

REReP REGIONAL MEETING
"TOWARDS NATURA 2000 IN SOUTH EASTERN EUROPE"
HOTEL BOSNIA, KULOVICA 9, SARAJEVO
29TH OF MAY 2009



Concept and purpose of the meeting

The meeting is organized under the Regional Environmental Reconstruction Programme for South Eastern Europe (REReP) funded by the European Commission – CARDS Regional. It will be held in Sarajevo, Bosnia and Herzegovina, in cooperation and with the kind hosting of Regional Cooperation Council (RCC).

Discussions will be continued regarding establishment of NATURA 2000 and EMERALD networks in candidate and potential candidate countries, initiated at the Regional workshop “Approximation with EU Nature Protection Legislation in South Eastern Europe”, as part of the REReP Task II “Assistance in Environmental Law Drafting in South Eastern Europe”. During the Regional workshop, held in Belgrade 4-6 June, 2008, exchange of experiences and lessons learned in designation and management of natural sites from their legal aspects were presented and discussed.

The objective of this meeting is to:

- Provide information on EU biodiversity and Natura 2000 policy and experiences across EU27
- Learn from experiences on setting and management of NATURA 2000 and other ecological networks
- Discuss progress made in the region, ways for streamlining cooperation and coordination, particularly in cross-border context for the representatives of different authorities and stakeholders in the candidate and potential candidate countries in SEE on issues related to nature conservation and Natura 2000.

The structure of the event will follow a top down approach. First the EU Commission's Communication "Halting the Loss of Biodiversity loss by 2010 - and Beyond: Sustaining ecosystem services for human well-being"¹ and other relevant EU policies will be presented and discussed. Examples of NATURA 2000 implementation in EU27 and different initiatives from the regions should provide examples for possible approaches and lessons learned in this particular field. The follow-up and implementation both in EU countries and South Eastern Europe will be addressed in particular. Options for IPA cross-border and other initiatives, as well as possible priorities for cross-border cooperation in SEE in the field of nature conservation and Natura 2000 management will be discussed.

Invited participants:

- Ministries responsible for Environment in SEE
- Nature protection institutions in SEE
- Donor community, IFIs
- Non-governmental organizations, involved in nature conservation/Natura 2000 at cross-border context in SEE

¹ (COM (2006) 216 final <http://eur-lex.europa.eu/LexUriServ/LexUriServ.do?uri=CELEX:52006DC0216:EN:NOT>)

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Friday, 29 May 2009		
8.30 – 9.00	Registration of Participants	
Time	Agenda Item	Speaker
9.00 – 9.15	Introductory Session	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Official opening of the meeting, adoption of the agenda and objectives of the meeting 	Mr. Miroslav KUKOBAT, Regional Cooperation Council (RCC) Mr. Reuf HADZIBEGIC, Assistant Minister, Ministry of Foreign Trade and Economic Relations of Bosnia and Herzegovina Mr. Radoje LAUSEVIC, Regional Environmental Center (REC)
9.15 – 10.30	Session 1 Setting the scene: EU framework and implementation of NATURA 2000	
9.15 – 9.40	NATURA 2000 policy framework, towards Green Infrastructure for Europe, EU Communication and outreach campaign on biodiversity – view from the Commission	EC representative (delivered by Ms. Ana POPOVIC, Regional Environmental Center REC)
9.40 – 10.05	Management of NATURA 2000 in EU 27, challenges and solutions <i>Presentation of preliminary results of EU funded study on NATURA 2000 in EU 27</i>	Mr. Kruk RINK, Research Institute for Nature and Forest (INBO)
10.05 – 10.30	Pan-European Ecological Network (PEEN) and European Ecological Network in South-Eastern Europe (SEENET)	Mr. Lawrence JONES-WALTERS, European Centre for Nature Conservation (ECNC)
10.30 – 10.50	Discussions	



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10.50 – 11:10	<i>Coffee break</i>	
11.10 – 12.30	Session 2 Overview of the situation and related processes in SEE countries	
11.10 – 12.40	<i>Short overview of the legal framework of protected sites and status of existing ecological networks in SEE countries</i>	Countries Reporting, 10 minutes allocated for each presentation
	<i>Discussions</i>	
12.40 – 14:00	<i>Lunch break</i>	
14.00 – 15.00	Session 3 Identification of ongoing and future cross-border projects for SEE Countries	
14.00 – 14.20	<i>Management of natural resources in cross-border context, outcomes, lessons-learned from SDC Balkan transboundary projects</i>	Mr. Martin FRITSCH, Environmental management & communication (EMAC)
14.20 – 15.30	<i>Short overview of the status of ongoing and planned cross-border projects in SEE Countries and identification of future priorities</i>	Countries Reporting, up to 7 minutes will be allocated for each presentation
15.30 – 15:50	<i>Coffee break</i>	
15.50 – 16.30	<i>Moderated discussion: views and perspectives of international organizations/donors/NGOs</i>	
Time	Agenda Item	Speaker
16.30 – 16.50	Concluding session	
16.30 – 16.40	<i>Summary of the meeting</i>	Mr. Radoje LAUSEVIC, Regional Environmental Center (REC)
16.40 – 17.00	<i>Conclusions and next steps</i>	