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Opening

Doors



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 25 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 the United States, Japan, Austria, Canada, Czech Republic, Croatia, Denmark, Finland, France, Germany, Hungary, the Netherlands, Norway, Slovakia, Switzerland and the United Kingdom, as well as other inter-governmental and private institutions.



Opening doors has been

the task of the Regional Environmental Center for Central and Eastern Europe (REC) since its foundation, but this work has become even more important in the past year. The REC has helped open doors to European Union accession, to the mass media and to more public participation in the environment. And we will continue to unlock the barriers between East and West and individuals and groups to encourage broader, democratic involvement in improving the environment of Central and Eastern Europe.

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MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD

NATURE has no doors. It never has. That is part of its beauty and mystery.

It does have borders, visibly separating land from water or forest from plain. Less visible ones separate ecosystems and habitats. But doors as such are not needed. Nature and its internal divisions are self-regulating and self-sustaining.

Doors are a human invention, created for and used by us. They separate rooms, nations and peoples. They keep out undesirables, including the cold and outside threats. But doors are not walls; we open them to let in the good.

The Regional Environmental Center for Central and Eastern Europe (REC) is very much an environmental gatekeeper for the region of Central and Eastern Europe. In essence, we strive to show others where doors should and should not go, when they should open and close, and we provide the keys.

We hope to prevent old, centralised, unsustainable approaches to governance and environmental decision-making from returning. We aim to block polluting and wasteful production and consumption practices.

We try to let in public participation, support to environmental civil society, free access to information, East-East and East-West exchanges of experience, multi-sectoral integration and trans-boundary cooperation for the environment.

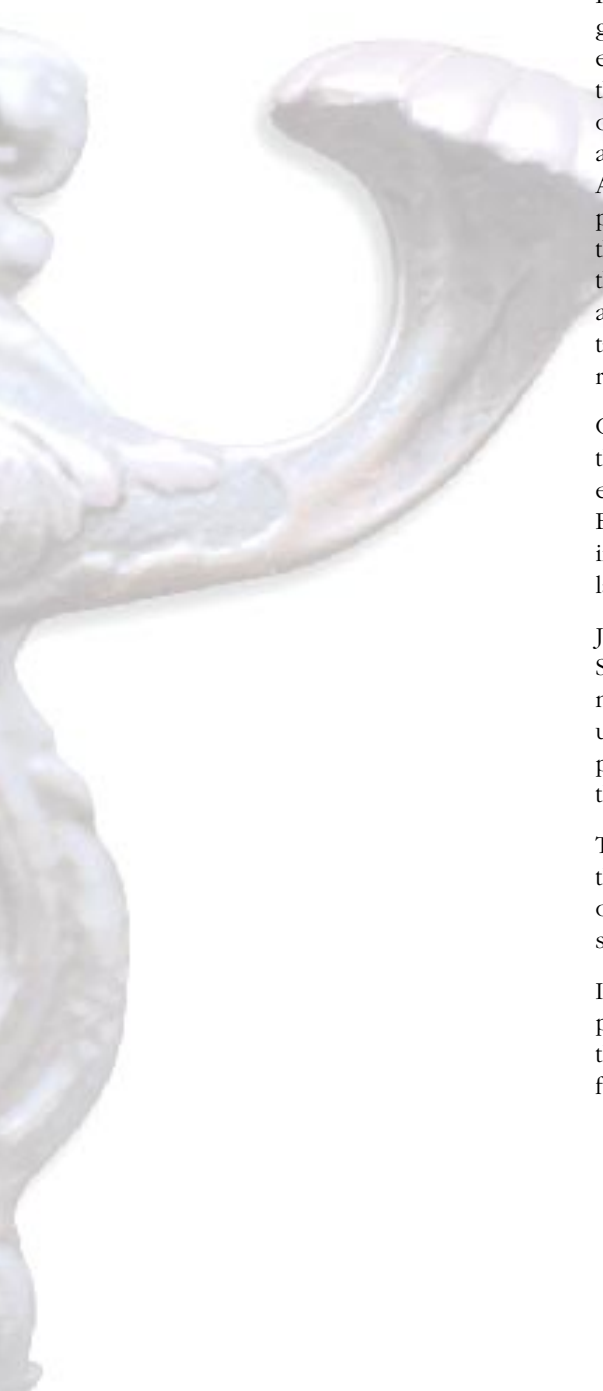
We also know when to turn the key when situations call for precaution, prevention and enforcement, externally and internally. As a result, the REC Board of Directors praised the vigilance of the REC management team who discovered financial irregularities on the part of two former REC employees. Immediate action was taken, including investigations and audits, to rectify the situation and ensure that it never happens again.

Through our projects, grants, information networks, local offices, capacity building and internal management, we strive to open doors to new ways of thinking and behaving.

Building on our past successes, the REC promises to continue to assist in environmental gatekeeping for the region.

Bedrich Moldan
Chairman of the Board





LETTER FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

European environmentalists will remember 1998 as the year of the Aarhus Ministerial Conference. The Conference marked a threshold and opened new doors, both for the process of environmental cooperation in Europe and for the Regional Environmental Center for Central and Eastern Europe.

The list of Aarhus achievements starts with the Convention on Public Participation, and protocols on heavy metals and persistent organic pollutants; goes on to include a more active role for CEE countries in the international environmental arena; and ends with an increased level of partnership among the key environmental stakeholders — governments, NGOs and businesses — on the pan-European level. And the REC was deeply involved in many of these achievements. We managed a grant program for NGO networks to prepare for Aarhus. We supported CEE cooperation within various Sofia Initiatives, which provided an input into the Conference. We participated in the negotiations of the Aarhus Convention and coordinated preparation of an in-depth study on the status of public participation throughout Europe. We worked with UNEP and UN ECE to prepare reports on multilateral agreements and the implementation of the Sofia guidelines on public participation. We took part in the preparation of the two Aarhus “stakeholder” sessions, for NGOs and businesses.

Our year-long role in Aarhus was recognized by the Ministers, who declared the REC to be “an independent body of international character,” and requested that the REC should “overall assume a greater role in the Environment for Europe process and specifically work on the activities of the EAP Task Force in the CEE countries.” Another important recognition of our work was the launch of “sister” RECs in Moldova, Ukraine, Russia and Georgia.

Just after the Conference, the REC hosted the signing of the historic Szentendre Agreement between the two ministers of environment of the formerly warring parties in Bosnia and Herzegovina, laying the foundation for unprecedented cooperation in the nascent country. Through this and other projects, we have sought to meet the needs of all countries in the region, those seeking EU accession as well as the non-applicant countries.

This activity is reflected in the increase of our financial turnover by more than a quarter compared to 1997, with a simultaneous decrease in the share of untied core funding. During 1998 we also received contributions from seven CEE countries, testifying to the importance of REC for the region.

In 1998 we have demonstrated that an organisation in the CEE region can provide a valuable contribution to the pan-European process of improving the environment. We believe that by doing this we started opening the door for a new role for Central and Eastern Europe in the coming years.

Jernej Stritih
Executive Director





People still refer to the period around

the beginning of this decade as the time “the wall came down” in Central and Eastern Europe (CEE). The Wall dividing Berlin was torn apart, and once-unfriendly borders between this region and the West became more permeable. But some old walls still remain, and new ones are going up — walls that divide nations, governments, citizens and businesses. To create a healthy, sustainable environment in the region, it is necessary to open doors in these walls.

The Regional Environmental Center for Central and Eastern Europe (REC) has always striven to open doors for the benefit of the region’s environment, and this was especially true in 1998. Just some examples:

- Through our work to support the Aarhus Ministerial Conference and help develop the Aarhus Convention on Public Participation, we opened doors to bring the CEE closer to the rest of Europe and to allow citizens into the process of making decisions about the environment.
- In Bosnia and Herzegovina, we removed barriers between the Bosnian Federation and Republika Srpska by helping broker and execute an historic agreement between their environment ministries.
- We facilitated access to the European Union with projects aimed at helping CEE countries meet the challenges of accession.
- Along with creating an opening to give all stakeholders access to environmental information, our communications projects helped open doors for the media — and for governments around the region that are hungry for information about environmental technology.
- In the area of NGO support, the REC continued to find ways to connect worthwhile projects with donors who want to help.
- Through local work in 15 countries, we created openings for specific niche projects, while again facilitating EU accession with programs designed to assist municipalities in achieving EU compliance.
- We opened the door to environmental investment in the Baltics by publishing *The Environmental Technology Market in Central and Eastern Europe: An Overview of Estonia, Latvia and Lithuania*.
- In the area of training, we opened doors to knowledge, as well as opening doors between trainers by encouraging regional cooperation and communication.

Descriptions of our on-going efforts in these, and other projects, are contained in this report.

The doors we opened in 1998 helped create opportunities for cooperation for the betterment of the CEE environment. As we maintain these openings, we will look to unlock doors in new areas, like the Balkans, where political conflict threatens the health of the environment in the whole CEE region.

HELPING THEM HELP THEMSELVES: Students in Librazhd, Albania plant trees as part of a REC-funded project to green their school environment (right).

“The new Convention constitutes a milestone in increasing transparency and participatory possibilities in the environmental arena. It will help put an end to environmental secrecy.”

Yves Berthelot

Executive Secretary, UNECE
(Discussing the Aarhus Convention on Public Participation, which was developed with the support of REC staff.)



PROGRAMS DEPARTMENT

The doors of the Programs Department lead to a wide variety of environmental expertise ranging from public participation — a traditional REC stronghold — to environmental management in enterprises, to local level planning and management, to economic instruments, to biodiversity, to climate change and to environmental policy and EU accession. The key to success of the Programs Department is the effective utilisation of outside resources to complement the expert staff of the REC.


In 1998, at the 4th Ministerial “Environment for Europe” Conference in Aarhus, Denmark, a number of reports were presented, including the Sofia Initiatives’ *Report on the Use of Economic Instruments for Environmental Policy in Central and Eastern Europe*, *Policy Recommendations on the Use of Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA) in Central and Eastern Europe and in Newly Independent States*, *Synthesis Report on the Phase-out of Leaded Gasoline*, *Synthesis Report on the Reduction of SO₂ and Particulate Emission and Opportunity or Threat to Biodiversity in Central and Eastern Europe*. It was primarily because of the success of Sofia Initiatives that the REC received an official invitation to join OECD in providing secretariat support to the Environmental Action Programme Task Force for Central and Eastern Europe.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION Another notable input to the Aarhus conference was a policy document published in a series of three volumes titled *Doors to Democracy: Current Trends and Practices in Public Participation in Environmental Decisionmaking* on the 15 CEE and five NIS countries, and a *Pan-European Assessment of Current Trends and Practices in Public Participation in Environmental Matters*, which served as background materials for the dialogue between the ECOs and ministers during a special session organized by citizen groups.

Local municipalities in Central and Eastern Europe are increasingly becoming an important stakeholder in environmental decision-making and problem solving. Following on our region-wide work from past year, intensive co-operation between the Programs Department and REC Local Offices resulted in a *Manual for Local Environmental Action Planning in Latvian Municipalities*. Also, the REC has had a tremendous success with the “Cities Towards EU Compliance Award” for which larger municipalities and capitals as well as small and medium-sized cities applied.

EU ACCESSION is a major force for environmental policy making and implementation in most of the REC beneficiary countries. Within the project on monitoring the progress on approximation, a set of tables of concordance to monitor legal transposition and a set of implementation questionnaires to monitor practical implementation, were developed for 24 of the most important EU directives. These are now being used by the Accession Countries and the European Commission throughout the screening process.

BUSINESS AND INDUSTRY in the region were served by publication of *The Environmental Technology Market in Central and Eastern Europe: An Overview of Estonia, Latvia and Lithuania*, a review of environmental problems, project opportunities and demand for environmental technologies in the Baltic countries and a background document for the UNECE report on *Progress in Implementation of the ECE Guidelines on Access to Environmental Information and Public Participation in Environmental Decision-making*.



“Environmental information used to be only for the experts. Now we need to inform citizens because they should know in advance the possibilities for action.”

Wolfgang Boch
DG XIII



INFORMATION EXCHANGE DEPARTMENT

The REC has created a comprehensive English-language *information system*, covering environmental information specifically related to Central and Eastern Europe (CEE). Information exchange at the REC has always been the key to opening doors and minds.

LIBRARY 2,000 new publications, pamphlets, periodicals, CD-ROMs and videos were added to our *library*, which now holds over 10,000 items. Information specialists handled over 700 free information requests on topics as diverse as toxic waste in Hungary to Danube water quality to Swedish environmental aid in the Baltic states.

MEDIA INFORMATION SERVICE News briefs are posted directly to the *Green Horizons* bi-weekly news service for CEE environmental journalists. Launched in April 1998, the MIS also provides information sources to CEE environmental journalists on request.

MAGAZINES Our environmental magazine, *The Bulletin*, provides in-depth coverage of critical environmental issues affecting CEE such as genetic engineering or the effects of climate change negotiations. News specifically related to the European Union's Phare Programme is included in the quarterly *Green Phare* newsletter, also produced in-house.

IED continued to produce all REC publications in 1998. Prior to the inter-ministerial conference held in Aarhus, Denmark, 12 REC publications were edited, laid out, and distributed. The importance of information to CEE and Europe was acknowledged in Aarhus where the key event was the signing of the Convention on Access to Information, Public Participation in Decision-making and Access to Justice in Environmental Matters.

ELECTRONIC MEDIA Visits to our popular REC Website grew to over two million in 1998. IED provided vital in-house information management support through database development, foremost of which was the launch of *REctivity*, the REC's advanced electronic project management system.

On behalf of the EU, *telematics* applications and solutions for environmental issues such as air and water quality monitoring and prediction systems; emergency management systems for floods, forest fires, and industrial risks; and community information systems. The REC telematics team hosted the *DETERMINE* conference in June which attracted some 140 participants.

In 1998, IED continued its collaborative work in the international *Spinning the Web* project, geared toward integrating sustainable development information from across the globe. IED joined forces with the Paris-based OECD in leading the communications activities for the EAP Task Force.

IED staff conducted in-house training related to information dissemination, public relations, Internet surfing and REctivity use and were key speakers at major information and communications-related conferences in Austria, Denmark, Hungary and Russia.

In 1998, as one of 22 collaborating centres in UNEP's world-wide network to produce the *Global Environmental Outlook 2*, IED coordinated the assessment of current policy responses to environmental problems in CEE and edited the policy chapter for all of Europe.





“The REC’s work with NGOs will not only have impact on the citizen’s environmental movement, but also on the business sector, as NGO staff transfer their skills to that sector in the future.”

Alexander Zinke
Zinke Environment Consulting for
Central and Eastern Europe

GRANTS DEPARTMENT

In 1998, the REC grants program opened the door to new ideas and new stakeholders. In addition to supporting projects managed by non-governmental organisations (NGOs) in all of its constituent countries, the REC began a program offering grants to businesses and local authorities in CEE and the NIS. The grants department expanded its activities by researching trends in funding for NGOs, investigating NGO self-financing opportunities, and organising the participation of NGOs in the Danube Pollution Reduction Program.

TRENDS IN FINANCING IN CENTRAL AND EASTERN EUROPE Together with Dutch NGO Milieukontakt Oost-Europa, the REC published the study *Trends in Funding 1995-1998*. This report aids NGOs and donors alike to better target their organisations’ priorities. The research also points out the importance of reliable funding sources, such as the REC, but more importantly, the need for NGOs to wean themselves away from granting programs and seek more sustainable sources of funding.

SUSTAINABLE NGO FINANCING PROJECT (SNFP) The REC supports the long term sustainability of the NGO movement through this project, based on cooperation with the Nonprofit Enterprise and Self-Sustainability Team (NESsT), USA, the Lotos Foundation (Prague), the Civil Society Development Foundation (Budapest) and the Civil Society Development Foundation (Warsaw). The project’s aim is to support and increase the initiatives of NGOs in starting up income-generating activities, so that they can partly finance themselves in the future.

DANUBE POLLUTION REDUCTION PROGRAMME (GEF/UNDP) Through the REC, GEF/ UNDP supported a small grants program and NGO involvement in its Danube Pollution Reduction Programme, with the overall goal of enhancing NGO participation in the GEF/UNDP Pollution Reduction Program on the national and regional level. The Danube Small Grants Program reinforced NGO



participation in community-based pollution reduction measures and awareness-raising projects. In a series of national and regional level meetings, NGOs from Danube countries created the Danube Environmental Forum (DEF) as the representative body for civil society in the UN's Danube Environmental Programme.

LOCAL GRANTS: National Grants After years of planning, local offices were able to award National Grants in 1998. These are grants to NGOs working on a national level in cooperation with other stakeholders, including business or government. For example, with support from the Dutch Ministry of Environment, the REC local offices in six countries offered grants to NGOs working to minimise the impact of energy use on a national level.

Region-wide Environmental grants In cooperative grants, NGOs must reach across borders to work with partners experiencing common environmental problems. Funded largely by DG XI, the 1998 Call for Tender for Cooperative Projects was announced in autumn 1998, with eight grants totaling nearly EUR 150,000 awarded.

NEW PROGRAM: EcoLinks In 1998 the REC's Grants Department entered into a dramatically different project that included a whole new set of constituents: businesses and local authorities. Funded by the United States Agency for International Development, and in partnership with the US-based Institute of International Education, the REC's "EcoLinks" project promotes market-based solutions to industrial and urban environmental problems in 21 Central and Eastern European countries and in the Newly Independent States.

GRASSROOTS ASSISTANCE: Through its support for thousands of NGOs, the REC has had a positive impact on wildlife all over the CEE region. For example, baby birds (right) benefit from the work a REC-funded NGO in Slovakia. In Poland (center), the REC has supported eco tourism, and in Bulgaria, REC-funded groups help preserve threatened bird habitats (left).

CAPACITY BUILDING DEPARTMENT

The REC's Capacity Building Department (CBD) offers professionals in the environmental sector opportunities to improve their skills and capacities, in order to train others in the field and lead environmental progress in the region.



ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT TRAINING CENTER NETWORK (EMTC)

The EMTC Network supports leading environmental training institutions in the region by initiating and coordinating international environmental training projects and facilitating the exchange of experience among members. In 1998 the network became one of the few in the region to successfully introduce a membership fee, indicating the seriousness with which members undertake environmental training. Activities expanded to include training of civil servants of the Government of Uzbekistan and the second delivery of the module "Managing an Environmental Organisation." More than 200 individuals and institutions have joined the network, an increase of 65 percent from 1996. The network's quarterly newsletter, *Insight*, now delivered worldwide, developed into the only environmental training publication in the region, addressing issues relevant to the everyday work of environmental professionals.

IN-HOUSE CAPACITY BUILDING A number of in-house training events were offered at the REC in 1998, including computer literacy, financial management and special topics, such as the Pan-European Ministerial Process. In addition multi-media training sessions were organised, addressing the issues of presentation skills, team working, meeting management and negotiation skills.

JAPAN SPECIAL FUND

The Japan Special Fund (JSF) was established in 1993 to open the door to cooperation between the Government of Japan and the REC and its constituent countries by supporting large scale environmental projects in the region.

In 1998, major JSF *Technical Assistance Projects* were completed in Lithuania, Albania and FYR Macedonia and contributed to follow-ups by local and international sources for immediate implementation. In Lithuania, the Technical Assistance project, "Hazardous Waste Management System for the Siauliai Region," was named a national top priority and implemented with support from the PHARE program. The Albanian city of Fier benefited from Emergency Program funds allocated as a result of last year's REC/JSF project and received EUR 5 million to rehabilitate its water supply and wastewater systems. The TA project, "Integrated Effluents Treatment and Monitoring at MHK Zletovo," in Veles, Macedonia was declared a national priority, with a local fund of EUR 0.5 million earmarked for the project implementation as a follow-up.

Three new projects were launched in the fields of *Environmental Action and Institutional Support*. The Law & Policy Advice in Bosnia & Herzegovina project was initiated by mid-1998 and aimed at advisory services for both Bosnia Federation and Republica Srpska. A Joint Environmental Steering Committee was established and a workshop on environmental legislation was implemented. This project is to continue into 1999.

A jointly organised REC/UNEP Roundtable addressed the issue of "Applicability of the Environmental Management System Concept in the Urban Environment," and a training module for municipal authorities was produced. A follow-up workshop will be held by mid-1999.

The REC was given a mandate at the Aarhus Ministerial Conference to provide secretariat services for the OECD's *Environmental Action Programme Task Force* with JSF funding. In 1998 activities were focused around formulating the workplan, preparing the communication strategy.



LOCAL OFFICE AND OUTREACH DEPARTMENT

REC's 15 Local Offices have continued to supply environmental information in local languages through their local bulletins. These bulletins are received by over 4,000 constituents every two months.

LOCAL GRANTS Grants giving under the Local Grants Program (LGP) is coordinated by the REC's Local Office network, with offices in each of the REC's 15 beneficiary countries. Each Local Office is assisted in proposal evaluation by an independent Local Advisory Board composed of local environmental experts. In 1998, the REC awarded 423 grants worth a total of ECU 562,425.

NGOs receive support for their operating and equipment expenses, training and education activities and for local environmental projects and events.

The LGP is seen as an educational tool for NGOs that are awarded grants. NGOs are assisted by the program's reporting criteria and Local Office staff to develop their project management and organisational skills. This practice ensures the program is responsible to its donors because grantees have to complete financial and narrative reports. A portion are audited each year.

In 1998, financial support for the LGP came from: EU Phare Multi-Country Programme for the Environment (13 countries), the Finnish Ministry of Environment (3 Baltic nations), USEPA (Croatia, Yugoslavia), the Croatian State Directorate for the Environment, and Royal Netherlands Embassy (Albania).

SPECIAL LOCAL GRANTS Local Offices have been using their skills in grants management to run specialised small grants programmes. The Hungary office carried out the second year of its Local Government/NGO Cooperative Grants Program. This programme, assisted by USAID in Hungary, tries to support the joint initiatives of NGOs working with local authorities. Projects supported were those that improved the "quality of life" of citizens. In total, USD 89,000 was awarded to 48 projects.

In Slovenia, the LO managed a grants programme to support local initiatives in the Karst/Timav National Park. ECU 121,000 was given to 18 projects by this programme, supported by the Phare Cross Border Co-operation programme.

SPECIAL PROJECTS: Local Office Network It has been the task of the REC's 15 Local Offices to develop the mission of the REC down to the local level. In 1998, local offices have become adept at designing and implementing small niche projects. In all, REC local offices carried out 26 projects.

These projects varied in size, scope and stakeholder group targeted. The LO Bulgaria developed a series of seminars on the new solid waste law for the Bulgarian Ministry of Environment. LO Slovenia supported the Cross-border Co-operation Programme between Slovenia and Italy in the town of Stanjel. Our office in Tirana carried out six small projects alone last year, these included a Junior Fellowship Program Albania (funded by WWF); public awareness raising on forestry issues (Chemonics International); promotion of public participation and LEAP training for Local Authorities (both Soros Foundation). This work demonstrates the diversity and ability of the Local Offices to reach constituents needs.

"The REC is the key organization for the further development of the local environmental organizations with its programs providing educational seminars, institutional capacity building programs, information dissemination and coordination meetings."

USAID
in Belgrade





Local Grants Awarded in 1998

ALBANIA

Capacity Building in the Balkan Countries

ORGANISATION	PROJECT TITLE	ECU
PPNEA — Korca	Local conference on environmental problems	1,636
PPNEA — Shkoder	Local conference on environmental problems	1,364
Independent Women Forum Elbasan	Local conference on environmental problems	727
Albanian Association for Protection from Radiation — Tirana	Local conference on environmental problems	800
Albanian Association for the Protection of Fresh and Coastal Waters — Tirana	Local conference on environmental problems	1,818
Flora and Decorative Fauna — Tirana	Establishment of the Forum League of Albanian environmentalists	727
TOTAL		7,072

Phare Local Grants Programme

Teachers and Parents for the Future	Nature – Life and Recreation	700
Ecological Club — Fieri	Let's Protect our Forest, Our Lungs	680
Ecological Club — Lushnja	Cleaning the trash from Divjaka Beach	250
PPNE — Shkodra	Survival support for the Green Center	1,250
Association for the Protection of Caves	Public awareness on the new laws for the protection of caves	770
KAP Environmentalists Club of Pogradec	Flowers are Blooming in the Daylight	390
Association for the Protection of the Southern Environment of Albania	Protection of the urban environment of Gjirokastra City	910
Youth Environmental Club PNL — Tirana	Working for a Green City in Tirana	180
Rubini Elbasan	Cleaning and maintaining the outer environments of museum houses	450
Kruja Ecological Club	Cleaning up five schools in the Town of Kruja	400
Environmentalists of Librazhd	Librazhd and Environmental Care on September 22nd	430
Albanian Ecological Club Tirana	Talking about environmental problems in Tirana	450
Aquarius	A Clean Environment, Good Health for You	450
Friends of Lura	Lura Magazine	585
PPNE	Public awareness about conservation of natural values of Permet	850
Water Resources and Ecotourism	Public awareness about reviving traditional Tirana park	650
Albanian Biological Association	Environmental calendar for 1999	1,780
Albanian Hygienists Association	Existing laws review and drafting new laws against traffic pollution and abandoned vehicles	300
Albanian Association of Public Health	Development of environmental concepts for villages	910
Private Tree Planting Association	Tree planting in courtyards of Berati schools	732
Divjaka Ecotourism	Promotion of ecotourism in Divjaka region	2,010
PPNEA	The quality of drinking water in Tirana	1,200
TOTAL		16,327

BOSNIA AND HERZEGOVINA

Phare Local Grants Programme

Mountaineers — Sarajevo	Cleaning of the Bjela riverbend	263
Orion Banja Luka	Monitoring of water pollution in River Vrbas	2,154
EKO BiH — Sarajevo	Enforcement of the organisation of work	820
Association of Biologist- Ecologist BiH — Sarajevo	Reorganisation of the Biology Society	472
Ecological engineers RS — Banja Luka	Water quality in hydrological area of Krupa on Vrbas	1,282
Association of Defendologists of RS — Banja Luka	Ecologically suitable place for fish production	1,308
Women's forum — Gracanica	Clean-up activities	513
Citizens Association for Studying Soils — Sarajevo	The possibility of recultivation of Crnorijecka plateau	872
Gorani — Sarajevo	Environmental education project	1,026
Oaza Mostar	Environmental education project in primary and secondary schools	769
Happiness to the Children — Kakanj	Environmental education project in primary and secondary schools	502
Travnik — Travnik	Botanical garden in school yard	769
Eco BiH — Sarajevo	The establishment of the Mycological Association	513
Association of Biologist- Ecologist BiH — Sarajevo	The possibility of implementing the Bern Convention	892
Greens — Bosanska Krupa	Operating costs	390
Ekos — Banja Luka	Ecological grounds of sustainable management in Bardaca wetlands ecosystems	1,538
Ecological Engineering RS — Banja Luka	Influence of the Vrbas on the quality and health security of food production in the Vrbas basin	692
Fondeko — Sarajevo	Operating costs	651
TOTAL		15,426

BULGARIA

Capacity Building in the Balkan Countries

GeoEcoClub Academica — Veliko Tarnovo	Participation in the Local Agenda 21 and Sustainable Development Workshop	128
National Movement Ecoglasnost — Sofia	Meeting of Environmental NGO representatives with the Ministry of Environmental and Water Regarding the Priorities and Action Programs in the international activities of the MoEW	447
National Movement Ecoglasnost — Veliko Tarnovo	Clean-up campaign in Veliko Tarnovo	456
Ecoglasnost, the Black Sea Club and the Association of the Bourgas Citizens	The Earth for Everybody	456
Voluntary Citizens' Association Ecoglasnost — Zlatograd	Green School in Zlatograd	446
Independent Movement Ecoglasnost — Bourgas	Summer Green School in Bourgas	456

MONITORING THE REGION'S FRESH WATER: A water quality test is conducted by experts from the Establishment of Eco-center for Shkodra Lake, an NGO funded by the REC (right).



ORGANISATION	PROJECT TITLE	ECU
National Movement Ecoglasnost — Sofia	National Action Plan — Environment and Health	1,627
Association Green Balkans — Stara Zagora	National meeting of environmental NGOs	2,273
Union of Bulgarian Landscape Specialists — Sofia	Participation in the regional workshop	318
Youth Ecological Organization Rhodopi — Sofia	Green School — camp training for raising environmental awareness of children	340
National Movement Ecoglasnost — Sofia	From Sofia to Arhus	456
Independent Society Green Patrols — Sofia	Eco-camp	456
Eco Club 2000	Environmental volunteers work camps	450
Association Green Balkans — Sofia	Environmental volunteers work camps	420
Wilderness Club	Environmental volunteers work camps	426
National Museum for Science and Nature	Equipment	1,214
Black Sea Club Ecoglasnost	Equipment	139
TOTAL		10,508

Phare Local Grants Programme

Bulgarian Speleological Federation	The Ecological Status and the Problems of the Karst and Karst Water Springs in the Karlukovski Karst Region	1,546
The Earth and the People Foundation	Mineral diversity in the Rila Mountains	991
Trakia Foundation	Eco Autumn — Dimitrovgrad 98	800
National Movement Ecoglasnost — Sofia	After Aarhus — Guidelines for Action (meeting of Bulgarian NGOs)	3,000
Group for Research and Protection of Bats	Second European Night of the Bats	2,145
Club of Women Farmers	Ecological control of chemical usage in agriculture	1,517
Public Center for Environment and Sustainable Development — Varna	Campaign for reduction of domestic waste	1,626
Kiril and Metodij Community Center	Green relay-race	649
Black Sea Club — Bourgas	The role of NGOs in protection and popularisation of sites and biodiversity in the country	1,409
Center for Independent Journalism Foundation	Environmental awareness of Bulgarian society and the media	1,142
International Foundation for Development of Cinema and TV for Children and Teenagers — "Rolan Bikov"	Children — Ecology — Screen	1,074
Bright Pages Foundation	Publishing manuals for waste recycling	2,639
Association of Environmental Specialists from Municipalities in Bulgaria	Monthly bulletin: "The Municipality and the Environment"	1,634
Youth Educational and Training Center	Shoumensko Plateau National Park	1,162
Foundation Time — Ecoprojects	Organisation of a national NGO meeting: Revived Citizen Participation	3,000
TOTAL		24,334

National Grant

Foundation Time — Ecoprojects	National campaign for using unleaded fuels	6,000
TOTAL		6,000

CROATIA

Support of the Croatian State Directorate for Protection of the Environment

Eco-Center "Caput insuale" Beli	Emergency grant	500
Marija Zudenigo	Cultural landscape workshop	706
Ecological Society — Zmergo	Permacultural Garden	1,482
Green Action Stari — Mikanovci	Equipment	1,728
Diving Club Spinut Split	Ecological Action Small Venice	494
Young Nature Keepers — Croatian Natural History Society	Operating expenses	359
Natura — Society for Nature Protection of Croatia	Dolphin Information Network	763
Hyla — Croatian Herpetological Society	Eco-calendar/booklet: "Protected Croatian Herpetofauna"	897
Student Culture Center Braca Radic	Green Phone	348
Croatian Ecological Society	Future of autochthonous decapod crustacean species in Croatia	1,490
Ecological Society Drop of Life	Green Phone	453
ZOE — Center for Protection of Rural Heritage	Zagreb Days of Old Apple Varieties	269
Nature Protection Society of Slavonia and Baranja	Monthly Bulletin	717
TOTAL		10,206

USEPA NGO Grants

Green Osijek	Equipment	364
Green Action Stari Mikanovci	Equipment	364
Citizen's Association Friend	Race — Croatian National Parks '98	909
Ecological Society Kap Zivota	Equipment	364
Croatian Ecological Society	Education and nature protection — Active Approach, Field Guides for Determination of Animals 2nd Phase	455
Diving Club Spinut Split	Cleaning beaches of Marjan/Eco Kornati	500
Duga — Center for Work With Children and Youth	Eco Gift	455
Hyla — Croatian Herpetological Society	Protected and Threatened Amphibians of Croatia	1,364
ZOE — Center for Protection of Rural Heritage	Promotion of environmental education activities in the Lika Region	1,314
Petar Giunio Ecological Society — Korcula	Green Map of Korcula Island	682
Braca Radic Student Culture Center	Protection of water sources of the City of Karlovac	455
Silba Ecological Society	Summer exhibition on environmental and nature protection on Silba Island	909
Croatian Mountaineering Association — Nature Protection Commission	Travel and presentation at Aarhus '98 ECO/NGO Parallel Conference	909
Eco-Liburnia Rijeka	Local Environmental Action Plan through Systematic Entrepreneurship	864
BIOS — Association for Organic Agriculture, Environmental Protection and Health Promotion	Organic Farming — Sustainable Agriculture Put Into Practice (translation of a publication)	636
Natura — Society for Nature Protection of Croatia	Bats — Most Endangered Mammals of Europe	909
Delfin Diving Club	Caulerpa Taxifolia — Hunting for Algae (poster)	1,300
ZEON Ecological Society — Cakovec	NERKA — Eco-education camps in Medjimurje Region	1,818
Open Door Workshop — Split	Pharmacognostic map of Korcula Island	682



ORGANISATION	PROJECT TITLE	ECU
Diving Club — Dubrovnik	Clean up '98/1	918
ZEON Ecological Society — Cakovec	Important Environmental Dates in 1998	909
Green Action	Croatian Green Forum 1998	3,273
Petar Giunio Ecological Society — Korcula	Equipment	1,364
TOTAL		21,717

CZECH REPUBLIC**Phare Local Grants Programme**

EVANS — Centre for Global Education	Places in the Shade	931
Vesec — Local Civic Association	Sustainable development of a municipality near a vacation resort	600
The Alternative Life-style Club — Kladno	Support for construction of bike paths	700
ROSA — South-Bohemian Foundation for Nature Protection	Environmentally friendly washing powders	800
Hnutí Duha, Volary	Start-up support to a new Hnutí Duha local group	300
ZO CSOP — Mejto	Planting rare and endangered species in specially designed gardens	884
ZO CSOP — Ropaci	Operating costs, upgrading of equipment	550
Friends of Jeseniky — Sojka	Operating costs	900
ZO CSOP, Knezice, Chaloupky Centre	Holiday program for children	1,000
Association for Protection of Val Hill	Public participation in the decision-making process	1,000
Deti Zeme — Plzen	Deti Zeme for children in the Plzen region	400
Union of Young Nature Protectors	Qualification courses for adults	700
Deti Zeme — Alternative Club	Increasing public awareness of environmental problems and promotion of local civic groups	600
Brontosaurus Ecocentre Green Club	Eko List — monthly publication on environmental problems	600
Brno Ecocentre	Information centre	1,000
Suchopyr	Forest Protection Camp in Jizera Mountains	400
Brontosaurus Movement — Lords of Hukvaldy	Environmental education for children	200
Friends of the Lukov Castle	Organising summer camp with a Brontosaurus movement group	100
Regional CSOP Group	Protection of water springs in Brno and its surroundings	800
CSOP — Animal protection group	Operating costs	900
Czech Ornithological Society	European Festival of Birds	436
Archibald	Summer Camp — Pavlov	270
Hnutí Duha — Olomouc	Support for sorting and recycling municipal waste in Sternberk	800
Beskydčan	Public participation in control and protection of forest reservations and protected areas	1,000
Deti Zeme — Environment-friendly Transportation Section	Day Without Cars 1998	487
Deti Zeme — Brno	Transportation and Waste — environmental problems in Brno	387
CSOP NIKA	"NIKA" magazine	600
Old Jizera Mountains Protectors	Summer Camp Sojhakov 1998	200
Environmental Society Sphagnum	Environmental video library and library	200
CSOP Kosenka	Support to operation of environmental advice centre — Kosenka	600
UESS — Spodek	Support for environmental education centre — Spodek	700
Association of Citizens of Neratovice	Humanisation of the housing blocks in Neratovice	633
Association Netresk	Eight Times About the Earth — seminars for secondary school students	800
Association Dokoran	Local environmental info centre and environmental educational trail	400
ZO CSOP High School Strakonice	Earth Day activities targeting children and youth as well as wider public	300
ZO CSOP Palava — Environmental Education Centre	Programmes for local schools concentrating on environmental protection in households	1,000
ZO CSOP — Zvonecek	Local environmental info centre	605
Environmental Information Centre Green Point — Ostrava	Earth Day activities: Waste management campaign	750
Association of Youth Nature Protectors, CSOP-CDM	National youth and children's competition in natural sciences and ecology	1,000
Environmental Law Service	Free legal advice for public, environmental NGOs and municipalities	1,700
ZC HB Brdo Vlkaní Mikulčice	Earth Day activities for children	141
STUZ	Education, publishing and expert activities	576
Suchopyr, Tree Nurseries	Educational trail showing deforestation as a result of industrial pollution	1,000
Deti Zeme Club — Bohumilce	Local environmental education project for children and adults	1,000
Deti Zeme — Citizens Support Section	Effective public participation in EIA processes	500
Hnutí Duha — Brno	Forestation work in Moravský Kras	343
ZC Hnutí Brontosaurus Botic	Educational trail in Prague	1,010
Hnutí Duha Havlickuv Brod	Raising public awareness on local environmental problems	300
ZC HB Boží Dar	Local environmental centre	1,350
ZO CSOP Bile Karpaty	Local Earth Day activities	400
Genesis	Green Telephone	734
North-Moravian regional CSOP branch	Seminar on Wetlands Protection	348
Brontosaurus Krkonose — Rychory Sever	Donation of equipment for monitoring of local environment	1,000
Natura Viva — Association for environmental education	Environmental education centre costs	400
CSOP — UVR	Coordination of the international Clean Up the World Campaign in the Czech Republic	1,400
Stari ochranici Jizerských hor	Public participation in the restoration of forests in the Jizera Mountains	1,048
Jihoceske sdruzeni ochrancu prirody	Initiating municipal waste management plans in the South Bohemian region	700
Pražske ekologické centrum	Environmental centre operational costs	1,300
Pražske ekologické centrum	Magazine on environmental education	300
Action for Animals	Campaign for adoption of a local bylaw on protection of circus animals	500
ZC AB UESS — Spodek	Environmental centre operational costs	1,391
ZC AB Brasci z Moravy Křnov	Environmental centre operational costs	500
Deti Zeme — Brno	Equipment	100
Deti Zeme — Brno	The Greatest Anti-environmental Action and Quote Competitions	714
Nesehnuti	Public participation in a campaign against highway construction in the town of Brno	757
Ekocentrum — Brno	Further development of a recreation trail in the town of Brno	400
TOTAL		45,445

ORGANISATION	PROJECT TITLE	ECU
ESTONIA		
Finnish Support to REC Activities in Baltic States		
Tallinn Society of Nature Protection	Nature protection activities in schools	345
Estonian Seminatural Community Association	Establishing the database of owners of seminatural communities	1,237
Foundation of Leisi Commune Development	Protection of Tuhkana Coast	1,500
Foundation of "Estonian Nature" magazine	Russian edition of "Estonian Nature" magazine	3,000
Union of Forest Youth	Photo exhibition: "Tree Heroes"	1,620
Keep Estonia Sea Tidy	Ecological path at Rocca al Mare	1,400
TOTAL		9,102
Phare Local Grants Programme		
Association "Kodukant Viljandimaa"	Heimtali-Green village	1,811
Jakob von Üexkülli Center	Nature photography competition	272
Tartu Students Nature Protection Circle	Database of nature paths on Internet	1,467
Estonian Seminatural Community Association	Maintaining seminatural communities	905
Lake Peipsi Project	Narva — Digest	2,354
Järvamaa Forest Society	Elistvere nature path	1,449
Non-profit organization "Madi"	White stork	1,086
Non-profit organization "Robirohi"	Publishing a book on rare herbs	1,267
Estonian Naturalists Society Botanical Department	Environmental camp	545
Society of Friends of Soomaa	Protection of wooded meadows and wetlands	460
Virtsu Nature Education Society	Improving the quality of Läänemaa habitats	505
TOTAL		12,121
HUNGARY		
Phare Local Grants Programme		
Nimfea Nature Protection Association of the Koros-Maros Region	Year of Wetland turtle program in cooperation with the VAC	667
Ormansag Foundation	Protecting natural and man-made environment of three villages in co-operation with local authorities	981
Two Wheels Less — Association of Bikers of the Danube Bend	Publication: "Kerek-tar II"	785
Association of Casino Csokonai at Dunaalmasi	Environment and nature protection activities for the public	392
Bioculture Association — Bekes	Equipment for water examination	231
Green Action Association	Study on waste dumps; databases	392
Friends of City Cycling	Campaign for making biking popular in Budapest	392
Ecoservice Foundation	Sustaining and developing the free public environmental advisory service	1,726
Bioculture Association — Orseg	Spreading awareness of environmental agriculture in Orseg	235
Students' Fellowship for Environmental Protection, Miskolc	Improving the state of Szinva Creek	589
Tree of Life Environmental Alliance	Support for activities of the Green Phone public advocacy service	785
E-mission Nature Conservation Society of Szabolcs-Szatmar-Bereg County	Developing a complex waste management program and organising a waste management symposium	549
Dr. Dornyai Bela Scout Group No. 153	Computer and printer equipment	510
Blue Spring Environmental and Nature Conservation Society	Research on the herpeto and small mammal habitat of the Pilis-Visegradi Mountains	1,177
Rockenbauer Pal Nature Protection and Sports Association	Continuation of a project to save the sweet chestnut trees of Zegovarkony	196
Vackor Environmental and Nature Protection Association	Translating an environmental publication; "Organising a Competition Series for Elementary and High School Students"	314
Oko-Salgo Environmental Society	Professional forum to protect the natural treasures of Karancs-Medves	275
GAJA Environmental Society	Organising public forums to raise environmental consciousness	785
Toad Action Group	Environmental education program	981
Hortobagy Nature Protection Association	Publishing 1,000 copies of a leaflet on the activities of the association	549
Helix Foundation	Publishing costs of the "Helix Leaves" newsletter	471
Foundation for Magyarpolany and National Heritage	Turning a courtyard into a nature protection garden	314
Association of Organic and Environmentally Conscious Farmers	Acquainting people with the value of bio-farming	196
Wake of Nature Association	Operational costs of the Environmental Advisory Office	589
South Nyirseg-Bihar Landscape Protection Association	Campaign against destroying birds of prey	785
Tisza Club Environmental- and Nature Protection Civic Group	Protecting the local landscape area with the participation of children and families	451
Trees of Ors Vezer Ter Environmental Association	Selective waste management in blockhouses	785
Earth Dav Foundation	Publishing the Hungarian version of "The State of the Earth," based on the annual report of the WorldWach Institute	981
Hungarian Bikers' Alliance — Bicycle Database	Co-operation with the local governments in the capital for making biking more popular	586
Salamander Sport, Tourist, Environmental and Nature Conservation Association	Equipment	455
Hatvan Environmental Protection Society	Public and government relations for improving environmental awareness	392
Dorog Environmental Protection Society	Operational costs	981
Nature Protection Foundation of Tolna County	Introducing people in Paks to nature and bat protecting activities	392
Lake Nadas Environmental Protection Group	Boat and life jacket	471
Energy and Environment Foundation	Organising street events	589
Universal Existence Nature Protection Association and Club	Selective waste management in the universities of Budapest	589
Kerekerdo Foundation	Operational and equipment expenses	286
Apollo Aviation Club, Veszprem	Assessment and observation of illegal waste dumps	589
Environmental Protection Association of the Rakos Region	Waste collection and maintenance of the area around the Rakoskert bicycle centre	196
TOTAL		22,609
USAID Local Cooperation Grants		
The Eco-Chain Environmental Association of Tamasi	Sustainable development program for unemployed Roma	1,009
Folk Art Association	Recycling and selective waste management	1,262
The Hajduboszormeny Local Group of Bioculture Association	Bioagriculture publicity — new office, presentation garden	841
The Environmental Culture Association of Esztergom	Public actions, public information office	841
Partners Hungary Foundation	Helping civil and local authority with training in Debrecen	2,103

ORGANISATION	PROJECT TITLE	ECU
Small Region Development Association of Arpad	Pigs for poor families	2,733
Two Wheels Less: The Association of Bicycle Riders of The Danube Bend	Study of biking plan, publication on gentle tourism	1,682
Down Foundation	Training for parents with Down syndrome children	2,671
Hungarian Charity Refuge — Addiction Diseases Ambulance	The employment of young people with bad psychosocial conditions	2,103
E-Mission Environmental Association of Szabolcs Szatmar-Bereg County	Participating in developing the city's sustainable development program	841
Association of The Disabled in Szarvas	Physiotherapy and rehabilitation activities for the handicapped	2,103
Environmental Nature Conservation Association of Abauj	Elderly care	2,355
Bioculture Association Bekes	Biofarmer course	1,094
Bio-gardening Circle	Publicity for bioagriculture	1,472
Trout Circle Association	Ecological project of Barathegy	1,262
Landscape Association of Banya	Workshops	1,682
Goncol Foundation	Traffic planning program at Vac	1,682
Foundation for Civic Society of the Hajdusag Region	OKIT '99	1,051
Environmental Organisation of Jaszkun	Education path at Tapio-videk	1,884
The Alternative Cultural Association of Eger	Drug counselling service	1,262
Foundation of the Youth of Putnok	School environmental program	368
Tisza Club — Environmental and Nature Conservation Civic Organisation	Eco counselling office	1,262
Herman Otto Nature Conservation Circle	Gyorffy tanya project	2,355
Kiss Ferenc Nature Conservation Association of Csemete, Csongrad County	Environmental program for the public	2,103
Civilian Foundation of Hajdusag	Civilian services for nature protection	376
Foundation of the Village Gelse	Community development program for the public	1,682
White Club for the Wild Water Channel Association	Publication about dangerous waste	1,472
Vasi Student Association	Study on play grounds at Szombathely	1,262
Green Pannonia Foundation for Environmental Education	Rehabilitation of Basakert at Babocsa	1,472
Motivation Foundation to Support the Disabled	Collecting data about public spaces for people	2,700
Association of Large Families in Zirc	Training, special events, environment protection and mental hygiene programs	1,682
Association of Large Families in Pilis	Organising sport competitions and events for disadvantaged youth	841
Saint Lawrence Foundation	Helping the disabled children of Mezokovesd	841
Ipoly Unio Environmental and Cultural Association	Developing the environmental program of Balassagyarmat	1,262
Friends of Nature and Cycling Association of Biatorbagy	Selective waste collection education among elementary school students	261
Helping Each Other Association	Protected employment program; weaver training for socially disadvantaged people	2,944
Public Benefit Organisation for Multiple Sclerosis Victims in Bekes County	Promoting independent lifestyle for SM victims	3,364
Blue Cross Foundation	Organising help for single, elderly people	2,103
Village Protection Association of Kerecsend	Liquidating the illegal waste dumps, renewing and digging ditches	1,682
Eco-circle of Miskolc — Fraternity of Environmentalist Students	Examination of environmental awareness local population in Miskolc	1,051
Gypsy Organisation of Somodor	Cleaning the ditches of Somodor with participation of unemployed people	1,051
Association of Environmentalist and Nature Conservation Activists from the Towns of Csongrad County	Collecting popular opinion about the condition of the environment	2,380
TRIDEA Environmentalist Association and Education Centre	Establishing a Regional Environmental Information Center; changing attitudes about waste collection	1,893
Village Renovation Association	Collecting and utilising communal wastes	660
Foundation for the People's College of Szentandre and Galgamenti	Selective waste collection; Earth-day event: Compost-party	1,139
County Education and Youth Centre, Environmental Nature Conservation Education Centre	Creating a Nature park in the area of Irottko: creek examination and cleaning, developing salamander population	463
Toad Action Group Association	Series of events in Duna-Ipoly National Park.	2,165
Benedek Endre Cave Researcher and Environmental Society	State research on Palatinus Lake	1,261
TOTAL		74,028

LATVIA

Finnish Support to REC Activities in Baltic Countries

Latvian Nature and Monument Protection Society	Houses for birds	775
Environmental Protection Club — Burtnieki branch	Conservation measures in Lake Burtnieki and promotion of environmental culture	1,182
Tervete Development Fund	The Life of Birds by Our Own Eyes	1,526
Daugavpils Nature Research and Environmental Education centre	The creation of experimental forest biodiversity plot in Ilgas	1,401
Latvian Ornithological Society	Owls educational events and camps to raise awareness and interest about night birds	1,540
Latvian Environmental Protection Club Valmiera Youth branch	Promotion of green consumerism's in Valmiera City	1,482
Latvian Stork Fund	Stork	1,186
TOTAL		9,092

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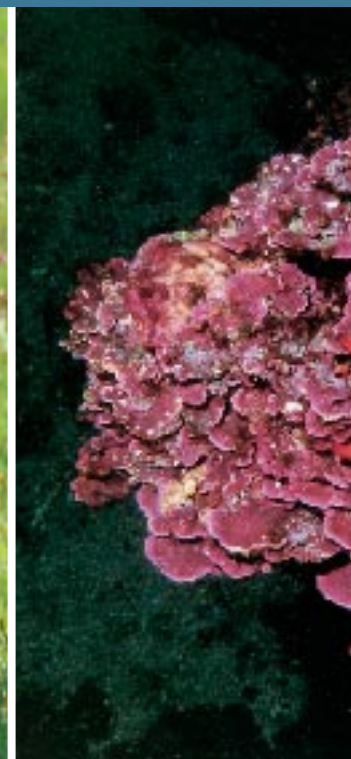
Auce Mazpulki Organization	"Kevele Royal Springs" ecological camp	1,809
Selija Region Development Center	"I Love my Native Selija Region" youth camp in Akniste Parish	2,148
DIVIC Varkava School Branch	"Varkava Path" study trail	1,248
Mezaparks Development Society	Mezaparks Residents and Environment	2,062
Nature and Monument Protection Society (LNMPS) — Cesis Branch	Ecological camp	527
Latvian Mammalogical Society	Summer camp	1,396
TOTAL		9,190

LITHUANIA

Finnish Support to REC Lithuania

Lithuanian Society of Foresters — Forest House Girios aidas	Environmental education for adolescents	898
Lithuanian Ornithologists Society	Environmental education and "Baltasis Gandreas" conservation magazine	2,727
Public Institution "Green Lithuania"	Publishing of the Lithuanian Green Movement Newspaper	1,466
Lithuanian Cyclist Society	Institutional development of the Lithuanian Cyclist Society	1,805
Sialuiai Club for the Protection of Nature and Cultural Heritage "Aukuras"	Kurtuva Green School	1,364





ORGANISATION	PROJECT TITLE	ECU
Lithuanian Green Movement	Celebration of the 10-year anniversary of the Lithuanian Green Movement	1,141
Atgaja Community	"Environment in Your House" mobile environmental exhibition	1,673
Kaunas Region Ornithological Society	Let's Preserve Biodiversity in Central Lithuania	3,182
TOTAL		14,256

MoE Finland contribution towards Earth Day

Vilnius Society for Nature Protection, Youth Club	Earth Day — It's Important For Me	364
The Community of the Ecological Studies in Panevėžys Green Thread	Greening the Earth	227
Youth Community Selos Ramuva	Earth Day in Oveliai	909
Pupil's Environmental Research Club	Celebration of Earth Day	182
Society for the Beautification of Lithuania, Moletai Branch	Contest: Let's give Earth a New Face	636
Club of Environmental Studies	Let's Come Together on Earth Day	315
Ornithologists Club — Kragas	School and local community Earth Day Events	205
Lithuanian Forestry Students Association	Earth Day events	248
Club of Young Ecologists Varnele	The Bird Greeting Festival	409
Kaunas Region Ornithological Society	Let's Revive the Spring Bird Greeting Festival	772
Coastal Region Environmental Protection Society	Not Only Plant, But Also Protect	255
TOTAL		4,522

Phare Local Grants Programme

Lithuanian Nature Society	Assessment of Lithuanian water springs and arranging their environment	2,682
Lithuanian Association of Ecological Agriculture — Gaia	Pollution reduction on ecological farms	1,464
Lithuanian Fund for Nature	Organisational support for Lithuanian Fund for Nature	3,423
TOTAL		7,569

FYR MACEDONIA

Phare Local Grants Programme

Center for Environmental Action Valandovo	Poster of endangered flora in Eastern Macedonia	1,336
Speleological Association Peoni — Skopje	Album of natural, cultural and endangered rarities of the Matka Canyon	899
Zdrav zivot Environmental Association	Quiz	1,409
Bios — Youth Research Organization	Publishing environmental diploma	525
Eco-Educator Environmental Association	Environmentally Educated Children — Healthy Future	1,863
Environmental Association Ella — Skopje	We Have a Right to Ask	1,833
Goce Delcev Scout Association	Scouts Love and Preserve Nature	909
Association for Revitalization and Conservation of Bituse	Let's Protect River Radika from Pollutants	1545
Youth Informational Center — Tetovo	Eco-cult	1,078
Eco Media	Campaign for protection of the zoo	1,557
Independent Association for Protection and Promotion of the Environment	Waste and Creation	1,714
DOM Molika	Trim Trail	2,277
E.A. Prespa	Environmental education	1,453
E.A. Derven	Green telephone line and improving public informational services	434
E.A. Silina	Environmental education and raising public awareness for environmental problems	695
E.A. Zdravec	Involving more NGOs in the protection of the environment in the region	1,402
Macedonian Scout Organization	Clean up the World	987
Association for protection of the nature	Printing cost: brochure for Pelister National Park	1,850
E.A. Bistrica	Chemical treatment of fruit	1,486
TOTAL		25,252





ORGANISATION	PROJECT TITLE	ECU
POLAND		
Phare Local Grants Programme		
Workshop for All Beings	Dzikie Zycie — Campaigns for wildlife protection and promoting ecology	2,010
Grain Ecological and Cultural Association	Grain germinating — implementation stage	2,668
Greenworks Association	Amphibians Active Conservation Project	2,714
PTOP Salamandra	Protection of bat colonies in Wielkopolska and Pomorze — Stage One	3,801
Green Action Ecological Foundation of the Legnica Region	Small Steps Towards Reducing Waste — Stage Two	2,189
Green Federation GAIA Szczecin	Education events	1,877
Green Mazovia Association	Bicycles Their Own Way Campaign	3,217
Social Ecological Institute	Environmental library and video collection	1,367
GAIA Club	Local Earth Program	4,000
Common Earth Environmental and Cultural Association	Printing of a monthly newsletter	961
The Greens — Ecological Association	Green Wave in Wroclaw	833
The Greens — Ecological Association	Equipment	386
Civic Environmental League	Computer equipment	1,207
Association for Nature Wolf	Let's Protect Predators	2,000
Workshop for All Beings	Network of Green Tourist Shelters in the Carpathians	1,054
Foundation for the Support of Environmental Initiatives — Green Brigades — Publishing House	Training program for the Green Brigade newsletter	2,022
Polish Scouting and Guiding Association	Environmental scout teams	3,993
Polish Ecological Club Mlawa Circle	Let's begin with ourselves	3,040
Polish Ecological Club — Lubusian Branch	Computer equipment	492
Society for Nature and Man	Quarterly Oicos Environment and Cooperation	2,288
Friends of Hel Association	Equipment	1,438
Waste Prevention Association 3R	Updated edition of environmental NGO initiatives directory	1,275
Westpomeranian Ornithological Association	Improving efficiency in protecting valuable nature sites in the Szczecin Region	1,613
Polish Ecological Club — Upper Silesian Chapter Gliwice Circle	Promotion of Organic Farming	10,000
TOTAL		56,445
ROMANIA		
Capacity Building in Balkan Countries		
Romanian Mountain Club	Ecotourism in protected areas in Moldavian Carpathians	3,107
Transylvania Ecological Club	Eco Forum 98	2,680
Youth Organization Ecos	Informing local people and youth on ways to protect reptiles	1,762
Nemere Hiking Association	Nemere Club 1998	2,249
The Club of Speleology Crysis	Romanian protected caves image data base	1,349
Banat Ja Friends of the Mountains	CER Tim (Resource Center)	3,062
Ecological Consultancy Center	School portfolio	2,700
TOTAL		16,909

HELPING WILDLIFE IN THE REGION: Through awareness raising and direct efforts toward protecting habitats, NGOs funded by the REC help Bulgaria's brown bear (left), Croatia's sea life (center) and Hungary's salamanders and frogs (right).



ORGANISATION	PROJECT TITLE	ECU
Phare Local Grants Programme		
UNESCO Pro Nature	Partnership for Retezat	3,298
Ecologist Youth of Romania	Resource and Environmental Education Center — Busteni	1,578
Eco Alpex 024	Environmental Caricature II	2,273
Romanian Lepidopterological Society	Insects and their significance — data base	3,153
The Club of Speleology AMONIT	Protected areas in the mountain zone	1,577
Pro Mediu Foundation	Green book of Buzau county	1,477
Romanian Association of Nature Lovers	Involvement for environment	1,054
Wildlife Foundation	Wildlife	1,774
Eco Center Amoeba	Environmental education center	1,759
Wildlife Association	Equipment	920
Romanian Association of Environmental Journalists	"Perspective" magazine	4,166
Romanian Philatelists Association	Botanical '98 environmental stamps	1,290
Ecos Youth Organization	NGO network development for native amphibians and reptiles	1,846
Albamont	Albamont — Chances for the Third Millennium	3,090
Energy Consumption Optimization Society SOCER	More Possibilities for Pollution Reduction	2,940
Romanian Association of Nature Lovers	Equipment	1,250
TOTAL		33,445

SLOVAKIA

Phare Local Grants Programme		
SEPS	Environmental protection activities in electronic form	714
Society of Friends of the Earth — Revuca	For Our Environment	625
KOZA Zvolen	Environmental education of children	625
SZOPK Plamienka	Conservation of endangered owls	488
Green Line	Mysterious Living Planet	893
Aliance of Women of Slovakia	Economics — As If It Depends on People	893
Association of Friends of the Earth	Sustainable Human Settlements	518
SZOPK Sirius	Eco-camp and Energy Brigades	1,339
BIOSFERA Association for Landscape Ecological Development	Alternative Development of Society	1,161
For Mother Earth	Library of Ecology and Human Rights	509
SZOPK — Senica	People — Water — Landscape	804
Regional Nature Protectors Association of Kothajova Helga Bratislava	Public Participation in the Green Lungs for Bratislava Programme	625
Fwolf Forest Association	Gaia — Our House	1,071
Free Alternative	Traffic/Transport campaign	670
Daphne	"Daphne" magazine	580
Slovak Center for Cleaner Production	National conference on cleaner production and sustainable development	300
Regional Coordination Committee of Slovak Nature Protectors	Competition: Treasure of Kysece Region	600
Union of Slovak Women	Let the Children Live — Let the flowers bloom	300
Civil Association RADZIM	Full revitalization of Brdarka village	1,000
Society of Sustainable Living	The world seen from the middle of Europe — essays of Czech and Slovak authors	1,750
Association for Harmonious Life	Support of Civil Association for Harmonious Life	1,600
Association PCOLA	Quo Vadis? Which Way will the Slovak NGOs Follow?	1,000
Civil Association People	Campaign for Green Martin City	550
Association Slatinka	Monitoring of wetlands and rivers in the City of Zvolen	700
Tree of Life	Training of volunteer members of NGOs	500
A-projekt n.o.-Liptovsk_ Hrádok	Revitalisation of some areas in Liptov region	750
Slovak Nature Protectors in Samorin City	Planting and maintenance of the forest zone in the Samorin region	475
Municipal Committee of Slovak Nature Protectors in Bratislava	Raising public environmental awareness	1,300
Association of Forest Protectors Wolf	Saving valuable ecosystems of TANAP and NAPANT national parks in the Slovak Republic	250
Slovak Nature Protectors in Bratislava city	Environmental education in secondary and high schools	625
TOTAL		23,215

SLOVENIA

National Grants		
VITRA Centre for Sustainable Development	Assistance to individual NGOs	6,000
SINCO — Slovene Independent Nonprofit Centre	Preparation for changes and completion of the income tax law and law on tax from incomes of legal entities	4,700
Society for Development of Volunteer and Preventive Work	Coordination of NGOs working in the health and social security field	6,000
TOTAL		16,700
Phare Local Grants Programme		
Zlatovranka Research Society	Grajena '98 research camp	1,500
Nature Science Society Simdra	Vrh Korena '98 international research camp	1,000
Slovenian E-Forum	Developing Coalition for Sustainable Energetics	3,000
Center Harmonija	Dragonja Landscape Park — Parks for Living Pilot Project	2,000
Ecological Cultural Society Living Green	Environmental awareness raising	1,000
Slovenian Permacultural Society	Workshop on ecological settlements	1,000
Society for Promotion and Education for Health	Family awareness raising	1,500
Biology Students Society, Bat Protection Section	Making an inventory of bats in Slovenia using ultrasound detectors	2,000
Retina — Society for the Support of Civil Initiatives	Long Way Run	1,500
Society for Cultural Research and Ecology	Equipment	1,000
Society for Quality Living in Sezana	Sustainable Development of Slovenian Cities — Legal Aspect	1,000
Bird Research and Environmental Protection Society	Racki Ribniki — Pozeg Landscape Park (publication)	3,000
TOTAL		19,500

ORGANISATION	PROJECT TITLE	ECU
Phare Karst-Timav Grant Programme		
Speleologists' Society Logatec	Kacna Cave	7,100
Municipality Komen-Village Community Komen	Presentation of Cirje natural monument	5,204
Slovene Forests' Institute Sezana	Forest path	8,586
Tourist Society Vremenska Valley	Revival of footpaths along the Reka River	10,000
Mountainneers' Society — Sezana	Marking footpaths	2,500
Local Community Podgorje	Rehabilitation of the village water collector	3,000
Tourist Society — Stanjel	Drafting water and wastewater treatment plan in Stanjel to improve conditions for tourism	5,180
Speleologists' Society Sezana	Electrification of Vilenica Cave	3,082
Speleologists' Society Sezana	Rehabilitation of polluted Caves	6,690
Divaca Municipality	Spring cleaning of Vareje's water supply	9,716
Village Community Sveto	Landscape Characteristic of Lower Karst	5,311
Local Community Lokev	Sustainable development in Lokev	8,500
Local Community Storje	Reorganisation of the mortuary	10,000
Sežana Municipality	Interactive multimedia presentation of tourism in Karst Regional Park	9,911
Society Fraska Sezana	Osmica	10,000
Small Cattle Breeder's Society from Karst	Preservation of cultural heritage of farming areas in Karst	8,700
Countrywomen Society of Karst Region	Elaboration of the Karst National Costumes	5,320
Tourist Society Skocijan	Ethnological exhibition	2,200
TOTAL		121,000
Phare Stanjel Programme		
TSE Audio-video engineering — Ljubljana	Supply of equipment for the CIC	10,500
Institute of Geodesy, Cartography and Photogrammetry, Ljubljana	Topographical, cadastral and ortho-photo chart, land ownership inventory; geodetic chart and 3-dimensional model	23,165
Regional Institute for Preservation of Natural and Cultural Heritage in Nova Gorica	Historical features study and restoration guidelines	16,200
Gorica Museum — Castle Kromberk	Archaeological excavation	16,020
Faculty of Architecture — Ljubljana	General overview and development of an amended proposal of CP with the community's views and final draft of CP	29,000
KARS, Sezana	Documentation for building permits	6,342
Stonecutting Tavcar — Povir	Renovation	7,845
TOTAL		109,072

YUGOSLAVIA**USEPA NGO Grants**

Society of Tara River Friends	Cleaning the Tara River	1,000
Dr. Sava Petrovic Biological Society	Suva Planina Eco Camp	727
Serbian Ecological Society	Ex-situ protection of internationally important plants	1,364
Ecological Society Rihard Cornai	Equipment	546
Center for Non-Violent Conflict Resolution — Nis	Introduction for LEAP Nis	455
Pearls of the Sara Mountain Ecological Society	Operational costs	364
Stevica Jovanovic Scouts Association	Suva Planina Eco Camp	455
Nature Protection Society Tikvara	4th Festival of Ecological Theaters for Children	455
Young Researchers of Vojvodina	Tisa: The River of Co-operation	909
Ecological Society of Vrnjacka Banja	Mapping of illegal dumps in Vrnjacka Banja	682
Ecology Movement of Ruma	Fontana workshop	909
Birds Study and Protection Society of Vojvodina	Mapping of migrating bird colonies in Serbia	909
Center for Ecological Researching — Ljubovija	Ecological school	455
Eco-ethnology Research Center — Bostava	Presentation of environmental NGOs publications at the Belgrade book Fair	1,591
Society for the Protection of River Djetinja	Eco camp Paradise Islands	182
Ecological Commune Little Paradise	Evaluation of Natural Resources	273
Young Ecologists Society of Niksic	Eco-quiz: Ecology Our Reality	455
Ecological Movement Ripaljka	Moravica 2	364
Citizen Society Manifesto	Environmental supplement for the local newspaper	455
Young Researchers of Serbia	Belgrade Would be White without Leaded Petrol	1,727
Young Researches of Belgrade	Nature One and Unique	727
EH 21 — Environmental Group	Campaign for pine tree preservation	364
Ecological Movement — Gradac	Equipment	886
Ecological Society ARKUS	Eco Camp '99	1,091
Green Place Kikinda	Towards an Ecological Town	546
Ecological Society Toplica	Improving of NGO operational activities	364
Ecological Movement White tree	Environmental education for pupils and teachers in elementary schools	546
Society of Young Researchers Bor	Equipment	886
Natural Food Association Terra's	Ecologica	1,000
Regata Club Rasina	For Clean Water and Waterflows	909
Society for Environmental Protection — Stara Planina	Preservation of medical herbs on Stara Planina Mountains	773
Center for Environmental Research — Ljubovija	Environmental consultations	364
TOTAL		22,733





Danube Small Grants Awarded in 1998

BOSNIA		
ORGANISATION	PROJECT TITLE	ECU
Weed Science Society of Bosnia and Herzegovina	Investigation of allelopathy as a new biological means of weed control — pilot project	1,091
SANUS	Ecological Island on the river Sana	2,727
Pedological Society of Bosnia and Herzegovina	Pesticide residues in surface water	2,727
The Old Oak Tree	The protection of the rivers in the Lasva area	2,273
Ecological Movement	The protection of the Lasva basin	2,273
Eco Greens	Evaluation of the pollution rate through waste waters from the Tuzla region and investigating the possibility of pollution reduction	1,818
Ecological Engineering of Republika Srpska	Earthquakes of Banja Luka region	1,818
Ecological Engineering of Republika Srpska	Environment protection in Banja Luka	1,818
Joint project of Beta, Vidra and Speleo Dodo	Sustainable development of natural and human resources in Bosnia and Herzegovina, Case study Vranica	2,273
EKO Bosnia and Herzegovina	Establishment and initiation of Green Patrols operation in primary and secondary schools	1,546
EKO Bosnia and Herzegovina	Establishment of database on endangered habitats and plant communities in the basins of the rivers Bosna and Vrbas	2,364
TOTAL		22,728
BULGARIA		
ORGANISATION	PROJECT TITLE	ECU
Environmental Management and Training Center (EMTC)	Workshop: Quality management and rational usage of drinking water in the region of the Ogosta river	3,636
Union for Protection of Nature	The biodiversity of vertebrates in the wetlands of the Danube river basin	2,727
Alpine Club Edelweiss	Water on the Horizon	2,727
National Movement Ecoglasnost	Assessment of the biological status of the Iskar river in the conditions of established heavy metals pollution	2,727
Bulgarian Society for Protection of Birds	Protection of ornithological places in the Danube river basin through involving local residents	1,364
Information and Education Center of ecology	Rational use of the drinking water in the city of Sofia	1,364
Desirable Earth Association Pleven	Educational and public awareness campaign	2,272
Association Green Balkans	Conservation and restoration of the ecosystems in the Iskar, Vit and Osam river valleys	3,182
Association Green Balkans	Urgent conservation and restoration activities in the protected site Kalimok	2,727
TOTAL		22,726
CROATIA		
ORGANISATION	PROJECT TITLE	ECU
Green Osijek/Oaza	Drava marsh in Baranja	2,727
Brod Ecological Society	Education pathway through the Gajna	2,182
Croatian Ornithological Society	Humid meadows along the Odra River — status, protection and sustainable development	3,536
Croatian Ornithological Society	Photo equipment	966
Friends of Marusevec Castle	Istrazivanje i zaštita dvorca Marusevec	1,052
Croatian Geographical Society	Protection of Mreznica River	4,177
Scientific Education Organization Nobilis	Medjimurje — country between the waters	4,518
Green Action	Eco-colouring book and manual on water protection in the Danube river basin in Croatia	3,568
TOTAL		22,726



**ROMANIA**

ORGANISATION	PROJECT TITLE	ECU
ECOS Youth Organization	Civil society and local authorities: Local action plan elaboration for the north-west Dobrogea wet areas	2,782
Ecological Group for Cooperation	ReMediu Supplement	2,497
Speleological Club AMONIT	The protection of the Aquatic reservation in Neamt	906
Ecological Group for Cooperation Nera	Public participation in pollution monitoring on the Danube in Caras Severin County	2,800
Banat Ja Frinds of the Mountains	Eco Nera 98	3,884
Speleological Association Explorers	Common Responsibility for the Danube	2,838
Tourism and Ecology Moldavia	Environmental education	1,207
ECOTUR	Wet areas	2,177
Naturalists Foundation Al. Borza	Children and the Danube	3,636
TOTAL		22,727

SLOVENIA

ORGANISATION	PROJECT TITLE	ECU
Cultural — Sports Society Laze Jakovica	100-year Anniversary of the Unica Karst River Regulations	1,364
Bird Watching and Bird Study Society of Slovenia	Landscape Park Aturmovci	3,455
Institute for Ecological Alternatives and Ecologist's Society of Slovenia	Workshops on ecological engineering: Building Wetlands for Wastewater Treatment	909
Tourist Society Semic	Revitalization of Krupa River Area	1,818
Institute for Integral Development and Environment	Water Detective	2,727
Association of Ecological Farmers of Slovenia	Internal inspection and certification of farms in Slovenian Organic Farmers Association	4,546
Labeco — Center for Ecological Research	Four Seasons	2,727
Bird Watching and Bird Study Society of Slovenia	Geese	909
Slovenian Ecological Movement	Eco Flags	2,000
Fishing Society Crnomelj	What Kind of Tourism do We Want on Kolpa River	2,273
TOTAL		22,728

YUGOSLAVIA

ORGANISATION	PROJECT TITLE	ECU
Young Researchers of Vojvodina	International project with Tisa Ecological School	909
Ecological Movement Panonska Zora	Publication of eco-magazine Panonska zora	727
Ecolibri-Bionet	Avis Marsilliana 98/99	3,246
The Ecological Society GRADAC	Purchasing of laboratory equipment for water quality control in the Danube basin	3,182
The Ecological Society of Serbia	Four River Banks	4,512
Ecological Society Rihard Cornai	Biodiversity of natural habitat in the Tisa River basin	3,181
Center for Ecological and Ethnological Research — Bostava	Groundwater quality and research of biodiversity in caves and karst objects in the Miroc mountain area	2,424
Movement of ecologist of Sremska Mitrovica	Equipment	1,818
Yugoslav Danube Environmental Forum	YUDEF Start	2,727
TOTAL		22,726

PROTECTING BIODIVERSITY: NGOs funded by the REC that protect diverse species in the region include: Slovakia's WOLF Forest Protection Movement (left), Bulgaria's Bat Research and Protection Group (center) and Croatia's Submarine Research Group (right).



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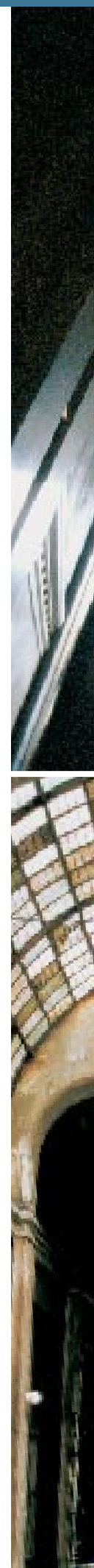
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REPORT OF INDEPENDENT AUDITORS

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 at December 31, 1998 in accordance with International Standards on Auditing.

In our opinion, the balance sheet gives a true and fair view of the financial position of the Organisation at December 31, 1998 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 17, 1999

BALANCE SHEETS (All amounts in ECU 000's)

	DECEMBER 31, 1998				DECEMBER 31,
	Unrestricted Fund	Restricted Funds	Conference Center	Total Funds	1997 Total
ASSETS					
Current Assets:					
Cash	270	1,167	0	1,437	883
Term deposits	0	1,119	0	1,119	1,899
Prepaid expenses and accrued income	215	8	0	223	143
Local Office Prepayments	137	137	0	274	
Donations Receivable	0	3,918	0	3,918	2,718
Total current assets	622	6,349	0	6,971	5,643
Fixed assets, net	705	75	3	783	711
TOTAL ASSETS	1,327	6,424	3	7,754	6,354
LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCES					
Current Liabilities:					
Advance payments	0	117	0	117	747
Accounts payable and accruals	580	4,959	3	5,542	3,277
Grants payable	66	347	0	413	521
Total current liabilities	646	5,423	3	6,072	4,545
Interfund transfers	-820	724	96	0	
Fund balances	1,501	277	-96	1,682	1,809
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCES	1,327	6,424	3	7,754	6,354

Note: This is a short form of the accounts. For the complete form please see the audited financial statement.





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

	DECEMBER 31, 1998				DECEMBER 31,
	Unrestricted Fund	Restricted Funds	Conference Center	Total Funds	1997 Total
REVENUES					
Cash contributions	769	4,000	0	4,769	3,962
Internal charges	1,632	0	8	1,640	1,027
Interest income	40	79	0	119	106
Other	67	14	112	193	219
TOTAL REVENUES	2,508	4,093	120	6,721	5,314
EXPENSES					
Direct program expenses	1,566	1,455	159	3,180	2,752
Internal charges	0	1,641	0	1,641	1,027
Grants awards	1	924	0	925	835
Administration	727	0	0	727	623
Depreciation	150	0	0	150	127
Foreign exchange gain/loss	64	151	0	215	-129
TOTAL EXPENSES	2,508	4,171	159	6,838	5,235
Excess (deficiency) of revenue over expenses	0	-78	-39	-117	79
Fund Balances at the beginning of the year	1,511	355	-57	1,809	1,734
Interfund equilibration	-10	0	0	-10	-4
FUND BALANCES AT THE END OF THE YEAR	1,501	277	-96	1,682	1,809



IN MEMORIAM: Dr. Ferenc Feher

The REC suffered a tragic loss when Dr. Ferenc Feher, one of its longest-serving employees, was accidentally hit by a car and killed while standing along the roadside on October 30, 1998. He was 40 years old.

Ferenc joined the REC in 1993 with a diploma in biology from Budapest and a degree in Environmental Management from Manchester. Ferenc set up the Earmarked Grants Program and supervised the development of the Grants Team at the Head Office of the REC. He also served three years in the management of the Center and moved on recently to the Biodiversity Initiative. But closest to his heart always remained the small, creative undertakings of grassroots NGOs. He was one of the best qualified among the staff, well-read and sparkingly intelligent yet he was friendly without condescension and humorous without sarcasm. He knew no compromise in his principles but managed to stand up for them without aggression. Ferenc is survived by his wife of 20 years and four children.

FINANCIAL CONTRIBUTIONS (as of 31 December 1998, in ECU)

Country/Organization	1998 Contributions	Total contributions 1990-98
Austria	3,593	491,811
Bulgaria	4,509	4,509
Canada	28,879	739,047
Croatia	4,216	17,088
Czech Republic	7,877	30,041
Denmark	201,181	450,843
Estonia	12,907	12,907
European Union	2,024,136	8,064,456
Finland	113,475	596,599
France	10,683	25,683
Germany	65,777	132,155
Hungary	0	733,297
Japan	476,529	8,612,184
Latvia	6,562	6,562
The Netherlands	174,802	1,209,753
New Zealand	0	14,048
Norway	58,342	316,698
Slovakia	33,126	33,126
Switzerland	130,580	888,052
UNDP/UNEP	320,297	498,750
United Kingdom	52,009	88,048
United States	1,417,605	7,239,357
Other	240,933	530,042
TOTAL	5,388,013	30,735,056

IN-KIND CONTRIBUTIONS (in ECU)

Country/Organization	Total Contributions 1990-98
Croatia	6,350
Germany	261,610
Hungary	1,231,134
UNDP/UNEP	3,846
United States	50,081
TOTAL	1,553,021

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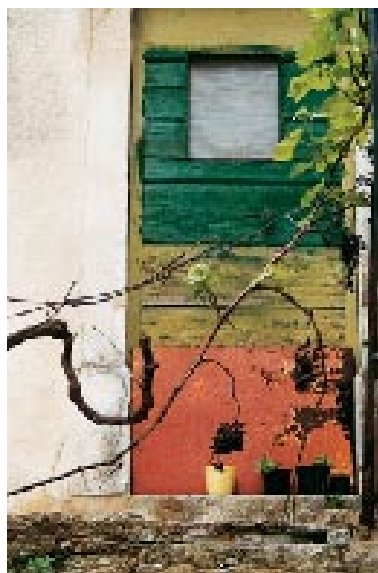
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