting this service to other communities.

TRAINING Local authorities face great challenges in complying with the environmental *acquis* in terms of administration, planning and finance. The REC produced a guidebook and training programme to help. It focuses on EU directives in the air, water and waste sectors, and includes a tool kit on strategy, prioritisation, financial planning and project preparation skills. Workshops on these topics were carried out in 10 candidate countries in November and December 2001.

PROJECT FINANCING The REC started work on an initiative in South Eastern Europe in which local authorities can work with local consultants to develop proposals for financing by outside sources. The project will focus initially on Romania and Yugoslavia.

EU COMPLIANCE AWARDS The third annual City Towards EU Compliance Award programme ended with the competition being extended beyond CEE to EU candidates Cyprus, Malta and Turkey. The competition focused on the three “Ts”: Implementation (of EU air, water and waste directives), Integration (of environmental concerns into other policy sectors) and Information and Environmental Education. A total of 122 municipalities participated and 15 received winner's certificates at a ceremony in Brussels. The programme raised awareness about EU accession and environment among participants and informed the REC and the EU about local governments' compliance with the environmental *acquis*.

GRANTS The 23 winners of both editions of the City Towards EU Compliance Award Competition 1999-2000 were invited to a grants competition designed to reward efforts toward EU environmental compliance. Fourteen grants were awarded for projects dealing with such issues as medical and industrial waste management, sustainable transport and public awareness of water and air pollution.

Japan Special Fund

TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE The Japan Special Fund Technical Assistance projects reached their final stage. Reports for the rehabilitation of the industrial waste dump site in Siauliai were completed and approved by the Lithuanian government. The investment proposal for rehabilitation of the Fier city wastewater system was completed and well received by the Albanian government. Preparation for the technical specifications on the cleaner production demonstration project at the Zletovo fertiliser plant in Veles, FYR Macedonia was completed.

Three workshops were organised around the region with institutional support from the REC/JSF:

- Environmental Headline Indicators for Economies in Transition: Case Study of the Baltic States, in Latvia;
- Support for Environmental Management System Implementation in Industrial Settings (Bulgaria, FYR Macedonia), in Bulgaria; and
- A skill-share workshop on municipal waste management, in Poland.

SUPPORT The Japan Special Fund supported three regional policy workshops on transport sustainable for environment and health in CEE, strategic environmental impact assessment in CEE and pilot testing of urban environmental management (co-organised with IETC-UNEP).

The Fund also supported training programmes, including two prepared by the REC Country Office Bulgaria to promote advanced waste management practices and waste water treatment. Upon the request of the Embassy of Japan in Budapest, the Fund solicited preparation of a training programme for local governments in Yugoslavia to compliment those of the Szeged Process.

Another project aimed to improve energy savings and energy efficiency in FYR Macedonia.

ITALIAN TRUST FUND The Italian Trust Fund (ITF) was established in 2001 as a special contribution of the Italian Ministry for the Environment and Territory to the REC aimed at strengthening their collaboration to help CEE countries improve their environment.

NGO Support Programme

The NGO Support Programme has continued to consolidate its efforts along five main “tools” for support: grants, training, viable NGO development, networking and information/research. A total of EUR 1,083,845 was given out in NGO grants, the highest level since 1994.

GRANTS EUR 700,000 in local and cooperative grants were distributed through a programme funded by the Danish Ministry of Environment and Energy’s DANCEE programme. Local grants focused on biodiversity and public participation issues, with 236 individual NGO projects supported.

Another EUR 268,805, allocated from the EU Phare programme was distributed for 36 projects related mainly to EU accession.

As a part of the REReP support to NGOs, EUR 80,000 was awarded for development of an NGO network in SEE. EUR 100,000 from the Netherlands Ministry of Foreign Affairs was offered in six SEE countries for national NGO input into the REReP process. Forty-three local grants were given to NGOs addressing cross-border biodiversity issues in the Skadar Lake region between Albania and Montenegro and the Neretva River Delta between Croatia and Bosnia and Herzegovina. They received support of EUR 76,816 from the Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation.

Twenty-five NGOs in Albania and FYR Macedonia won World Bank grants for the Ohrid Lake Conservation Project. With the support of the Japan Special Fund, eight NGO projects in these countries won support for waste and energy efficiency work.

SELF-FINANCING Within the work of the Sustainable NGO Financing Project (SNFP), the REC and its partners helped 14 Central European NGOs develop plans for ancillary business activities. The project seeks to help NGOs diversify their funding base. Seven groups received Business Planning Grants while four others were selected for Venture Grant funding by the REC and the NESsT Venture Fund.

TRAINING The Training for Young Environmental Leaders (Junior Fellowship Programme) continued with support from the Netherlands Ministry of Environment, the Coca-Cola Foundation and the Phare programme. A record 44 fellows took part in seven sessions. EC funds backed two sessions of the Advanced Fellowship Programme that focused on EU accession and the environment.

DIALOGUE The networking project known as the DG Environment-NGO Dialogue, facilitated by the REC, convened its fourth and fifth sessions in Brussels in 2001. The 40 NGO participants learned about planned EC environmental policies and gave their opinions on the accession process. Three preparatory seminars allowed NGOs to prepare positions for the fifth meeting.

DIRECTORIES Two new directories were made available on-line, including a listing of 2,800 regional NGOs and contact and funding information on more than 150 donors.

Public Participation Programme

The Public Participation Programme continued to promote the early ratification and implementation of the Aarhus Convention and the application of best practices for public participation in the CEE countries.

AARHUS CONVENTION REC experts contributed to the work of all task forces and working groups established under the Aarhus Convention dealing with the topics of compliance, rules of procedure, genetically modified organisms, electronic information tools, pollutant release and transfer registers (PRTRs), access to justice, and the preparatory meeting for the First Meeting of the Parties.

“A man may esteem himself happy when that which is his food is also his medicine.”

Henry David Thoreau



“A significant part of the pleasure of eating is in one’s accurate consciousness of the lives and the world from which the food comes.”

Wendell Berry

The REC provided input in three meetings of the Technical Group and Inter-ministerial Working Group developing the PRTR protocol to the Aarhus Convention. The REC and outside experts prepared the draft *Handbook on Access to Justice under the Aarhus Convention*, which analysed good practices and barriers in access to justice. It provided case studies from more than 30 countries and was discussed in the UNECE Access to Justice Task Force workshop.

Within the REReP project, Support to Developing Strategies for Implementation of the Aarhus Convention in SEE, assistance was given to governments and NGOs in six SEE countries to ensure civil society involvement in the Convention’s implementation. Draft assessments of the needs and priorities for developing implementation strategies have been prepared by independent consultants in cooperation with the official Aarhus focal points and other governmental and NGO experts. Further project activities are being identified based on the assessment reports and the results of the discussions in each country.

WORKSHOPS In Kosovo, an assessment was prepared of the cooperation between NGOs and local authorities, public involvement and dissemination of environmental information. Training on public participation, campaigning and strategy development for 20 NGOs was organised in Mitrovica. A workshop in Pristina involving NGOs, municipal officials from six regions and the Department of Environment discussed the Aarhus Convention, stakeholder cooperation, strategic planning and their relevance to decision-making on the local level in Kosovo.

REC experts participated in the negotiation of a new SEA protocol under the Espoo Convention.

The project Building Environmental Citizenship to Support Transboundary Pollution Reduction in the Danube: A Pilot Project for Hungary and Slovenia, helped government officials and NGOs improve public access to environmental and water-related information. Needs assessments in Hungary and Slovenia identified legal, institutional and practical barriers to public access to information and public participation and helped to define priorities for project activities. Workshops on legal, institutional and practical issues drew participants from governments, NGOs and businesses. A study tour introduced six government officials and two NGOs from Hungary and Slovenia to the laws, institutions and public information systems of the Netherlands and the United States.

The final workshop commended the results of the project and resulted in recommendations for higher level policy-makers in Hungary and Slovenia. The project produced guidelines to improve Slovenian legislation; recommendations on institutional mechanisms and practices of public access to environmental and water-related information; a handbook on these issues for Hungarian officials; and a related guide for Hungarian citizens.

TRUE COSTS — An NGO partner in the Czech Republic draws attention to the suffering of Arctic polar bears to illustrate the wide-ranging effects of persistent organic pollutants (right), dancing bottles sing for green shopping in Warsaw (far upper right), and the transport conditions of livestock, like these sheep at a border checkpoint, are monitored by a Hungarian NGO (far lower right).







ALBANIA

Baked Pepper Salad
(Sallate me speca)

Serves 4

Ingredients

- 1 kg red or green peppers
- 250 g feta cheese
- 200 g olives
- salt, black pepper
- olive oil
- vinegar
- parsley

DIRECTIONS Place whole red or green peppers on a flat baking sheet without oil in a hot oven until the skin turns a dark brown colour. Remove skin and seeds. Cut the peppers lengthwise in strips. Arrange on a serving plate with salt, pepper, vinegar and olive oil. Add parsley on top and, if desired, surround the peppers with feta cheese and green and/or black olives.

REPORT OF INDEPENDENT AUDITORS

TO THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS **The Regional Environmental Center for Central and Eastern Europe**

We have audited the balance sheet of the Regional Environmental Center for Central and Eastern Europe (the Organisation) as of December 31, 2001 in accordance with International Standards on Auditing.

In our opinion, the financial statements give a true and fair view of the financial position of the Organisation at December 31, 2001 and the results of its operations and its cash flows for the period that ended in accordance with International Accounting Standards.

ERNST & YOUNG Budapest, Hungary • March 10, 2002

STATEMENT OF CONTRIBUTIONS

| DONOR | 2001 CONTRIBUTIONS | TOTAL CONTRIBUTIONS 1990-2001 | IN KIND CONTRIBUTIONS 1990-2001 |
|------------------------|--------------------|-------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| | EUR | EUR | EUR |
| Albania | 39,869 | 76,866 | |
| Austria | | 491,811 | |
| Belgium | 118,007 | 118,007 | |
| Bosnia and Herzegovina | 23,894 | 23,894 | |
| Bulgaria | 7,668 | 23,932 | |
| Canada | 13,944 | 759,770 | |
| Czech Republic | 5,714 | 88,799 | |
| Croatia | | 20,379 | 6,350 |
| Denmark | 565,436 | 2,482,263 | |
| Estonia | 4,153 | 26,980 | |
| European Union | 2,003,604 | 11,906,324 | |
| Finland | 68,484 | 830,379 | |
| France | | 25,683 | |
| Germany | 265,715 | 620,449 | 345,646 |
| Hungary | | 733,297 | 1,231,134 |
| Italy | 227,454 | 421,567 | 108,154 |
| Japan | 630,355 | 11,084,042 | 294,427 |
| Latvia | 18,859 | 72,471 | |
| Lithuania | 581 | 5,480 | |
| FYR Macedonia | 55,638 | 144,189 | |
| Netherlands | 1,294,883 | 3,743,387 | |
| New Zealand | | 14,048 | |
| Norway | 879,398 | 1,274,983 | |
| Poland | 9,670 | 77,996 | |
| Sweden | 61,929 | 144,150 | |
| Switzerland | 261,308 | 1,522,529 | |
| Slovakia | 133,849 | 353,923 | |
| Slovenia | 34,800 | 117,798 | |
| UNDP/UNEP | 604,462 | 1,743,819 | 3,846 |
| United Kingdom | 268,873 | 421,808 | |
| United States | 898,568 | 9,680,671 | 52,280 |
| Yugoslavia | 34,904 | 34,904 | |
| Other | 543,266 | 1,968,642 | |
| TOTAL | 9,075,285 | 51,058,239 | 2,041,838 |

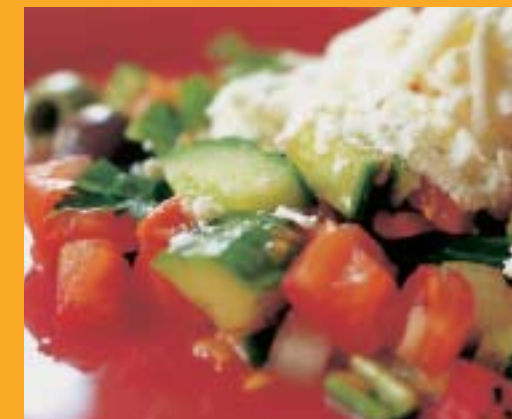


BALANCE SHEET (All amounts in EUR 000's)

| | DECEMBER 31, 2001 | | | | DECEMBER 31, 2000 |
|--------------------------------------------|--------------------|------------------|-------------------|---------------|-------------------|
| | Unrestricted Funds | Restricted Funds | Conference Centre | Total Funds | 2000 Total |
| ASSETS | | | | | |
| Current Assets: | | | | | |
| Cash | 1,414 | 172 | 0 | 1,586 | 1,458 |
| Term deposit | 935 | 445 | 0 | 1,380 | 1,371 |
| Prepaid expenses and accrued income | 273 | 17 | 2 | 292 | 123 |
| CO Prepayments | 504 | 230 | 0 | 734 | 431 |
| Receivables | 0 | 11,589 | 0 | 11,589 | 5,266 |
| Total current assets | 3,126 | 12,453 | 2 | 15,581 | 8,649 |
| Fixed assets, net | 813 | 149 | 0 | 962 | 740 |
| TOTAL ASSETS | 3,939 | 12,602 | 2 | 16,543 | 9,389 |
| LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCES | | | | | |
| Current Liabilities: | | | | | |
| Accounts payable and accruals | 168 | 13,441 | 1 | 13,610 | 7,303 |
| Grants payable | 7 | 295 | 0 | 302 | 311 |
| Total current liabilities | 175 | 13,736 | 1 | 13,912 | 7,614 |
| Interfund transfers | 1,381 | (1,261) | (120) | 0 | 0 |
| Fund balance | 2,383 | 127 | 121 | 2,631 | 1,775 |
| TOTAL LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCES | 3,939 | 12,602 | 2 | 16,543 | 9,389 |

STATEMENT OF REVENUE, EXPENSE AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES (All amounts in EUR 000's)

| | DECEMBER 31, 2001 | | | | DECEMBER 31, 2000 |
|------------------------------------------------|--------------------|------------------|-------------------|---------------|-------------------|
| | Unrestricted Funds | Restricted Funds | Conference Centre | Total Funds | 2000 Total |
| REVENUES | | | | | |
| Cash contributions | 84 | 8,695 | 0 | 8,779 | 5,952 |
| Internal charges | 4,083 | 0 | 132 | 4,215 | 2,559 |
| Interest income | 12 | 56 | 0 | 68 | 102 |
| Other | 67 | 0 | 168 | 235 | 154 |
| TOTAL REVENUE | 4,246 | 8,751 | 300 | 13,297 | 8,767 |
| EXPENSES | | | | | |
| Direct programme expenses | 2,467 | 2,877 | 183 | 5,527 | 5,106 |
| Internal charges | 0 | 4,215 | 0 | 4,215 | 2,559 |
| Grants and awards | 46 | 1,489 | 0 | 1,535 | 769 |
| Administration | 902 | 0 | 0 | 902 | 689 |
| Depreciation | 180 | 0 | 0 | 180 | 143 |
| Foreign exchange gain/loss | 67 | 7 | 0 | 74 | (624) |
| TOTAL EXPENSES | 3,662 | 8,588 | 183 | 12,433 | 8,642 |
| Excess (deficiency) of revenues over expenses: | 584 | 163 | 117 | 864 | 125 |
| Fund balances at the beginning of year | 1,802 | (32) | 5 | 1,775 | 1,646 |
| Interfund equilibration | (3) | (4) | (1) | (8) | 4 |
| FUND BALANCES AT THE END OF YEAR | 2,383 | 127 | 121 | 2,631 | 1,775 |

**BULGARIA****Shopska Salad**
(Шопска салата)

Serves 4

Ingredients

300-350 g ripe tomatoes
1 cucumber (about 200 g)
1 small hot pepper
4-5 green peppers
150 g white cheese for grating
2 onions
100 ml vegetable oil
10-15 olives
parsley
salt

DIRECTIONS Cut the onion in small pieces. Remove the stem and seeds of the green peppers (raw or roasted and peeled). Cut them into strips and then into smaller pieces. Chop the hot pepper. Cut the cucumber in four lengthwise and slice the pieces. (You may leave it unpeeled if organically grown). Mix everything and add salt. Mound the vegetables in a salad dish or in individual salad plates. Sprinkle with the vegetable oil. Grate the cheese over the salad to form a "snow cap." Garnish with the olives and parsley. You may also sprinkle with vinegar.



LITHUANIA

Potato Zeppelins (Didžkukuliai)

Serves 6-8

Ingredients

1 kg uncooked potatoes
3 or 4 boiled potatoes

FILLING

70 g ground beef
70 g mushrooms
Salt, pepper

DIRECTIONS Cook the ground beef and mushrooms, season to taste and set aside to cool. Peel and grate the raw potatoes, then squeeze out the excess liquid from them through a cheesecloth. Let the starch settle to the bottom of the liquid, then pour the liquid off and add the starch back to the potatoes. Peel and mash the boiled potatoes, then add them to the grated ones. Add a dash of salt and knead well. Take approximately egg-sized pieces of this mixture and form into patties. Place spoonfuls of the previously prepared filling into the centre of the patties. Typically the filling is made from ground beef, milk curd or mushrooms with salt and spices. Close the patties around the filling and form them into oval shapes. Then place the potato patty in salted boiling water and cook for approximately 30 minutes. Potato zeppelins are eaten with bacon or melted sour cream and butter sauce.

Grants 2001

Climate Change Grants

Project title: Assessment of best practices in achieving Climate Convention objectives
Donor: Government of Japan

| Organisation | Country | EUR |
|------------------------------------------------|----------------|---------------|
| Centre for Energy Efficiency EnEffect | Bulgaria | 12,100 |
| Centre for Transport and Energy | Czech Republic | 12,100 |
| Stockholm Environment Institute-Tallinn Centre | Estonia | 12,100 |
| Institute for Sustainable Development | Poland | 12,100 |
| TERRA Mileniul III | Romania | 12,100 |
| Slovenian E-Forum | Slovenia | 12,100 |
| TOTAL | | 72,600 |

Project title: Assessment of access to information and public participation in climate-related activities
Donor: Ministry for Environment, Italy

| Organisation | Country | EUR |
|------------------------------------------------|----------|---------------|
| Centre for Energy Efficiency EnEffect | Bulgaria | 9,900 |
| Stockholm Environment Institute-Tallinn Centre | Estonia | 9,900 |
| National Society of Conservationists | Hungary | 9,900 |
| Institute for Sustainable Development | Poland | 9,900 |
| TERRA Mileniul III | Romania | 9,900 |
| Energy Centre Bratislava | Slovakia | 9,900 |
| TOTAL | | 59,400 |

NGO Support Within and Beyond Borders

Donor: Danish Cooperation for Environment in Eastern Europe (DANCEE), Ministry of Environment and Energy, Denmark

Albania

| Organisation | Project Title | EUR |
|---------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------|
| Environment and Democracy | Legislative survey on the right to access environmental information | 1,150 |
| PPNEA, Shkoder | Biodiversity conservation as an important part of environmental education | 2,300 |
| Biologists Association | Red book on fauna for students | 2,700 |
| Wildlife Nature, Korce | Civil society development | 925 |
| PPNEA — Tirana | Institutional support for the organisation | 2,770 |
| TOTAL | | 9,845 |



Bosnia and Herzegovina

| Organisation | Project Title | EUR |
|---------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------|
| Weed Science Society of B&H — Sarajevo | Reduction of environmental pollution caused by animal dung | 1,531 |
| ECO — Maglaj | The public and ecology: informing the public about basic environmental laws and public's role in decision-making | 1,276 |
| ECO Greens — Bosanska Krupa | Forming NGO coalition for protection of the river Una | 1,275 |
| Forum of Women's Alternatives — Kakanj | Message on ecology of Kakanj | 1,531 |
| Native Land — Sipovo | Public participation in environmental decision-making in the Sipovo area | 1,276 |
| Trezvenost Citizens Association — Sarajevo | Strengthening the role of civil society through Government and NGO cooperation | 1,786 |
| FONDEKO — Sarajevo | Technical and functional improvements of library in Fukarekianae | 1,531 |
| Goran's Movement — Sarajevo | "Green Town" in the spring | 1,786 |
| KRAJINA — Banja Luka | Public participation in local environmental decision-making in Lijeve Field | 1,275 |
| Young Researchers of Banja Luka — Banja Luka | Biodiversity of the Bardaca Lake | 1,531 |
| Centre for Environmentally Sustainable Development — Sarajevo | Public involvement in preparation of the national environmental action plan | 1,531 |
| Speleo Dodo — Sarajevo | Encouraging public support for European agreement on bat protection (Euro Bats) in Bosnia and Herzegovina | 2,041 |
| Old Oak Tree — Novi Travnik | Campaign for protection of cultural and natural resources of the Lasva Valley | 1,531 |
| TOTAL | | 18,370 |

Bulgaria

| Organisation | Project Title | EUR |
|---------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------|
| Lotosa Grassroots Initiative — Lovech | Local Environmental Forum | 2,807 |
| Bulgarian Union for the Protection of the Rhodope Mountains | The Rhodope: well-known mountains with an unknown face | 4,188 |
| Community Centre — Novo Selo | Farmer Green Pages: Organising NGOs, the community and local authorities for the environment | 2,700 |
| Public Environmental and Sustainable Development Centre | Involving youth in environmental decision-making | 3,205 |
| Nikola Vapsarov Community Centre — Banskó, Blagoevgrad Region | Creation of a municipal environmental information centre | 2,850 |
| Youth Association Forum 2001 | Creation of a public environmental protection council by grassroots group | 3,000 |
| Development, Nature and Humankind Foundation | Publishing <i>State of the Environment Report 2001</i> in Bulgarian | 1,250 |
| Ecology and Sustainable Development Association | Safeguarding protected plant species in the Targovishte region | 2,201 |
| Wild Nature and Fauna Fund (FDFF) | "Antidote" — national campaign against the illegal use of poisonous bait for birds of prey | 2,417 |
| Green Balkans Non-profit Association | Protection of the lammergeier population as a symbol of Bulgarian environmentalism | 2,714 |
| Society of Biologists in Bourgas and Region | Conservation of sand dunes in two protected territories to preserve plant species diversity | 2,668 |
| Environmental Information and Training Centre | Awareness campaign for the rational use of water in town of Montana | 1,394 |
| Society for Biodiversity Protection of Sofia | School for practical environment protection training | 2,500 |
| Regional Environmental Centre of Dobritch | Blue Zone | 2,606 |
| The Green Bourgas Foundation | Partnership for the protection and sustainable use of water | 3,500 |
| TOTAL | | 40,000 |

**KOSOVO****Beef-filled filo (Burek)**

Serves 6

Ingredients

600 g ground beef
2 large onions
200 ml vegetable oil
1 tbs salt
1.2 kg flour
400 ml warm water

DIRECTIONS Pour flour on a flat surface and make a small hole in the middle of it. Pour 400 ml of warm water and 200 ml of oil into the hole. Knead by hand and add enough warm water to make a stiff dough that can be rolled. Roll out the dough on a floured surface. Chop onions in very small pieces and mix them together with the ground beef. Fry until browned. Add salt and black pepper to taste. Spread the onion/ground beef mixture along the edge of the dough and roll it up towards the center, then cut it with a sharp knife into small rolls. Place the rolls on a baking sheet and bake in a preheated oven for 30 minutes at 200 C.



FYR MACEDONIA

Vegetable spread (Ajvar)

Ajvar is a popular appetiser or side dish made of roasted pepper, aubergine, ripe tomatoes and sometimes even string beans. Ajvar is a seasonal dish always made in late summer and early autumn, just after the pepper harvest, when many households also can or bottle their own ajvar for use throughout the winter season.

Serves 4

Ingredients

- 8-12 fresh red peppers (mild or medium-hot, to taste)
- 4 medium aubergines
- 125-150 ml olive oil
- 1 large onion, minced
- 3 large garlic cloves, chopped
- 1-2 tbs lemon juice (or 1 tbs red wine vinegar)
- Salt and pepper to taste
- Chopped fresh parsley for garnish

Croatia

| Organisation | Project Title | EUR |
|---------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------|
| Society for Nature Protection of Slavonija and Baranja Region | Good ways of living in the city | 1,860 |
| Lipa Ecological Organisation | Education of local people about eco-agriculture and getting them involved in environmental decision-making | 3,000 |
| Green Istria | Citizen participation in general town planning for Pula | 2,761 |
| Senjar Association for Ecological Protection | Paths on Veliki Pazut: environmental impact assessment for Veliki Pazut | 3,000 |
| Club Eureka | Sustainable development of communities on islands off northern Croatian coast | 3,000 |
| Banica Society for Reconstruction of Cultural and Natural Heritage | Saving and protecting waterways in Lovinac | 650 |
| Association for Rural Development and Protecting Mountain Preserves | Encouraging participation of citizens of Gacka to protect heritage and environment | 650 |
| Drava Natural History Society | Revitalisation of Vir swamp | 1,500 |
| Hyla Croatian Herpetological Society | Saving amphibians in roadside habitats | 3,000 |
| Planet Earth | Encouraging biodiversity conservation | 3,000 |
| EKOP — ISTRRA | Technical support of EKOP — ISTRRA | 350 |
| Eko — Zadar | Promotion of eco-agriculture with relevant publications | 355 |
| Society for the Preservation of Biological Diversity — Falco | Brochure about special bird and fish reserve in Pantan | 3,000 |
| TOTAL | | 26,126 |

Czech Republic

| Organisation | Project Title | EUR |
|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------|
| Czech Association of Nature Conservationists — Northern Moravia | Workshop: Wetland recovery and positive support in rural areas | 320 |
| Eurosolar | Production of a sustainable biotope in the Bohemian Wood | 290 |
| Public Association GENGL | Supporting biodiversity | 1,015 |
| Association for Botanical Garden Protection | The forest yesterday and today: what did our forefathers see in the wood? | 1,535 |
| Children of the Earth — Prague | Help for Plzen: public involvement in solving traffic problems in Plzen | 1,075 |
| Association for Spiritual and Material Renewal and Development of Protected Region Blansky Les | The countryside through the eyes of artists and ecologists: an exhibition | 737 |
| Countryside Public Association | Restoration of the Radotin stream | 1,540 |
| Fund of Endangered Nature (with Children of the Earth) | Endangered kings of the sky: protection of birds of prey | 1,594 |
| UESS SPODEK | Involvement of local people and agriculture students in environmental decision-making | 550 |
| Veronica — Czech Association of Nature Conservationists | NATURA 2000: the alternative list | 1,740 |
| 70/02 — Czech Association of Nature Conservationists | Support of biodiversity: clinic for saving wild animals in Bartosovice, Moravia | 870 |
| Czech Association of Ornithology | Free the pigeons | 1,190 |
| Friends of Nature Public Association | Public participation in preservation of lower Labe | 1,450 |
| Ecological Legal Service | Providing free environmental legal services to citizen and civic associations | 1,740 |
| Czech Association of Nature Conservationists — Benesov | Active public participation: presentation of environmental law proceedings | 1,450 |
| SEVER — Centre of Ecological Education and Etiquette Rychory | The Valley of Sklenarovice: return of life in the countryside | 1,522 |
| Kosenka — Czech Association of Nature Conservationists | KOSENKA as instrument for protection of nature, countryside and monuments of Valasskokloboucko | 1,330 |



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|------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------|
| Nesehnuti Brno | Transport in Brno: questioning the government about the environmental impact of road construction r43 | 870 |
| Ecological Centre Brno | Ecocentre Brno 2001: information centre with library and programmes for ecological education | 1,450 |
| SAGITARIAN — Association for Nature Protection of Central Morava | Environmentally acceptable solutions for conflicts of interest in the region Cernovirske Slatinist | 725 |
| Public Association for Ecology Education | Public involvement in development strategy for Rymarov | 580 |
| Public Association Golden Ship | Public participation in administrative procedures in urban area Brno-Jundrov | 470 |
| Children of the Earth | Mobile cultural exhibition: tent to live in, 2001 | 1,305 |
| Educational and Info Centre Bile Karpaty | Improvement of waste management in Hodonin district | 580 |
| Bile Karpaty — Czech Association of Nature Conservationists | Involvement of fruit growers in protection of fruit trees in Bile Karpaty | 1,015 |
| Brontosaurus Movement — Brdo Vlkani | The people and their universe | 240 |
| Brontosaurus Movement | Action nature: public involvement in protection of nature and environment | 1,450 |
| Children of the Earth — Decin | Alternative anti-flood precautions in Beskydy — pilot project Bystry | 1,450 |
| Czech and Slovak Traffic Club | Consultancy and distribution of information about public transport | 1,577 |
| Children of the Earth | Public legal service on environmental decision-making | 1,450 |
| Brontosaurus Movement | Ecotent 2001: personal consultation, editing of special manuals, arrangement of workshops | 640 |
| Seven — Prague | Promotion of low-cost steps to save energy | 1,450 |
| Alternativa — Turnov | Renewable energy power for Cesky Raj | 440 |
| Children of the Earth — Decin | Ecological Centre Jablunka | 1,165 |
| Eurosolar — Prague | Solar energy | 440 |
| Movement Rainbow — Brno | Low-cost energy conservation in municipal buildings | 605 |
| Lunaria o.s. | Construction of a windmill | 1,450 |
| Children of the Earth — Beroun | Energy reduction in CHKO Cesky Kras | 875 |
| Ametyst — Plzen | Full Fable | 900 |
| League of Energy Alternatives — Prague | Information flyers about ecological houses | 875 |
| Municipality Nebuzely | Study of biomass heating in Nebuzely | 730 |
| STUZ — Step up Broumovsko! | Ecological reconstruction: public discussion and study | 1,160 |
| Alternatives for Countryside | Restoration of small water mill at Stupnik | 1,160 |
| TOTAL | | 45,000 |

Estonia

| Organisation | Project Title | EUR |
|-------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------|
| Society of Friends of Soomaa | Bees of Soomaa | 2,175 |
| MT Estonia Maritima | The unique and fragile ecosystem in Saaremaa | 2,179 |
| Stockholm Environmental Institute | <i>State of the World 2000 and 2001</i> , a publication in the Estonian language | 1,390 |
| Stockholm Environmental Institute | Publication of <i>Local Agenda 21</i> in Russian | 2,703 |
| Keep the Estonian Sea Tidy! | Earth Day Conference | 1,580 |
| Keep the Estonian Sea Tidy! | Series of events in support of sustainable lifestyle | 2,614 |
| Estonian Horse Preservation Society | Management of Laidevahe coastal meadows | 4,860 |
| Field Education Society | Cooperation between Tartu Tamme Gymnasium and Sondeborg Gymnasium on environmental project | 2,570 |
| MTU Porkuni | Promotion of public participation in Porkuni, explaining Aarhus Convention to local people | 5,000 |
| Estonian Scouts Union | Kodumetsa forest | 4,929 |
| TOTAL | | 30,000 |

**Vegetable spread**

Continued

DIRECTIONS Roast the peppers and aubergines over charcoal or a gas flame, or bake them in a preheated 220 C oven, until the skin is blistered and darkened. Place the roasted vegetables in a paper bag and let them steam in their own heat for 10 minutes. Peel off and discard the burnt skin along with the stems and seeds. Mash the peppers and aubergine pulp together to form a slightly chunky mass. You can do this with a fork or in a food processor.

Heat 3 tablespoons of oil in a large skillet and sauté the onion until very soft. Add garlic and cook for two more minutes. Remove from the heat and stir in the pepper-aubergine pulp, mixing well. Slowly drizzle the remaining oil into the mixture, stirring constantly to incorporate all of the oil. Add salt and pepper, to taste.

Serve as an appetiser to spread on thick slices of country-style white bread or flat pita bread with chunks of feta cheese, or use as a side dish to accompany grilled or roasted meats.





HUNGARY

Cold sour cherry soup
(Hideg meggyleves)

Serves 6

Ingredients

- 700 g morello cherries
- 1.5 litres water
- 350 g sour cream
- 100 ml dry red wine
- 1 egg yolk
- 150 g sugar
- The peel of half a lemon
- 3 cm cinnamon stick
- 2 tablespoons flour
- Pinch of salt

DIRECTIONS Stone the morello cherries, then put them to cook together with sugar, salt, lemon peel and cinnamon. Allow to simmer. Meantime, mix in a bowl the flour, egg yolk and 175 gm of sour cream. Mix with a ladleful of soup, then add to the boiling soup stirring constantly. Finally, mix wine and remaining half of sour cream and add this to the soup. After ten minutes of simmering, remove soup from heat, remove lemon peel and cinnamon and let it cool. This soup is excellent when chilled. It can be made from gooseberries, blackberries, raspberries or red currants, as well.

FYR Macedonia

| Organisation | Project Title | EUR |
|---------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------|
| Environmental Association Bistrica | Eco-Path | 418 |
| Association for Protection and Revitalisation of Bituse | Clean tributaries for a clean Radika River | 1,944 |
| Bird study and protection association — Bituse | Inventory of birds of prey and large carnivores in mountains Korab and Desat after the war in Kosovo | 1,959 |
| Research association of students of biology | Mapping of biodiversity in Pelister National Park | 1,584 |
| Association for protection of environment of Macedonia | Printing of poster of endemic and rare plant species in Macedonia | 1,392 |
| Association of Women of Dracevo | Raising awareness and involvement among women in rural areas | 2,110 |
| Environmental Association Biosfera | Environmental awareness as a necessity of modern life | 2,807 |
| Environmental Association of Bigla | Healthy water for all: encouraging public debate, creation of citizens committee | 2,410 |
| Citizens Association of Prespa | Campaign for use of phosphate-free detergents | 1,342 |
| Romani Bah Association of Roma People | Campaign for cleaner Roma settlements and Roma involvement in environmental decision-making | 1,331 |
| TOTAL | | 17,297 |

Hungary

| Organisation | Project Title | EUR |
|----------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------|
| Gaja Environmental Association | Public awareness-raising events | 943 |
| Baranya Natural Heritage Foundation | Actions to preserve habitat of endangered plants | 943 |
| Garancs Village Development Association | Environmental protection actions | 943 |
| E-Misszio Environment and Nature Protection Association | Encouraging public participation in Szabolcs-Szatmar-Bereg county | 943 |
| Pilis Group — Hungarian Bird Study and Nature Protection Association | Biodiversity programme for preservation of bird nests in Visegrad mountains | 1,019 |
| Hajduboszormeny Nature Protection Association | Supporting cooperation between NGOs in the northern Hungary | 1,132 |
| Istenkut Community Association | Public participation in programme concerning water and wastewater systems | 1,132 |
| Esztergom Environment and Culture Association | Public participation and consultancy activities | 1,177 |
| Ecological Institute for Sustainable Development Foundation | Providing legal consultancy services to general public | 1,211 |
| Earth Day Foundation | Translation and publishing of book by W. Rees, <i>Ecological Footprint</i> , in Hungarian | 1,321 |
| Csemete Association | Regional cooperation activities among NGOs | 1,321 |
| Nimfea Nature Protection Association | Biodiversity and fauna protection activities | 1,562 |
| Round Forest Foundation | Raising interest among population in establishing a national park | 1,634 |
| Dorog Environmental Protection Association | Public involvement in regional development process | 1,887 |
| Reflex Environmental Association | Trial cases related to environmental issues | 2,830 |
| TOTAL | | 19,998 |



Latvia

| Organisation | Project Title | EUR |
|---------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------|
| Tervete Development Fund (Dobele district) | Educational nature guides for the Tervete Nature Park | 4,106 |
| Celteka, Laudona Environmental Group — Madona district | School environmental programme about birds of Laudona | 517 |
| Latvian Ornithological Society | Biodiversity management plans for two lakes in Jekabils District | 2,300 |
| Talsi Hills Nature Park Support Group | Talsi Highland Nature Park Days | 1,965 |
| DIVIC — Riga branch | Educational expedition in search of rare snail species of Ena Mountain | 1,954 |
| Environmental Education Centre Efeja (Ivy, Rezekne) | Waste separation for sustainable development | 2,533 |
| Environment Protection Club, Foreign Relations Division | Improvement of cooperation between environmental NGOs and state institutions | 3,981 |
| Latvian Ornithological Society | Dubbel Beckasin (Gallinago media) inventory in Latvia | 2,700 |
| TOTAL | | 20,056 |

Lithuania

| Organisation | Project Title | EUR |
|---------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------|
| Charity Fund Dovainoniai Endruomenes Centras | Vision of development of Dovainoniai Community | 2,710 |
| Ecological Education Centre | Establishment of Menteliai Reserve and involvement of society in biodiversity protection | 2,000 |
| Ecological Club Atzalynas of Anyksciai Region | Solution of environmental problems: the role of environmental civil society groups | 2,905 |
| Children's Rights Protection Organisation Gelbekit Vaikus, Ukmerge Branch | Revived park | 832 |
| Inter-school Environment Club Viola — Utena Region | Involvement of community groups in protection and provision of protected natural areas in Utena R | 2,190 |
| X Club, Panevezys region | Inventory of spawning areas for amphibians in Raguva | 1,715 |
| Ecological Education Centre of Joniskis | Protection of rare plants in Zagare Ozas and Sviete River Valley | 500 |
| Lithuanian Ornithological Society | Cleaning up an island in the Nemunas River | 2,600 |
| Young Forest Friends' Movement of the Lithuanian Foresters Union | Preserving the brown forest ant | 350 |
| Society for Protection of Biodiversity | Programme concerning biodiversity groups and natural habits for Marijampole | 2,335 |
| Public institution ECAT Lithuania | Encouraging cooperation between local authorities and public | 1,500 |
| Society Pilietis of Marijampole | Local Agenda 21 in Marijampole | 1,475 |
| Lithuanian Association for Science and Technology In Coastal Areas | Establishment of botany reservation in the seashore dunes | 1,500 |
| Environmental Policy Club | Proceedings of the international conference Sustainable Development in the Information Society | 573 |
| Ecological Education Centre | Raising public awareness on EU sustainable development strategy and community initiatives in Lithuania | 1,500 |
| Lithuanian Green Movement | Role of the public in protection of green areas in the city | 1,465 |
| Kaunas, Healthy City Office | Implementation of Arhus Convention in Kaunas Municipal Policy | 1,487 |
| TOTAL | | 26,637 |

**LATVIA****Bread soup (Maizes zupa)**

Serves 6

Ingredients

300 g dark rye bread
 1 litre water
 80 g sugar
 50 g dried fruit (raisins, apples, prunes)
 40 g cranberries
 70 g sweet cream
 Cinnamon, sugar

DIRECTIONS Slice rye bread and toast in the oven. Put the toasted bread into the bowl, pour a liter of boiling water over it to cover. Cover the bowl and set aside for 30 minutes. Put the bread and the liquid through a sieve. Pour the resulting mixture into a pot. Add sugar, dried fruit and cinnamon, and cook until the fruit is soft. Squeeze the cranberries to get their juice. Serve the soup cold. Put a few ice cubes in each bowl, pour the soup over and top with whipped cream.





POLAND

Clear Borsch with beef-filled dumplings (barszcz z uszkami)

Serves 6

Ingredients

- 1.5 litre water
- 500 g beets
- 250 g vegetables (carrot, parsnip, celery root, leeks)
- 500 g beef with bone
- 1 medium onion
- 1 dried mushroom
- 200-250 ml beet sour*
- 1 garlic clove
- Salt, pepper
- Sugar

DUMPLINGS

Dough:

- 170 g flour
- 1 egg
- 2 tbs boiling water
- Salt

Filling:

- Cooked beef from soup
- 1 small onion
- 1 tsp cooking oil
- Salt, pepper

DIRECTIONS Rinse meat and mushroom, clean vegetables, peel and chop onion, peel and quarter beets. Cover with the cold salted water and cook until tender. Strain, add beet sour, garlic crushed with salt, pepper and sugar to taste.

Moldova

| Organisation | Project Title | EUR |
|---------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------|
| Youth and Children Association | Dum spiro, spero: ecological information and education service centre | 1,852 |
| Association of Environmental Radio Journalists Eco-Terra | Aarhus Convention promotion through media channels | 600 |
| NGO Pro-Democratia | The role of the Aarhus Convention in local public administration decision-making | 743 |
| NGO Calitatea Mediului | Primary monitoring of nitrogen compounds in drinking water quality (Cahul and Taraclia Counties) | 1,500 |
| NGO Eco-Razeni | Making environmental information accessible, encouraging public involvement in environmental issues | 300 |
| NGO Patrimoniul | Environmental training rural public of the Butuceni, Moroavia and Trebujeni villages, Orhei county | 1,500 |
| NGO Tabiecom | Every school helps to save wetlands | 3,000 |
| Stefan Voda Territory Office of the Ecological Movement of Moldova | Natural Monuments: Eternal museums under the sky | 2,000 |
| Botanical Society of the Republic of Moldova | Categorising rare species, making brochure of the "red" list of flora of Moldova | 1,936 |
| The Fauna Group for Research and Biodiversity Conservation | Creation and distribution of educational ecological software "The Insects of the Republic of Moldova" | 2,055 |
| NGO Eco-Tur | Pilot Project: Healthy Soil = Rich Soil | 2,514 |
| The Sangerei Territory Office of the Ecological Movement of Moldova | Actions for the future | 2,000 |
| TOTAL | | 20,000 |

Poland

| Organisation | Project Title | EUR |
|-------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------|
| Civil Environmental Movement — Lodz | Public participation and access to information in practice | 4,009 |
| "Earth First" Ecological Society — Poznan | Wolf monitoring centre | 4,285 |
| Green Action Environmental Foundation of the Legnica Region | Enhancing public participation in waste management decision-making in Klodzko county | 4,896 |
| Environmental Society "I'd Rather Be" | Environmental education in schools, 2001 | 3,553 |
| Gaja Green Federation | Publishing of second edition of the <i>Green Guide to Szczecin</i> | 2,369 |
| Living Architecture Workshop Association | Implementation of segregated waste collection under the Biebrzanski waste management system | 2,830 |
| Nature Conservation in the Rural Landscape of Objezierze | Polish Nature Protection Society Salamandra | 4,000 |
| Polish Ecological Club — Gliwice | Environmental information focal point for the public | 4,092 |
| Society for the Protection of the Bialowieza Forest | What do we need dead trees for? | 4,000 |
| Society for Nature and Man | Campaign to protect the spotted souslik (<i>Spermophilus suslicus</i>) "Let the souslik sleep in peace" | 2,567 |
| Society for the Earth — Oswiecim | Wild mainstays of the Oswiecim Region: protection of ponds in Niezielence | 5,000 |
| Social Ecological Institute — Warsaw | Advice and intervention office | 4,092 |
| Union of Associations Polish Green Network | Access to environmental information from NGOs, preliminary survey of media | 4,592 |
| Nature Intervention Centre — Bielsko-Bialal | Workshop for All Beings | 4,715 |
| TOTAL | | 55,000 |



Romania

| Organisation | Project Title | EUR |
|-------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------|
| Ecological Society Lasi | Environmental protection in Lasi County: production of educational materials on public participation | 3,300 |
| Club Speo Bucovina Suceava | Bats: the myth and the reality | 3,948 |
| Friends of the Danube Delta | STOPPOL, a brochure of Romanian and international legislation, environmental conventions, laws and bylaws | 4,336 |
| CET Moldavia — Pascani | Is Siret a European river? Public information campaign on recent pollution of the Siret River | 580 |
| ARZM — Bucharest | Five issues of the magazine <i>Perspective</i> with focus on public participation | 2,250 |
| Transylvania Ecological Club — Cluj | ECO MEDIA: improving access to environmental information | 3,085 |
| Bird Life Club | The bird of the year | 3,916 |
| UNESCO Pro Natura | Rodna Reservation protection | 4,428 |
| Pact Foundation | Green Line | 2,591 |
| ECOSENS | Involving environmental NGOs in the EU accession process | 3,500 |
| Green Cross Romania | National park | 3,282 |
| ECOTUR — Sibiu | Lotrioara Valley | 4,381 |
| GESS | MEDIU MEDIA | 2,958 |
| ALBAMONT | CARD | 1,809 |
| CET Moldavia — Pascani | Editing <i>The Bulletin</i> | 780 |
| ECO ALPEX | Exhibition | 2,356 |
| AGORA Association Working Group for Sustainable Development | Education campaign for waste reduction | 3,000 |
| CIER | Public participation for maritime and coastal environment | 4,500 |
| TOTAL | | 55,000 |

Slovakia

| Organisation | Project Title | EUR |
|-------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------|
| Association TATRY | Citizens and environmental awareness: public monitoring of water flows in the region | 1,200 |
| BROZ | Involvement of the public in preparation of territorial plan of Bratislava | 2,000 |
| Wolf Eastern Carpathian Mountains | Promoting landscape stability and forest protection in northeastern Slovakia | 3,000 |
| Live and Let Live | Network of environmental volunteers | 2,000 |
| Turcian City Bike Group JUS | Survey on bicycle usage and persuading local authority to improve bicycle paths | 1,300 |
| SOSNA Association | Save the Slovak Kras Region: public campaign, public discussions, debates | 2,000 |
| Local chapter of Slovak Union of Nature and Landscape Protection | Development of public participation in solving environmental issues | 3,500 |
| Local chapter of Slovak Union of Nature and Landscape Protection | Protection and preservation of biodiversity in the valley of the Strazov stream | 950 |
| Society of Bird Protection in Slovakia | How to help birds in agricultural landscapes | 2,500 |
| SZOPK ZO Dunaj | Biodiversity protection in protected area Dunajske Luhy | 1,400 |
| Danube chapter of Slovak Union of Nature and Landscape Protection | Practical bat protection | 650 |
| Centre of Environmental Activities | Protection and preservation of White Carpathian Meadows | 1,000 |
| Centre for Young Nature Protectors — SZOPK | The life of wetlands | 1,000 |
| Save Letanovsky Mill Group | Sustainable work opportunities for Roma population | 2,400 |
| Ekosvinka Riverbed Group | Ekosvinka institution | 1,600 |

**Clear Borsch with meat-filled dumplings**

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Chop onion finely and fry until golden. Grind meat from soup, add onion and salt and pepper to taste. Sift flour onto a breadboard, add egg, salt and add approximately 200 ml lukewarm water. Knead dough until elastic. Divide into two portions. Roll out one part very thin, keep the second under a bowl so it does not dry out. Cut dough sheets into 4 cm squares, put filling in the middle of each, fold in half to form a triangle and pinch the edges together. Then bend them, join the two bottom corners and pinch together to form the uszka ("little ears"). Cook in a big pot of boiling salted water. When they begin to float on the surface, remove with a slotted spoon and douse with a little cold water or add a little fresh butter so they do not stick together. Put a few, still warm, into each bowl of borsch just before serving.

* Beet sour is prepared ahead and kept on hand in traditional Polish kitchens. Wash, peel and slice 1 kg of beets. Place them in a glass jar and cover completely with barely lukewarm water. Place a slice of whole-wheat bread on top. Cover with gauze and place in the warmest place in the kitchen. After four or five days carefully remove the foam from the surface and pour the juice into clean bottles. Tightly corked, this will last several months.





BOSNIA AND HERZEGOVINA

Stuffed grape leaves (Japrak)

Serves four

Ingredients

100 grape leaves
500 g ground mutton
500 g ground veal
100 g rice
50 g chopped onion
1 egg
2 garlic cloves, chopped
100 g of butter or cooking oil
250 ml of double cream
Pepper, salt, paprika
Finely chopped parsley
Beef stock to cover

DIRECTIONS Boil the grape leaves for 20 minutes in salty water. Drain the leaves and let them cool. Melt the butter in the frying pan, fry the garlic and parsley and add it to the meat, rice, egg, pepper, salt and paprika. Mix it thoroughly and gradually add 100 ml of cold water. Fill the grape leaves with the mixture, creating small cylindrical parcels, not too tight because the filling will swell as it cooks. Fill an oblong dish tightly with the parcels and add beef stock until all the parcels are covered with it. Cook slowly for a few hours. Serve with its own stock and double cream.

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| Society of Friends of the Earth Revuca | Two views on waste | 1,100 |
| Association Zivica | Education on sustainable development | 1,000 |
| Society for Sustainable Living | Preparation of national report <i>Rio + 10</i> | 1,400 |

TOTAL **30,000**

Slovenia

| Organisation | Project Title | EUR |
|------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------|
| Slovenian E-forum | Public participation in creation of a sustainable energy plan for Ljubljana | 4,070 |
| GAJA, Association for Sustainable Development | Implementation of Aarhus Convention — Model PRTR | 4,533 |
| Kapele Tourist Society | Conservation of Jovsi natural protected area | 4,250 |
| Legal Information Centre for NGOs | Legal counselling in the field of environmental law, development planning and access to information | 5,000 |
| Slovenian Ecological Movement | NGO involvement in institutional management of environmental protection | 4,500 |
| VITRA Centre for Sustainable Development | Partnering | 5,000 |
| DOPPS, Bird life of Slovenia | Creation of brochure on importance of nature reserve Skocjan Bay | 3,700 |
| Regional Society of Slovenian Ecological Movement Ivančna Gorica | Series of lectures on public awareness raising | 1,147 |
| Poljanska dolina ob Kolpi Tourist Society | Awareness raising of local inhabitants: organisation of round table on public participation processes | 2,800 |

TOTAL **35,000**

Yugoslavia

| Organisation | Project Title | EUR |
|-------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------|
| Lynx Society for Preservation of Animals | Web site presentation of Lynx | 420 |
| Ecological Club of Young Researchers Society | Environmental protection of agrarian district — Eco Village | 460 |
| Arkus Ecology Society | Collaboration between stakeholders in solving urban waste problems | 504 |
| Green Place Ecology Association | Helping Kikinda breathe again: public participation with special emphasis on air quality | 660 |
| Karas Organisation of Sport Fishermen | Preserving Serbian fisheries | 850 |
| Boka Kotorska Ecology Society | Public participation in environmental decision-making | 870 |
| Serbian Ecological Society | Biodiversity protection in national parks: population monitoring | 1,100 |
| Orca Organisation for the Care and Respect of Animals | The answer exists: raising awareness of problems connected with abandoned dogs and cats | 1,122 |
| Dr. Sava Petrovic Biology Society | Disappearance of flora and fauna | 1,210 |
| Endemit Ecology Society | Djerdap Cliff: determination of biodiversity and recommending effective protection measures | 1,348 |
| Society for Protection and Study of Birds — Vojvodina | National Ornithological Meeting: Strategy in 2001 | 1,400 |
| Society for Wild Animal Preservation — Mustela | Underground shelters for bats | 1,425 |
| Gradac Ecology Society | Natural Park: The Gradac River Gorge | 1,750 |
| Via Centre Ecology Association | River art: Danube art phase | 2,036 |
| Yugoslav Danube Environmental Forum, DEFYU | Strengthening of DEFYU Network | 2,265 |
| Young Researchers of Serbia | Support to development and strengthening of network | 2,580 |

TOTAL **20,000**



Regionwide Cooperative Grants Programme

Donor: Danish Cooperation for Environment in Eastern Europe (DANCEE), Ministry of Environment and Energy

| Organisation | Project Title | Project Partner(s) | EUR |
|---------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------|
| Vilnius Nature Protection Society Youth Club, Lithuania | NGO network on GMO related matters in the Baltic states | Friends of the Earth Estonia; Green Liberty, Latvia; NOAH Friends of the Earth, Denmark | 24,167 |
| Ecopravo-Lviv, Ukraine | Implementation and enforcement of the Aarhus Principle on Access to Justice | Ecopravo-Minsk, Belarus; Environmental Law Centre, Poland and Denmark | 24,430 |
| Slovenian E-Forum, Slovenia | Sustainable future for Kolpa River Valley | VITRA Centre for Sustainable Development, Slovenia; Association EKO Liburnia, Croatia; OVE Danish Organisation for Renewable Energy, Europe | 24,950 |
| Green Federation, Poland | Environmentally friendly shopping: awareness raising campaign with special focus on waste reduction | LIFE Youth Foundation, Romania | 24,265 |
| Energy Centre Bratislava, Slovakia | Sustainable energy use in the recreational lodging sector in Tatra Mountains national parks | The Krakow Institute for Sustainable Energy (KISE), Poland; The Danish Organisation for Renewable Energy, Denmark | 20,000 |
| PRO BIO Association of Organic Farmers, Czech Republic | Expansion of biodiversity in agricultural ecosystems of the Czech Republic and Slovakia: seeds for organic farming and expansion of the growing of non-traditional crops | Ekotrend Association, Slovakia | 20,000 |
| Environmental Law Centre, Poland | Building public participation in regional development based on Aarhus Convention | National Society of Conservationists, Hungary; Centre for Community Organising, Czech Republic | 20,000 |
| Friends of the Siberian Forests, Russia | Development of FSC regional standard of voluntary forest certification for Siberia and testing in Krasnoyarsk Krai region | Friends of the Earth Estonia; Nepenthes, Denmark | 23,990 |
| TOTAL | | | 181,802 |

EcoLinks Challenge Grants — 5th Cycle 2001-2002

Donor: US AID

Bosnia and Herzegovina

| Organisation | Project Title | Project Partner | EUR |
|----------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------|
| Vodovod i kanalizacija — Konjic Municipality | Mitigation plan for unaccounted water consumption | Valu Add Management Services, USA; Hydro-Engineering Institute, BiH | 51,936 |
| UNIS Unisgal d.o.o. Konjic | Water management in a metal processing company | REASCO Inc, USA; PLAN d.o.o. BiH | 42,105 |
| TOTAL | | | 94,041 |

Bulgaria

| Organisation | Project Title | Project Partner | EUR |
|------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------|---------------|
| Municipality of Sevlievo | Wetland wastewater treatment facilities in Sennik village | Ekokan LLC, USA | 42,105 |
| European Center for Quality Ltd. — Sofia | Information system on regional climate changes | EWA Inc., USA; Stalker-KM, Ltd., Bulgaria | 52,593 |
| TOTAL | | | 94,698 |

**CROATIA****Squid with potato
(Lignje s krumpirom)**

Serves 4

Ingredients

500 g squid
1.5 kg potatoes
100 ml olive oil
2 garlic cloves, minced
1 tbs mixed spices
Parsley
Salt and pepper

DIRECTIONS Clean, wash and slice the calamaries into 2 cm wide strips. Peel and thinly slice the potatoes. Chop the garlic and parsley. Pour half the oil into an oven-proof casserole dish, spread a layer of potato and sprinkle with salt. Then spread the calamaries over the potato, sprinkle with pepper, garlic, parsley and mixed spices and cover with the remaining potato. Sprinkle with more parsley and salt and pour the remaining oil on top. Cover (must be cooked in a covered dish so that calamaries remain juicy and require no basting) and cook in oven pre-heated to 220 C for about 45 minutes. Serve with a seasonal salad.



Croatia

| Organisation | Project Title | Project Partner | EUR |
|-----------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------|--------|
| Municipality of Topusko | Topusko greenhouse project, reuse of energy | Lemtech Konsulting, Poland | 52,453 |
| Jadran Galenski laboratorij d.d. | Cleaner production in a chemical plant | PMC Technologies, USA | 52,632 |
| Kazachstan FoodMaster LLP, Almaty | Introduction of cleaner production practices | Environmental Control Opportunities, Llc, USA | 40,000 |
| OJSC Ferrohrom, Aktobe | Integrated industrial waste management plan | EnSafe, Inc., USA | 51,135 |
| Leninogorsk Vodokanal, East Kazakhstan oblast | Quality management of drinking water in Leninogorsk | EnviroSmith Engineering, Inc., USA | 52,632 |

TOTAL 248,852

FYR Macedonia

| Organisation | Project Title | Project Partner | EUR |
|-----------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------|--------|
| Municipality of Veles | Selective collection, processing and disposal of solid waste | Burges & Associates, Inc., USA | 52,632 |

TOTAL 52,632

Romania

| Organisation | Project Title | Project Partner | EUR |
|--------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------|--------|
| Cesarom SA | Cleaner production of ceramic tiles and sanitary wares | Pojasek & Associates, USA | 42,105 |
| Radet — Bucharest District Heating Company | Feasibility study on modernisation of two boiler houses | Advanced Engineering Associates International, USA; ISPE SA, Romania | 52,632 |
| Ana Aslan Geriatric and Gerontology National Institute | Feasibility study for the modernisation of Otopeni heating facility | Artemel International Inc., USA; Eninvest SA, Romania | 52,632 |
| Municipality of Giurgiu | GHG reduction through energy efficiency in schools | Sandhill Associates Inc., USA; Global Energy Services Ltd., Romania | 42,105 |
| VRANCART S.A. | Pollution reduction in the production of packaging and toilet paper | Sandwell Engineering Inc., USA | 47,368 |
| Upsom S.A. | Energy audit and feasibility study for energy efficiency | Sustainable Energy Partnerships, Inc., USA; Energobit SA, Romania | 51,556 |
| Carbochim S.A | Reducing harmful emissions through energy efficiency | Good Consulting Inc., USA; Proenerg Ltd, Romania | 41,934 |
| Ilva Mica City Hall | Sawmill waste to energy in Bistrita Nasaud County | Project Performance Corporation, Inc., USA; GIE FOLOS Ltd, Romania | 52,229 |
| Slatina City Council | Integrated programme for solid waste management | Aquatest a.s., The Czech Republic; Quantum Leap, Ltd. Romania | 52,632 |
| RWE Ecologic Service Galati S.R.L. | Communal waste reduction and recycling program | Swanson Environmental Management System, Inc. USA | 52,632 |
| Suceava Municipality | Improvement of communal waste management | Gannett Fleming, Inc., USA; ASA Holding, Romania | 47,895 |

TOTAL 535,720

Ukraine

| Organisation | Project Title | Project Partner | EUR |
|------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------|
| JSC Protos | Methane capture and use at Lugansk Landfill | SRC International sro, Czeck Republic; Environmental and Energy Service Company, Ukraine | 52,558 |
| Belgorod-Dnestrovsky Water Channel | Rational and environmentally safe water consumption | SCS Engineering Inc., USA; Scientific Engineering Center Biomass , Ukraine | 52,097 |

TOTAL 104,655



CZECH REPUBLIC

Roast pork, bread dumplings and cabbage (Vepřové, knedlík a zelí)

Serves 6-8

Ingredients

2-3 kg whole pork loin, with bone
Salt and pepper
Ground cumin

DIRECTIONS Select centre cut of pork loin well trimmed but with about 0.5 cm of fat covering the meat. Season with salt, pepper and cumin. Wrap in foil and cook for about two hours in 220 C oven. Prepare and cook cabbage and bread dumplings.

Remove the foil from the roast and prick all over to release the juices. Roast uncovered for 30 minutes, adding water, basting the loin and turning every 10 minutes until golden brown. When done, the meat should be very tender and juicy.

Remove the meat to a platter and keep warm. Add water to the remaining juices in the pan and cook on high heat for five minutes to make a tasty sauce. Cut meat, serve with red or white cabbage or sauerkraut and bread dumpling with the sauce.



2001 EcoLinks Quick Response Awards

Donor: US AID

Bosnia and Herzegovina

| Organisation | Project Title | Project Partner | EUR |
|----------------------------------|---------------------------------------------|------------------------------|---------------|
| Vodovod-Mostar | Leak abatement at the water supply network | Montelektro | 2,103 |
| UNISGAL Konjic | Recycling system at the metal coating plant | RESCO, CO; Jedinstvo, Zagreb | 4,345 |
| Municipality of Mostar-Jugoistok | Hydro power project | Ekonerg | 3,849 |
| FLW Enterprises, Inc. | EMS for BiH | BiH Chamber of Economy | 5,066 |
| TOTAL | | | 15,364 |

Bulgaria

| Organisation | Project Title | Project Partner | EUR |
|-----------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------|---------------|
| EKOKAN, NC | Wetland wastewater treatment in Sevlievo | Municipality of Sevlievo | 3,816 |
| Evelin 99 | Environmentally friendly production of fertilisers | Pritchard Engineering, Inc. | 5,126 |
| Innovatech | Transfer of Innovatech waste water treatment process and technology | Black Sea Coastal Association, Water Supply and Sewerage | 4,180 |
| EWA, Inc. | Plovdiv leak detection programme | Plovdiv municipality | 5,263 |
| Pleven Water Supply | Control of the underground water sources | Harland Simon Technology | 5,263 |
| Municipality of Nesebar | Municipal waste project | SI-NOR, Inc. | 3,499 |
| Shipbuilding Machine Co. | Wind turbine demonstration | Bergey Windpower, OK | 4,596 |
| Micro Service Plus | Municipal waste recycling | Ekoservis | 2,256 |
| Municipality of Montana | Treatment of waters polluted with arsenic | 3M Engineering & Technology Corp. | 4,272 |
| Manti Co., Ltd | Water purification technologies | Cytec | 4,565 |
| CGS consulting, Ltd. | Water cleaning and rehabilitation in mining industry | Computational Geosciences, Inc. | 2,684 |
| EA-Georgi Kirov | Signing distributor contract | Winda Technologies, LLC | 5,263 |
| Greiner Environmental, Inc. | Promoting cleaner technology in Bulgaria | Niksun, Betta level | 3,405 |
| Team Co., Ltd. | Manufacturing of energy-efficient products | Sterling International, Ltd. | 5,263 |
| TOTAL | | | 59,452 |

Croatia

| Organisation | Project Title | Project Partner | EUR |
|----------------------------------|---------------------------------------|----------------------------------|---------------|
| Jlyer Environmental Group | Site visit to Herbos facility | Herbos | 4,469 |
| Hidroprojekt-ING | Biological wastewater treatment | Parsons Engineering Science | 4,894 |
| Komunalac d.o.o. | Municipal wastewater plant | Krofta Technology Corp. | 5,263 |
| Municipality of Topusko | Energy efficiency business plan | LemTech Consulting | 3,057 |
| SACCA d.o.o. | Laundry wastewater recovery system | EHV s.r.o. | 2,093 |
| Jadran Galenski Laboratorij d.d. | Pharmaceutical wastes (air and water) | PMC Technologies | 3,707 |
| Varkom | Upgrading wastewater treatment | Dekont spol. s.r.o., Aqua Procon | 3,303 |
| TOTAL | | | 26,786 |

**Roast pork, bread dumplings and cabbage**

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BREAD DUMPLINGS (Houskové knedlíky)**Ingredients**

500 g flour (farina)
450 ml lukewarm water
220 ml milk
2-3 eggs
1 tbs salt
5 large stale buns, rolls or white bread

DIRECTIONS First cut buns, rolls or white bread into small cubes. If fresh, toast or fry them so they are crisp. Select the best flour or farina you can get. Mix water, milk, eggs and salt, keep adding flour until dough is smooth and makes bubbles and doesn't stick to the bowl. Mix in croutons. Divide into four parts and form each into an oblong dumpling approximately 6 cm in diameter and 25-30 cm long. Let rest for about 30 minutes. Place in salted boiling water, cook for about 25 minutes. Cut with string.

CABBAGE (Zelí)**Ingredients**

1 cabbage (white or red)
2 onions
Cumin
Salt, pepper
2 tbs vinegar
2 tbs lard
1 tsp sugar

DIRECTIONS Either shred the cabbage or cut into wedges. Place cabbage in a large pot, sprinkle with salt and cumin and cover with water until the pot is about two-thirds full. Cover the pot and place over medium heat until it begins to steam. Remove the lid and let the steam escape. It is not necessary to stew the cabbage too long, it should not be watery. Pour off the water, add 2 tbs of lard (vegetable oil may be substituted, but that is not as tasty), vinegar and sugar and stir. Replace the lid, allow the flavours to blend for 15 minutes, then taste it and add salt, if needed, and adjust the sugar or vinegar for balance.

Czech Republic

| Organisation | Project Title | Project Partner | EUR |
|--------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------|---------------|
| Silnicni Technika, a.s. | Rosco spray patcher | Rosco, Manufacturing Company | 5,263 |
| SUDOP Praha | Innovative microturbine technology | SC Edison | 5,263 |
| BOCR CZ, a.s. | Updating sewerage systems | HVG International | 5,263 |
| Ekosolaris a.s. | Modern thermal solar systems | AET, Inc. | 5,263 |
| SMF Hodonin | Emissions reduction at Slovensky Hodvab | Solar Turbines | 5,263 |
| Integrated Consult. & Eng. Inc. (PA) | Industrial energy efficiency programme assessment | LK Engineers | 5,263 |
| ORTEP, s.r.o. | Energy saving projects in CEE/NIS | Tysak Engineering, Electrotek Concepts | 5,263 |
| Chemtech International, Inc. | Selling U.S. environmental products in the Czech Republic | Valecko-Acro | 5,263 |
| Dynamic Power Corporation | Liquefied methane gas utilisation in CZ | AFP-CZ | 5,263 |
| Ecochem a.s. | Presentation of the chromatograph spectroscope | Micromass | 5,263 |
| Aqua Smart, Inc. | Water quality technology | WatEco | 3,576 |
| Municipality of Rustavi | Landfill gas project | Design Fuels Corporation | 4,442 |
| TOTAL | | | 60,649 |

Hungary

| Organisation | Project Title | Project Partner | EUR |
|----------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------|---------------|
| PAE Environmental Co. | Recycling and reusing municipal waste — Lundell process | K&W Kft, Municipality of Krasnodar, Lundell Manufacturing | 5,184 |
| PMC Technologies | Technology assistance to the City of Budapest | City of Budapest | 1,494 |
| North America Power Co. | Thermal recovery technical application | Forg-Tech (HU); Millenium (CZ) | 4,827 |
| Sundine Enterprises, Inc. | Animal waste processing | Del-Pest Megyei Mezőgazdasági | 4,449 |
| Comprehensive Global Business Services | Sewage systems, wastewater projects | Municipality of Jászarokszallas | 4,944 |
| California Energy Commission | Consultation of pollution reduction methods | CEC | 2,523 |
| UNIQ-GLOBE Kft. | Wastewater treatment products application training | Chemtech International, Inc. | 3,824 |
| TOTAL | | | 27,246 |

FYR Macedonia

| Organisation | Project Title | Project Partner | EUR |
|------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|---------------|
| Municipality of Veles | Municipal solid waste management | Burge & Associates | 4,851 |
| D.O.O. F-ka za sinski vozila | Environmental improvement of truck and car repair | Janko Gredejl, CR | 2,053 |
| Davos Invest, Ltd. | Programme for efficient lighting for Skopje | Energored, Municipality of Skopje | 3,280 |
| TOTAL | | | 10,184 |



ROMANIA

Lamb ragout and polenta (Tocăniță cu mămăligă)

Serves 6

Ingredients

1.25 kg lamb
1 tbs lard
4 medium onions
5 tomatoes or 1 tbs tomato paste
Flour
Salt, pepper

DIRECTIONS Cut the meat into medium-sized cubes and fry it in the lard. Add the onions cut in thin slices. When the onions start turning golden, add a little water, cover the pot and let it simmer slowly. From time to time, add a tablespoon of water and continue to cook until the meat is tender. Add the peeled tomatoes or tomato paste, salt and pepper and stir in enough flour to make a rich gravy. Cover the pot and put the stew in the oven until the sauce thickens. Serve with polenta.



Poland

| Organisation | Project Title | Project Partner | EUR |
|------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------|---------------|
| Harmony Enterprises, Inc. | Harmony-Ekomech partnership | Ekomech Sp. z.o.o. | 4,421 |
| STOEN SA | Photovoltaics at Warsaw utility | Tucson, LI power Co. | 5,263 |
| EKOLOG Systems Sp. | Waste management system in Warsaw | CP Manufacturing, Inc. | 5,263 |
| Parris International, LLC | Production of insulated windows in Poland | OKNO Systems | 5,263 |
| Prote Bioremedacja | Soil/groundwater remediation equipment | Enviro Products, Geotech, Clean Earth Technology | 5,263 |
| The Union of Upper Raba River Communities and Krakow | Water protection, wastewater, municipal waste | Coler & Colantonio | 4,021 |
| Phytokinetics, Inc. | Site visit to PROTE in Poznan | Prote Bioremeiacja Ropopochodnych | 2,684 |
| BIOARCUS SP. z.o.o. | Remediation and odour control training | Chemtech International Inc. | 5,263 |
| Mo-Bruk | Contract negotiation, considering technology | Unistar/Meridian | 4,540 |
| TOTAL | | | 41,982 |

Romania

| Organisation | Project Title | Project Partner | EUR |
|---------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------|---------------|
| Environmental Business Council of NE | Development of voluntary standards | Association of Environmental Firms | 5,263 |
| Self Reliance, Inc. | Products from discarded materials | Metalsid trading, Inc. | 5,263 |
| Chamber of Commerce Romania | P3 in solid waste management in Romania | SWANA | 5,245 |
| Accredited Lab Association | Pollution prevention and CP partnership | Pittsburgh Technology Council | 4,309 |
| Celsius 2000 | High efficiency boilers for pollution reduction | Enercorp, CA | 4,408 |
| Armstrong Geological & Engineering Services | Recycling plastic medical waste | Health Insurance House of Iasi | 4,063 |
| Allied Environmental Tech., CA | Renewable power generation at GRIRO | GRIRO SA | 4,085 |
| SC Tractorul UTB SA | Compliance for thermal engines | StanadyneAuto, CT | 5,263 |
| SEMSI, Inc. | Evaluation of RWE's collection services | RWE | 5,261 |
| Sandhill Associates | School audits/greenhouse gas reductions | Municipality of Giurgiu | 3,163 |
| Hegyalja Microregional Association | Energy from wood waste for public buildings | WV Rural Development Council | 4,525 |
| BVA, Inc. | Integrated waste management system for District 1 | District 1, Bucharest | 5,263 |
| Upsom SA Ocna Mures | Know-how exchange | Sustainable Energy Partnership | 5,037 |
| Project performance Corporation | Energy from sawdust in Bistrita county | Ilva Mica city | 4,589 |
| Cesarom SA | Cleaner production in ceramic industry | Pojasek & assoc., MA | 4,552 |
| RADET | Modernisation of TP Baneasa | AEAI, Black & Veatch | 4,918 |
| Ana Aslan Institute | Modernisation of Otopeni thermal plant | Artemel International | 4,189 |
| S.C. Vracant | Reduction of sludge and solid waste | Sandwell Engineering Inc. | 3,775 |
| City of Slatina | Municipal waste management | Aquatest | 4,168 |
| Waste minimisation Tech., Inc. | Advanced treatment for wastewater | REMI | 5,105 |
| TOTAL | | | 92,447 |

Slovakia

| Organisation | Project Title | Project Partner | EUR |
|---------------------|---------------------------------------|-----------------------|--------------|
| Puchov-Mestsky Urad | Sustainability partnership initiative | The City of Meadville | 5,263 |
| TOTAL | | | 5,263 |

Lamb ragout and polenta

Continued

POLENTA**Ingredients**

1 litre water
1 tsp salt
150 g of yellow corn meal

DIRECTIONS Bring the water and salt to a rolling boil in a large heavy-bottomed saucepan. Lower the heat slightly and trickle the corn meal into the centre of the boiling water, stirring constantly and keeping the water at a boil. When slightly thickened, cover the pan and simmer gently for 15 minutes. Serve immediately with feta cheese and butter or sour cream and cottage cheese.





YUGOSLAVIA

Grilled meat with heavy cream
(Čevapi sa kajmakom)

Serves 6

Ingredients

- 500 g ground veal
- 500 g ground pork
- Salt
- Pepper
- Garlic powder
- 1 slice stale bread
- Milk

DIRECTIONS Thoroughly mix the meat, salt, pepper and garlic with a small amount of bread crumbs softened with milk. Mix well. Take small bits of the mixture and roll them into finger shapes. Fry in a pan or grill, turning often. Put some chilled heavy cream (kajmak) on a heat-proof serving plate and place fried čevapi over it. Leave for 10 minutes near a warm stove. When the kajmak is soft and warm, the dish is ready for serving.

Wastewater Management for Fieri District

Donor: Japan Special Fund

Albania

| Organisation | Project Title | EUR |
|-----------------|---------------------------------------------------------|--------------|
| Ecological Club | Round table for water problems in Fieri | 382 |
| Ecological Club | Opinion poll on waste and water problems in Fieri | 315 |
| Ecological Club | Concrete actions on waste problems | 2,652 |
| Ecological Club | Pilot area and cleaning actions | 584 |
| Ecological Club | Citizens control on intervention on water supply system | 1,124 |
| TOTAL | | 5,057 |

Improving Energy Saving and Energy Efficiency in FYR Macedonia

Donor: Japan Special Fund

FYR Macedonia

| | | |
|-------------------------------------------|-------------------------------|--------------|
| Scout Group Dimitar Vlahov | Children, spend energy wisely | 2,507 |
| Civil Society Development Centre Via Vita | Energy and environment | 2,401 |
| Mountain Association Gjorgji Naumov | Saving the source of energy | 3,333 |
| TOTAL | | 8,241 |

Lake Ohrid Conservation Project

Donor: The World Bank

Albania

| Organisation | Project Title | EUR |
|-----------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------|
| Independent Forum for Women | Activities at the Day of the Lake | 472 |
| Refleksione | Public awareness activities at the Day of the Lake | 2,539 |
| Refleksione | Green Centre | 6,742 |
| Youth Vs. Time | The lake needs our help | 483 |
| Oda Poetike | Poetry night, 2001 | 1,124 |
| KAP | Ohrid Lake in children's drawings | 281 |
| Rinia Perbelle Kohes | To protect Lake Ohrid | 562 |
| Skenderbegasi | Cleaning action on the lake and its shoreline | 854 |
| Skenderbegasi | Rehabilitation of an urban area in Pogradec | 225 |
| Useful for Women | Meeting of the regional youth centres | 1,910 |
| KAP | Sources and prevention of pollution of the lake shore in Udenisht | 1,303 |
| Independent Forum for Women | Public awareness in the community of Lin | 1,124 |
| PELION | Inside | 1,225 |
| Women, Hygiene, Environment | Public awareness of pesticides in agriculture | 1,685 |
| Women, Hygiene, Environment | Rehabilitation of the lake shore and public awareness activities | 506 |
| Tourism and Environment | Public awareness: World Environment Day on June 5 | 449 |
| TOTAL | | 42,609 |



FYR Macedonia

| Organisation | Project Title | EUR |
|--------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|---------------|
| Association of artists of Macedonia ZUM 93 | 2001 Trout II | 2,316 |
| Diving Club Kaneo | 2001 Trout II | 1,624 |
| Youth Council of Ohrid | Eco 3-B | 1,972 |
| Environmental Organisation Areal | Poems and colours for Lake Ohrid | 1,089 |
| Scout Club Bran | Green Centre Ohrid | 3,200 |
| Zdruzenie na Ferijalci Ohrid | Eco-enigmatic | 1,921 |
| Diving Club Norkac | Eco-plov | 2683 |
| Scout Club Krste Jon | International Eco-camp, 2001 Trout II | 3,120 |
| Scout Club Krste Jon | Green Centre Struga | 3,200 |
| TOTAL | | 21,125 |

REReP Local Grants

Donor: Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Netherlands

Albania

| Organisation | Project Title | EUR |
|------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------|
| Erezeni-Durres | Round table: Aarhus Convention at the local level | 595 |
| Klubi Ambientalist — Kurbin | Round table: Aarhus Convention at the local level | 595 |
| Mass Media dhe Mjedisi | Regional meeting: media help on access to environmental information | 1,496 |
| Eco Integration Retina, Lezhe | Preparation of the local action plan | 1,525 |
| Association for Tourism Development and Environmental Protection | Institutional strengthening for exchange of environmental information | 2,480 |
| Institute for Environmental Studies | Legal framework for air protection from automobile emissions | 1,000 |
| Association for Protection and Development of Environment | Defining environmental priorities together | 800 |
| Ecological Club Tirane | Environmental problems at local and regional level | 880 |
| Eco Integration Retina | Protection and rehabilitation of biodiversity and landscape of Molung Mountain | 1,065 |
| Association of Environmental and Agricultural Journalists | Promoting national and regional activities about environment, publication of the magazine <i>Space</i> | 675 |
| TOTAL | | 11,111 |

Bulgaria

| Organisation | Project Title | EUR |
|----------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------|
| Club Ecology Blagoevgrad | Confidence-building feedback links between informing and being informed | 2,500 |
| Han Omurtag 2000 Association | How to re-educate our parents and their friends | 1,800 |
| Environmental Management and Training Centre | Development of social platform for prevention of Danube River environmental disasters | 2,500 |
| School Board Friendship | Student Eco-Parliament | 2,000 |
| Environmental Youth Organisation Rodopi | Cooperation for sustainability: together for a new Balkan image | 2,529 |
| Ecoglasnost | Development of environmental civil society in the framework of REReP | 3,000 |
| For the Earth | Participation of Bulgarian NGO representative in the first REReP task force meeting | 532 |
| TOTAL | | 14,861 |

**ESTONIA****Whipped Farina**
(Roosamannaht)

Serves 4

Ingredients

1 litre diluted cranberry juice
 2 slices of lemon peel with white part removed
 120 g farina
 115 g sugar
 1/2 tsp vanilla

DIRECTIONS Add the sugar to the diluted cranberry juice. Then add the lemon peel. Bring the juice to a boil. Sprinkle in the farina and mix briskly. Simmer for 25 minutes, stirring occasionally. Pour the farina mixture into a large bowl. Whisk until light. Add the vanilla when the pudding is almost whipped. Chill for 1/2 hour before serving. Serve with milk.

Whipped farina dessert has a tart light texture. It is a good dessert to offer after a heavy meal.





SLOVAKIA

Poppy seed roll (Makovník)

Serves 6

Ingredients

| | |
|-------------------------|----------------|
| 10 g yeast | 10 ml milk |
| 160 g coarse flour | 2 eggs |
| Pinch of salt | 60 g margarine |
| 20 g crystallised sugar | |

POPPY SEED FILLING

Ingredients

| | |
|--------------------------|---------------------|
| 100 g ground poppy seeds | 90 g powdered sugar |
| 10 ml milk | 50 g bread crumbs |
| 20 g raisins | 1 g ground cinnamon |

DIRECTIONS Add the yeast to warm milk in a large mixing bowl and stir thoroughly. Add and mix in the flour, one egg, salt, softened margarine and sugar. Mix thoroughly and let the dough stand one hour in a warm place. While waiting for the dough to rise, start making the poppy seed filling. In a separate mixing bowl, mix ground poppy seeds with the sugar, milk, breadcrumbs, raisins and cinnamon. Transfer the contents to a covered soup pan and gently cook over a low flame while mixing occasionally (about ten minutes maximum). Remove from heat and cool.

Croatia

| Organisation | Project Title | EUR |
|-------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------|--------------|
| Green Action Zagreb | Together for the environment of the region | 2,300 |
| Ecological Society Zmergo Opatija | Together for the environment of the region | 1,815 |
| Association for Environmental Protection The Sun — Split | Together for the environment of the region | 1,518 |
| The Drop of Life — Gospic | Together for the environment of the region | 1,958 |
| TOTAL | | 9,045 |

FYR Macedonia

| Organisation | Title | EUR |
|----------------------------|----------------------|--------------|
| Environmental Press Centre | Presentation of RReP | 2,959 |
| TOTAL | | 2,959 |

Grants to Local Authorities

Donor: Regional Environment Accession Project (REAP)

| Organisation | Title | EUR |
|--------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------|
| Municipality of Maribor, Slovenia | Sanitation of underground water as a source of drinking water and strengthening public participation | 12,000 |
| Ramnicu Valcea Town Hall, Romania | Educational issues in waste management field in Ramnicu Valcea | 15,000 |
| City of Kecskemet, Hungary | European car-free day | 6000 |
| Municipality of Spisska Nova Ves, Slovakia | Health trail of Spisska Nova Ves | 14,794 |
| Town of Usti nad Labem, Czech Republic | Public for environment in Usti nad Labem | 14,326 |
| Town of Rimavska Sobota, Slovakia | Improving the waste management system | 14,500 |
| Municipality of Bourgas, Bulgaria | Development of a hazardous medical waste management system for Municipality of Bourgas | 14,518 |
| City of Kladno, Czech Republic | Kladno information system update and reinforcement of public participation in decision-making process | 7,437 |
| Municipality of Ruse, Bulgaria | Establishment of municipal inspection for integrated pollution prevention and control | 10,095 |
| The Town of Decin, Czech Republic | Involving the public and business in environmental problems of Decin | 7,580 |
| Town Hall Svitavy, Czech Republic | Svitava River: recognise and conserve | 6,080 |
| Municipal Office in Elblag, Poland | Selective communal waste collection | 14,984 |
| Gmina Radom Municipality, Poland | Air pollution monitoring of PM 10 particulate | 8,686 |
| Municipality of Miskolc, Hungary | Miskolc car-free day on September 22 | 4,000 |
| TOTAL | | 150,000 |

RReP Grants — Promotion of Networks and Exchanges in the Countries of Southeastern Europe (SEE)

Donor: Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation (SDC)

Albania

| Organisation | Project Title | EUR |
|--------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------|-------|
| Razma — Association for Sport and Tourism | Rehabilitation of the lake shore (restoration of landscapes) | 2,545 |
| Association for the Protection of Forests and Green Environment | Conservation of lake shores: a problem to be solved | 2,450 |
| Middle School 28 Nentori | Public awareness of environmental events | 487 |



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| Schodra League for the Conservation of Fishing Resources | Bilateral cooperation of government and NGOs on fishing issues | 2,000 |
| Foundation Support and Cooperation for Development | Public awareness on Lake Schodra ecosystems and biodiversity | 1,300 |
| Directorate for Education in Schodra | School focus on Schodra Lake | 2,265 |
| Association for Conservation of Natural Heritage in Malesiae Madhe | Conservation and management of natural values of Schodra Lake | 1,100 |
| Secondary School Branco Kadia | Cleaning the lake shore — 1,000 m | 2,250 |
| Middle School Kol Idromeno | Cleaning the lake shore — 1,000 m | 2,460 |
| TOTAL | | 16,857 |

Bosnia and Herzegovina

| Organisation | Project Title | EUR |
|---------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------|
| The Rocks Association of Citizens — Siroki Brijeg | Activities about netting NGOs from West Herzegovina Canton | 1,066 |
| Solidarity for the South — Trebinje | Protection of the river Trebisnjica | 1,219 |
| Our Beautiful Capljina | Cycle Radio Show's Eco-Minutes | 2,061 |
| Our Beautiful Mostar | Netting of NGOs in Herzegovina — Neretva Canton | 1,531 |
| Our Beautiful Stolac | Protection and saving habitats of Bregunice | 1,543 |
| Speleological Society Abyss | Speleological research in the field of Ugrovaca river | 1,582 |
| Eco Mushroom | Spring and autumn exhibition of mushrooms | 1,275 |
| Croatian Ecological Society Buna | Education of young people about condition of the Neretva Delta and threats to biodiversity | 2,509 |
| Sport Fishery Association Vrutak — Hutovo | Addressing the decline of Sunčanice (sun fish) in the Neretva Delta | 2,467 |
| Sport Fishery Association Bregava — Stolac | The protection of fish hatching beds of Podstave | 2,188 |
| Our Beautiful Metkovic, Republic of Croatia | Reptiles in the Neretvariver Delta | 1,622 |
| TOTAL | | 19,063 |

Croatia

| Organisation | Project Title | EUR |
|-------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------|---------------|
| Nature Friends Movement "Our beautiful Homeland" — Ploce | <i>Our Beautiful Neretva</i> newsletter for school children | 2,769 |
| Nature Friends Movement "Our Beautiful Homeland" — Metkovic | The Neretva Delta reptiles | 2,474 |
| The Healthy City of Metkovic | Neretva River quality analysis | 2,660 |
| Matrix — Opuzen | Kuti: conflict area in expansion | 3,030 |
| Ecological Society Lopoc — Opuzen | From willow wood branches to basket | 2,700 |
| The Healthy City of Metkovic | Meeting of NGOs from the Neretva Delta region | 1,273 |
| The Healthy City of Metkovic | Through the wetland: now and for the future | 3,025 |
| Natural History Society Drava — Virovitica | Revitalisation of the swamp Vir | 1,500 |
| Croatian Herpetological Society — Hyla, Zagreb | Campaign to save amphibians in roadside habitats | 3,000 |
| Planet Earth, Zagreb | Encouragement of biodiversity conservation activities | 3,000 |
| TOTAL | | 25,431 |

**Poppy seed roll****Continued**

After the dough has risen (one hour), roll it out as thin as possible on a table and trim the edges so they are squared.

After the filling has cooled sufficiently, apply it liberally on the rolled out dough. From one edge, roll up the dough/filling layer completely. Beat the remaining egg and apply it to the outside of the roll. Put the roll on a greased baking pan.

Preheat the oven to a medium setting (180 C) and bake the roll until the outside is golden brown, approximately 25-30 minutes.

Remove from oven and cool. Lightly sprinkle powdered sugar over the top of the roll.





SLOVENIA

Nut roll with walnuts (Potica)

Serves 6

Ingredients

| | |
|--------------------|----------------------------|
| 1 kg flour | 500 ml milk |
| 80 g yeast | Pinch of salt |
| Grated lemon peel | 2 tbs rum |
| 120 g sugar | 8 egg yolks |
| 200 g fresh butter | 140 g melted butter or oil |

WALNUT FILLING

Ingredients

| | |
|----------------------|------------------------------|
| 800 g ground walnuts | 250 g sugar |
| 500 ml of milk | 4 large or 6 small egg yolks |
| 250 g double cream | 6 tbs rum |

DIRECTIONS Mix all ingredients until a stiff dough is formed. Knead the dough and let it rise, covered, for one hour. Roll it out in an oblong about 1 cm thick and cover it with the filling.

For the filling, blend all ingredients well and spread evenly on the rolled out dough. Starting with the long edge, roll up the dough and place it with the seam down on a baking sheet. Bake it for one hour in the oven at 180 C. Hazelnuts may be used in place of walnuts. A slice of potica is served as a dessert with a cup of coffee.

Yugoslavia

| Organisation | Project Title | EUR |
|-----------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------|---------------|
| Sempervivum | Flora and fauna of Skadar Lake (posters) | 1,620 |
| Ecological Centre Dolphins | Pelican Game (education material) | 1,600 |
| Centre for bird protection and research | Protected bird species at Skadar Lake (posters) | 487 |
| League for Family | Richness of Skadar Lake TV programmes | 2,790 |
| Centre for Ecological Campaigns | Think before throwing the fishing net (brochures) | 266 |
| Centre for Ecological Campaigns | Hérons and Laurel (posters) | 631 |
| Scout Organisation Njegos | Eco-camp Tunjevo | 1,633 |
| ECOM | Educational workshops for fishermen | 1,640 |
| Lynx Animal World Preservation Society | Public campaign to introduce Skadar Lake | 1,165 |
| Kalimera | Biodiversity protection of the southeastern lake coast | 650 |
| Open World | Skadar Lake: mutual concern of Montenegro and Albania | 1,170 |
| Society for the Protection of Animals | Stop poaching! | 750 |
| Centre for Bird Protection and Research | Miss the bird and you will hit the target | 1,063 |
| TOTAL | | 15,465 |

REReP Cooperative Grants

Donor: Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Netherlands

| Organisation | Project Title | Project Partner(s) | EUR |
|---------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------|
| The Ecologists' Movement of Macedonia | Development of SEE Environmental NGOs Network | Young Researchers of Serbia, Yugoslavia; Green Action, Croatia; Young Researchers of Banja Luka, Bosnia and Herzegovina | 80,000 |



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