

REReP Work Plan 2007 – 2008

Background

The objectives of the Regional Environmental Reconstruction Programme for South Eastern Europe (REReP) are:

- the creation of functioning environmental institutions and the development of a sound, effectively enforced environmental legal and policy framework, which approximates with that of the EU;
- strengthened civil society, in which the public has access to environmental information and participates in environmental decision making, and environmental awareness is enhanced;
- achieving measurably reduced levels of environmental pollution, with the corresponding health benefits that follow;
- achieving genuine environmental regional cooperation on cross-border issues that meets the obligations of the SAP.

The 8th REReP task force meeting held on 23rd September 2005 in Brussels decided that the Secretariat should draft a two year work plan for REReP implementation with specific objectives, activities and results.

Aim

To provide assistance to the SEE countries in areas in which regional environmental cooperation is most needed in line with Stabilization and Association Process.

Work Programme Area: REReP Task Force Secretariat Operations Estimated budget: 300 000 EUR Funding source to be specified			
Objectives: 1. To provide coordination between different stakeholders of the programme and the donor efforts in environmental matters. 2. To promote REReP as an effective assistance mechanism and provide transfer of lessons learnt under it. 3. To ensure efficient operation of the REReP Secretariat within its terms of reference.			
Activities:	Implementation	Results/Outputs	Comments
Activity 1. Regional cooperation activities			
Regional meetings on cross border cooperation	REC in coordination with Task Force stakeholders.	A platform and opportunities for the countries to exchange information, experience and ideas in developing	Topics might include but are not limited to: analysis of regional needs and recommendations for

		regional and cross border cooperation is provided.	action, presenting and discussing new regional environmental initiatives, best practice, situation and possible creation of cross-border institutional structures. Care will be taken to avoid overlaps with similar activities at regional or national level which may be undertaken by other initiatives or programmes.
Assisting the countries in further developing regional and cross border cooperation	By involving the REC country offices in providing support in facilitating sub-regional or bilateral cross border meetings for project development.	Assistance provided at national level, bilateral/regional visits of the stakeholders, agreements concluded.	Care will be taken to avoid overlaps with similar activities at regional or national level which may be undertaken by other initiatives or programmes.
Activity 2. Information and dissemination activities:			
Information dissemination and exchange to ensure transparency of the programme and enable synergy between the projects.	Using electronic means: mailing list, publishing the electronic newsletter "REReP Records", updating the website and electronic database.	A quarterly published newsletter, website and electronic database updated permanently, information spread by mailing list.	
Presenting key achievements of the programme.	Publishing the main achievements of REReP, programme implementation within the two year period. The publication will be drafted by the REC with input from all the REReP stakeholders.	Publication "REReP Highlights 2006 – 2007"	
Presenting of the programme at international level	Participating in international events, dissemination of information and publication on REReP lessons learned to be drafted by the REC with comments from REReP stakeholders.	REReP presented at international events, publication on REReP lessons learned.	
Activity 3. REReP Task Force Secretariat			
Organizing task force meetings.	In cooperation with the European	One REReP Task Force Plenary	Dates of the meetings are subject

	Commission and the host country. The meetings will be co-chaired by the European Commission and one of the countries on a rotating basis.	meeting will be organised per year. Other meetings to be agreed by Task Force stakeholders.	to decision by the REREP Task Force stakeholders.
Implementation of the task force decisions between the meetings.	In coordination with the concerned Task Force stakeholders.	Decisions or instructions of the task force implemented	

Work Programme Area: Assistance in Environmental Law Drafting

Estimated budget: 300 000 EUR. Budget may be revised as some activities are already undertaken by other programmes/projects. Funding source to be specified.

NOTE: activities of this work programme area must take into account all other activities related to law drafting which may be undertaken at national and regional level by any other programme in SEE countries.

Activities need to be closely linked to activities undertaken by the project's beneficiary countries in the ECENA network. This network has a wider geographical scope than REREP and is therefore not part of the REREP Work Programme.

Objectives:

- To promote the efficient and effective development of comprehensive legislative frameworks in compliance with the EU environmental *acquis* within the SAP context, through application of a regional strategic approach that encourages dialogue and cooperation, sharing of outputs and solutions, and joint implementation of activities.
- To enhance the capacities of the beneficiary ministries to produce environmental legislation by providing a critical review of draft documents.
- To facilitate the co-operation on environmental law within the SEE region by facilitating the operation of ELAN and maintaining and keeping up-to-date a comprehensive, detailed, publicly accessible database of environmental legislative drafting processes in SEE on the basis of substantive, regionally-based knowledge

Activities:	Implementation	Results/Outputs	Comments
Activity 1 Capacity building for legal drafting – regional level <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Regional topic-oriented workshops and study visits connected with environmental law approximation topics of common interest to the beneficiary countries • Environmental Law Approximation Network (ELAN) meetings 	REC will manage and implement Activity 1. The study visits should ideally be hosted by MS institutions. External experts may be sub-contracted to provide specific expertise.	Raised capacity of ministry officials on legal drafting Boosted legal approximation process within SAP Facilitated regional cooperation on environmental law development Exchanged expertise throughout the region 2 workshops, 2 study visits, 2, network meetings, Reports for the events	The activities will be coordinated with other existing mechanisms like ECENA, IMPEL, TAIEX, national and regional CARDS and IPA, as well as the Commission's progress monitoring project. Assistance projects supported by donors other than the European Commission will also be taken into account.

<p>Activity 2</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Report on <i>Regional Cooperation on Environmental Law Approximation</i> – status and perspectives and 2 brochures on “success stories”, and value added under the project • Semi-annual electronic newsletter providing updates of the most relevant developments in environmental law drafting in the SEE region. • Maintain and regular update of the matrix of national environmental law projects • Maintain the ELAN email list and the project website and facilitate regional exchange of relevant documents and laws 	<p>REC will manage and implement Activity 2.</p>	<p>Report published 2 brochures published Matrix updated facilitated management of ELAN list 4 issues of the newsletter</p>	<p>Care will be taken to avoid overlaps with similar activities at regional or national level which may be undertaken by other initiatives or programmes, notably, but not only, the ongoing progress monitoring project for candidate and potential candidate countries.</p>
<p>Activity 3</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Country/entity-specific request-driven assistance, not covered by other programmes 	<p>REC will manage and implement Activity 3 in cooperation with ELAN members.</p> <p>External legal experts may be sub-contracted to provide specific expertise.</p>	<p>Increased capacity in law drafting at the environment ministries in the region</p>	<p>Care will be taken to avoid overlaps with similar activities at regional or national level which may be undertaken by other initiatives or programmes, notably, but not only, TAIEX.</p>

Work Programme Area: Assistance in Environmental Investments

Estimated budget: 500 000 EUR Funding source to be specified

Objectives: To build capacities of the SEE countries in relation to improving implementation mechanisms of the key EU investment heavy directives and better preparation of environmental infrastructure investment projects, which are needed to comply with these directives.

Activities:	Implementation	Results/Outputs	Comments
1. Preparation of Updated lists of infrastructure investment projects for each country (4 updates, every 6 months) and associated documents	REC, focal points, key experts, country key experts, short term local experts	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Four bi-annual updates, for each country• Guidelines on updating the lists of projects• Project identification forms for new proposed projects• Prioritisation list with up to 10 high priority projects• Analytical reports with each update• Web site updates	Care will be taken to avoid overlaps with similar activities at regional or national level which may be undertaken by other initiatives or programmes, such as CARDS or IPA national or regional programmes.
2. Preparation of Manuals for assisting the project proponents in developing and preparing environmental infrastructure projects, one manual per year	REC Head office key experts, Short term international experts	Two Manuals, covering two of the following topics: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Implementing Polluter Pays Principle Developing infrastructure projects in the municipalities• Developing financing strategies for implementing directives• Communication strategies with stakeholders for infrastructure projects	
3. Regional Networking	REC Head Office PEIP team, REC Country Offices	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Consultations with beneficiaries• Four regional Meetings	

	<i>(with participation of key interested stakeholders)</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Minutes and conclusions from the meetings • Web site updates 	
4. Capacity Building	Key experts of the project, Local key experts	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • One national Capacity Building workshop per country – 7 in total • Curriculum for the training workshops • Minutes and conclusions from the workshops • Web site updates 	Care will be taken to avoid overlaps with similar activities at regional or national level which may be undertaken by other initiatives or programmes, such as CARDS or IPA national or regional programmes, and TAIEX.
5. Final publication and results dissemination	Key experts, Local key experts	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Outline of the final publication • Dissemination strategies for individual countries • Dissemination strategy for whole project • Final publication 	
6. Management and Reporting Ensuring commitment	REC Head office key experts, Local key experts	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Meetings with the relevant stakeholders • Inception Report • Interim progress reports • Final progress report 	
7. Study tours for ministry officials to selected EU Member states	REC Head office and REC country offices	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • transfer of experience in relation to: investment projects identification, prioritisation, • project preparation • financing/ investment strategies • financing strategies for compliance with the EU directives • 	Care will be taken to avoid overlaps with similar activities at regional or national level which may be undertaken by other initiatives or programmes, such as CARDS or IPA national or regional programmes, and TAIEX.
8. Investment strategies development	REC Head Office/ REC CO/ international experts	on the request of the country development of an investment strategy for chosen sector or directive	Care will be taken to avoid overlaps with similar activities at regional or national level which may be undertaken by other initiatives or programmes, such as CARDS

			or IPA national or regional programmes.
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Work Programme Area: Environmental Assessment
 Estimated budget: 500 000 EUR Funding source to be specified

Objectives: Build capacity for application of EU EIA and SEA Directives in SEE through regional networking of practitioners and policy-makers

Activities:	Implementation	Results/Outputs	Comments
1. Setting up of the REReP Working Group on EIA/SEA	Technical Secretariat provided by REC. Ministry of Environment officials nominated and participating in the Working Group meetings. -	REReP regional platform of SEA and EIA practitioners is set up Meetings of the platform held and results disseminated.	Care will be taken to avoid overlaps with any similar activity at regional or national level which may be undertaken by other initiatives or programmes, such as CARDS or IPA national or regional programmes or TAIEX.
2. Study on a comparative analysis of implementation of EIA Directives and SEA Directive in SEE countries, including pilot studies on SEA regulations and procedures in REReP countries/territories	The REC will undertake the study	1. The results of the study will be published.	
3.Workshops:	a) Two day workshop on EIA		

<p>a) “Strengthening EIA procedures in SEE”</p> <p>b) “Developments of SEA procedures in SEE”</p>	<p>with speakers from EU member States that have recently established effective arrangements for the implementation of the EIA Directive (e.g. Czech Republic, Hungary, etc.).</p> <p>b) Two day workshop with speakers from EU member States that have established effective arrangements for the implementation of the SEA Directive (e.g. Austria, UK, etc.)</p>	<p>Reports of the workshops</p>	
<p>Workshop on implementation of the Espoo Convention on transboundary EIA</p>	<p>Two day workshop with speakers from EU Member States that have the best practice in this area</p>	<p>Report of the workshop</p>	<p>Care will be taken to avoid overlaps with any similar activity at regional or national level which may be undertaken by other initiatives or programmes, such as CARDS or IPA national or regional programmes, or TAIEX.</p>

Work Programme Area: Waste Management

Estimated budget: 400 000 EUR Funding source to be specified

Objectives:

1. To prevent waste production
2. To introduce sound waste management technologies

Specific Objectives:

1. Assisting implementation of relevant legislation and exchange of experiences among new, acceding and pre-acceding member states
2. Creating sustainable waste prevention and management technology markets by promoting access to information

Activities:	Implementation	Results/Outputs	Comments
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<p>Packaging waste</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Assess packaging waste directive implementation • Transfer experiences from other implementing countries • Identify best practices • Make policy recommendations 	<p>The REC will implement all the activities in cooperation with the REReP stakeholders, e.g. national focal points, senior and officials engaged in waste management.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Best practices in the implementation of the packaging directive - Policy recommendations 	<p>Care will be taken to avoid overlaps with similar activities at regional or national level which may be undertaken by other initiatives or programmes, such as CARDS or IPA national or regional programmes, and TAIEX.</p>
<p>Waste Electrical and Electronic Equipment (WEEE)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Assess WEEE directive implementation • Transfer experiences from other implementing countries • Identify best practices • Make policy recommendations 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Best practices in the implementation of the WEE directive - Policy recommendations 	
<p>Technology transfer of environmentally sound waste management methods</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Needs assessment (including waste flows and prospected policy developments) • Survey on available technologies and providers • Technology transfer workshops 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Report on technology demand - Report on technology supply - Technology transfer workshops - Policy recommendations to increase the use of sound waste management technologies 	
<p>Technology transfer of cleaner industrial technologies in order to promote waste prevention</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Needs assessment (including industrial activities and prospected policy developments) • Survey on available technologies and providers • Technology transfer workshops 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Report on technology demand - Report on technology supply - Technology transfer workshops - Policy recommendations to increase the use of cleaner technologies and the level of competitiveness 	
<p>Transboundary shipment of waste</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Needs assessment (including drafting secondary legislation and support for implementation) • Transfer of experiences in drafting secondary legislation • Training of environmental and border authorities 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Report on identified local needs -Manual on drafting secondary legislation -Training for implementing authorities 	<p>Care will be taken to avoid overlaps with similar activities at regional or national level which may be undertaken by other initiatives or programmes, such as CARDS or IPA national or regional programmes, and TAIEX.</p>