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Introduction

Set up of the project in Albania

Due to the present MKOE project in Albania, REC and MKOE reached an agreement of considering MKOE as leading organization on supporting NGO e-network. Therefore a continuous dialogue and exchange of information exists between two country representations in activity and time planning. MKOE supports the operation related costs of the “Center for Electronic Communication” (QKE), while REC Albania through the country component of REReP 2.3 supports some of the activity related costs for this Center. In addition, REC and MKOE has closely cooperated on supporting and organizing other NGO sector activities, which enhance the e-networking and cooperation in regional and national scale.

In addition to the common activities organized and support by REC and MKOE, REC Albania is responsible for developing and implementing several other activities under REReP 2.3 in the fields of “E-Info Exchange” and “Logistic support for e-networking”. Although the leading role remains with REC Albania, the cooperation with NGOs and especially QKE has been principle of our work.

QKE establishment and strengthening process

By the initiative of MKOE, a group of e-communication is established in Albania called Center for Electronic Communication” (QKE) (initially known as “Jehona”). It is composed by 4 NGO members of different NGOs, coming from different regions of Albania. The 4 young members have shown a high dedication and enriched the short curriculum of this group by ideas and means of encouraging the e-communication among the environmental NGO sector.

Step by step, QKE established the organization structure and procedures such Charter and other important papers, which will allow them to get registered and establish a legal registered group. The process of registering is due. The group holds monthly meetings in Tirana, where specific topics are discussed (organization, activities, future strategies, new contacts, etc). Recently the group has hired an assistant who is working on assisting the group on activity implementation.

QKE has its own logo, web page (www.qke-al.org) and has made several presentations to get know by the environmental NGO community in different meetings, publications of REC, MKOE, etc.

Finally, QKE has established links and cooperation with other networks in the region, as BlueLink, etc and participated actively on regional meetings with this focus (Bulgaria, Kosovo/a, etc). QKE is part of the Project “ Regional Environmental Content Sharing in the SEE Region” .

QKE partner on implementing REReP 2.3 activities

REC Albania has considered the strengthening of QKE as one of the important component of REReP 2.3 implementation in Albania, going in parallel with the strengthening of the all environmental civil society. This approach aims at promoting similar positive experiences from the region and establish the bases of cooperation and information and experience share within this sector.

REC support the activity part of QKE working plan mainly being focused on Capacity Building for other env. NGO in Albania (training component). Such a support has a double positive effect: a) capacity building for NGOs and b) increase the visibility and promote the establishment of QKE in the NGO sector. In addition, REC supports some promotion materials such as leaflets, etc.

The “Logistic support for e-networking for NGOs” aims at supporting the establishment of e-network through providing equipment to other NGOs. QKE is involved in the process by developing a questionnaire, which will help REC Local Advisory Board on making the best decision on awarding the requested equipment.

Implemented activities

1. Information exchange on environmental field (Environment Today).

Goal:

Support of the environmental civil society development through improving the information exchange and increase the opportunities of learning about and/or being involved in environmental activities.

Description:

The activity include:

- Daily e-mail distribution of environmental information.
- Bi-weekly publication of magazine "Environment Today".
- Electronic forum for discussion on e-networks o other environmental issues.

Activities implemented:

- Preparation and distribution of e-package (124 packages since August '02).
- 8 issues of printed "Environment Today" published (Co-support given by MilieuKontakt Ost Europa).
- The NGO activities covered more than 80% of issue.
- There are 3 environmental reporters (NGOs members) in different cities working on gathering information about NGO activities and environmental issues. One day training is organized for them in how to be a good reporter, gathering information, how to work with media, etc (Trainer Alken Myftiu, REC Albania Project Manager).

Achievements:

The "Environment Today" activity has:

- increased the information exchange between civil society, through distribution of every day electronic package.
- increased the skills of NGOs in how to publish their activities through involving some of their members as reporters at REC.
- contributed on increasing the awareness of NGOs in publishing their activities and working together with other NGOs
- established the only open forum for NGOs and other interested stakeholders in the field on environment.
- reached a wide target groups including NGO, gov'tal authorities, media and researchers.

2. Capacity building for the E-group.

Goal of the meeting:

Increase the skills and capacity of the E-Group on being a facilitator of e-communication for the whole NGO network

Description:

So far REC has maintained contact with MKOE (leading organization for this project in Albania). The electronic group received support by MKOE for the operation costs. Egroup is progressing toward being registered legally. E-group web-page is on the drafting process.

Regarding the activities foreseen on REC support, e-group submitted a proposal on developing the trainings for NGOs in 10 regions of Albania. Due to financial constrain (the requested amount from the e-group was too big) REC Albania is working on developing another strategy on implementation the foreseen activities. It consists on a) co-working with the e-group in order to reduce the logistic costs and b) combine the regional meetings with the one-day training in 5 regions.

Activities implemented:

Two meetings held with MKOE on the progress of e-group

One meeting held with egroup representatives on planning and implementing training activities in 5 districts.

3. Capacity Building: NGO Training on “E-communication tools”

3.1 First training

Date of event:

April 19, 2003

Place:

Pogradec, Albania

Goal:

Building capacity of environmental NGO sector on electronic communication.

Description:

In the frame of the project: “Network Promotion and Cooperation Between Environmental NGO-s”, supported by REC (Regional Environment Center for Eastern and Central Europe, Country Office, Albania), the Centre for Electronic Communication (QKE), organized the training related to electronic communication. The event was organised in Pogradec on 19 April 2003, with the participation of 7 environmental NGO-s from Korca & Pogradec region.

The training course started with a short presentation on the aim and objectives of the training, followed by trainer’ presentations of Ladi Balla & Hekuran Toci, local project coordinator Rrezearta Ago, and the REC project Manager, Alken Myftiu.

The trainer asked participants to present themselves (who they are, their role in the NGO, their expectations). Some of their expectations were:

- Getting and distributing information
- Absorption of e-knowledge
- Getting to know the use of e-mail and internet;
- Sharing experiences among NGOs;
- Information about QKE

Ladi Balla presented the activity and the organizer group, Centre for Electronic communication (QKE), it’s mission, activities, regional activities, donors&partners and the future. Special focus was given to the presentation of the web page (www.qke-al.org).

Participants and trainers discussed about the information offered to environmental NGO-s and the improvement of the information spread, through the possibility of the creation of a mailing list.

Hekuran Toci explained the basic knowledge of Outlook Express, it’s functions, sending & receiving an e-mail, Internet as an information source, the strategy of searching, searching engines in internet, examples.

After the theoretical part, participants practised for 1 hour the use of internet, sending and receiving e-mails to each- other.

The training continued with the presentation on how to write a good article/news by a local journalist Afroviti Gusho. Writing a good article will help them to attract media and present their NGO to the wide public. She described all phases in writing news. She gave practical tips on how to write an article as for example:

- Collection of general information on the issue/subject;
- Collection of different facts;
- And include key words: who, what, when, why and how;

Later on, the participants were divided in two groups practicing how to write an article about an actual problem. A reporter from each group presented the “articles”.

Evaluation Form about the training was filled at the end of the course.

Comments for Discussions

More information about Environmental Conventions in the web page

Contribution of environmental NGO-s in sending environmental information

Achievements:

Information given to participants about the Group of Electronic Communication

- Presentation of the QKE web page
- Knowledge given to NGOs about e-mail, internet
- E-mail list is established with NGOs of this region
- Practical information on media relations

Agenda:

Presentation of the activity and the group

(QKE, Ladi Balla) 20 min

Presentation of the participants 10 min

E-mail, Internet

(QKE, Ladi Balla, Hekuran Toci) 2.5 hrs

- Basic knowledge of using e-mail, what is an e-mail address, it's function, sending & receiving materials
- Basic knowledge of using Internet. What is a searching engine, which is the strategy of searching on Internet, a fast and efficient way of finding information on Internet?
- An e-mail address for free on internet
- Practicing of using internet
- Journalism

(Afroviti Gusho, Refleksione NGO) 30 – 45 min

Working Group: A short course for basic knowledge on writing an article.

Coffee Break (Filling the evaluation form) 15 min

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11 persons, representative of 7 local environmental NGOs

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3.2 Second training

Date of event

May 17, 2003

Place

Shkodër, Albania

Goal

Building capacity of environmental NGO sector, towards electronic communication.

Description

In the frame of the project: "Network Promotion and Co-operation Between Environmental NGO-s", supported by The Regional Environment Center for Eastern and Central Europe (REC) – Country Office Albania, the *Centre for Electronic Communication* organised the second training on NGO Electronic Communication.

The event was organised in Shkodër on May 17, 2003, with the participation of 12 persons from 7 environmental NGO-s from Shkodra, Lezha, Malesia e Madhe.

Training started with the general presentations of the Training goal and objectives, followed by a presentation of trainers (Mr. Ladi Balla & Dritan Ziu), local co-ordinator (Rrezearta Ago), and the REC (Eduart Cani).

Each participant presented him(her)self and training expectations. Some of their expectations were:

- Getting to know use of e-mail and internet;
- Getting and distributing more information
- Communication between environmental NGO
- Improvement of contacts between environmental NGO;
- Including in national network
- Widening of knowledge
- To be contact point

Mr. Ladi Balla presented the activity of Centre for Electronic communication (QKE); it's mission, activities, regional activities, donors & partners and the future plans. Special focus was given to the presentation of the web page (www.qke-al.org).

Mr. Dritan Ziu presented the function of Outlook Express, it's windows, sending & receiving e-mails. This topic was followed by basic knowledge on Internet as an information source, the strategy of searching, searching engines in internet, examples as the web site of the group www.qke-al.org Alta Vista, Google, Excite.

Participants practised the use of internet, creating new e-mail addresses, sending and receiving e-mails to each – other and to e-mail address of the group.

A presentation on how to write a good article/news was done by a local journalist, Mrs. Shpresa Hoxha. She described a short historical of journalism and discussed with the participants what "a news" is, how to write an article, which should be the characteristics of a good reporter, such as

- Independent
- A good interpreter of facts/news
- Well informed
- Being actual & honest in giving news
- Keeping professional secrets
- Professional skills

In the working groups, participants in two groups, wrote an article about an actual problem. A reporter of each group presented their articles.

By the end of the training, participants filled an Evaluation Form, and made good comments about trainers, organisation of the training, etc.

Comments for Discussions

Establish National Network of Env. NGOs

Contribution of environmental NGO-s in providing environmental information

Achievements

- Information to participants about the Group of Electronic Communication
- Presentation of the web page of the group
- Knowledge assimilated about e-mail, internet
- Sharing e-mail contact among participants and electronic group
- Article writing skills increased

Agenda of the training:

Presentation of the activity and the group
(Ladi Balla) 20 min
Presentation of the participants 10 min
E-mail, Internet
(Ladi Balla, Dritan Ziu) 2 hour 30 min

Basic knowledge of using email, what is an email address, it's function, sending & receiving materials

Basic knowledge of using Internet. What is a searching engine, which is the strategy of searching on Internet, a fast and efficient way of finding information on Internet?

An e-mail address for free on internet

Practicing of using internet

Journalism
(Shpresa Hoxha) 30 – 45 min

A short course for basic knowledge on writing an article.

Coffee Break (Filling the evaluation form) 15 min

Participants

12 persons, representative of 7 local environmental NGOs

3 QKE member

1 REC Albania staff

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3.3 Third training

Date of event

14 June 2003

Place

Burrel, Albania

Goal

Building capacity of environmental NGO sector, towards electronic communication.

Description

On 14 June 2003 in Burrel was organized the third training related to electronic communication, with the participation of 10 persons from 6 environmental NGO-s from Burreli, Peshkopia, Kruja and Kurbini. The event organised by Centre for Electronic Communication was organised in the frame of the project: "Promoting Networking and Cooperation Between Environmental NGO-s", supported by REC (Regional Environment Centre for Eastern and Central Europe - Country Office Albania).

Training consisted in basic concepts of using means and ways of communications and a short course of journalism on how to write a good article.

The trainers of this meeting were Mr. Hekuran Toci and Mr. Dritan Ziu, representatives of CEC.

Ms. Rrezearta Ago, local coordinator of the project presented the aim and objectives of the training.

After the presentations of trainers and a short description of REReP 2.3 objectives by Mr. Eduart Cani (REC CO Albania) the meeting followed with the expectations of the participants that were:

Getting to know use of e-mail and internet to collect and distribute information;

Improving the capacity toward electronic communication;

Improvement of contacts and communication between environmental NGO;

Navigating on internet in order to find as much as possible information;

Improving the skills related with the strategy of searching on internet and searching engine tools;

Relationship with environmental NGO-s all over the world, through internet;

Improving the skills on how to write an environmental article;

The trainer Mr. Toci presented the Center for Electronic Communication, its mission, activities, regional activities, donors & partners, its web page (www.qke-al.org) and future activities.

The training session started with the ways of using e-mail software's (e.g. Outlook Express) and how to open an e-mail account.

An explanation of basic knowledge's of Internet, the strategy of searching, searching engines on internet, were concretised by examples as the web site of the Centre www.qke-al.org, REC, Alta Vista, Google, Excite and practised by participants creating e-mail addresses, sending e-mails to each – other and to Electronic Group address too.

Hamdi Hysuka, local journalist presented the journalism course showing his own experiences on how, what, where should be concentrated a journalist to write a good article.

Based on this participants were divided in two working groups to write an article about their impression of Burrel city. A representative of each group presented their articles.

The participants at the end of the training filled an Evaluation Form.

Comments for Discussions

Distributing as much as possible environmental information to NGO-s

Contribution of environmental NGO-s in sending environmental information

Keeping contacts with the participants of trainings

Achievements:

The participants were about the activities of Group for Electronic Communication

Use of e-mail, internet and searching engines

Involvement of the NGO participants into the CEC network through opening a new e-mail address

Good articles written by the participants

Agenda of the training:

Presentation of the activity and the group

(Hekuran Toci) 20 min

Presentation of the participants 10 min

E-mail, Internet

(Hekuran Toci, Dritan Ziu)

2 hour 30 min

Basic knowledge of using email, what is an email address, it's function, sending & receiving materials

Basic knowledge of using Internet. What is a searching engine, which is the strategy of searching on Internet, a fast and efficient way of finding information on Internet?

An e-mail address for free on internet

Practicing of using internet

Journalism

(Hamdi Hysuka)

30 – 45 min

Working groups on journalism.

15 min

Coffee Break (Filling the evaluation form)

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3.4 Forth training

Date of event:

28 June 2003

Place:

Elbasan, Albania

Goal:

Building capacity of environmental NGO sector, towards electronic communication.

Description:

On 28 June 2003 in Elbasan was organized the fourth training related to electronic communication, with the participation of 11 persons from 4 environmental NGO-s from Elbasani, Librazhdi. The event organised by Centre for Electronic Communication was in the frame of the project: "Network Promotion and Cooperation Between Environmental NGO-s", supported by REC (Regional Environment Centre for Eastern and Central Europe – Country Office Albania).

Training consisted in basic concepts of using e-mail, internet, and a short course of journalism on how to write a good article.

The training started with the presentation of the aim and objectives of the training by the trainers Ladi Balla & Hekuran Toci, the local coordinator of the project, Rrezearta and the representative of REC, Eduart Cani.

The participants were invited to present themselves and their expectations of the training, that were:

- Getting to know use of e-mail and internet to collect and distribute as much as possible information;
- Information exchanged through a mail list;
- Improvement of contacts and communication between environmental NGO;
- Improving the skills related with the strategy of searching on internet and searching engine too;
- Relationship with environmental NGO-s through internet;
- Getting knowledge on how to write an environmental article;
- Practice on internet;
- The evaluation of Centre for Electronic Communication

Ladi Balla presented the mission, activities, regional activities, donors & partners the future, and the web page (www.qke-al.org) of the organizer group, Centre for Electronic communication,

Hekuran & Ladi explained the efficiency of Electronic Post, its function, how to send & receive an e-mail; the basic knowledge of Internet, the strategy of searching and the searching engines on internet.

After the participants, for more than 1 hour, practised on internet, travelling on web sites as the web site of the Centre www.qke-al.org, Alta Vista, Google, Excite, creating e-mail addresses, sending e-mails to each – other and to Electronic Group address too.

The training continued with the presentation of the journalism course by local journalist, Hyqmet Zane, based on his own experience as an environmental journalist to write an article.

Journalist and the participants exchanged opinions related with the environmental problems, focused on environmental pollution.

The participants at the end of the training filled an Evaluation Form.

Comments for Discussions

The role of the electronic group on improving the distribution of environmental information, as other information to NGO-s

Contribution of environmental NGO-s in sending environmental information

Keeping contacts with the participants of trainings

Achievements:

- Presentation of the working group up to day
- Use of e-mail, internet and searching engine
- New e-mail addresses for the participants
- Presentation of the web page of the group
- Information received from members of Environmental NGO-s, participants in the training

Agenda of the training:

Presentation of the activity and the group

20 min

Presentation of the participants

10 min

E-mail, Internet
(Hekuran Toci, Ladi Balla) 2 hour 30 min

Basic knowledge of using email, what is an email address, it's function, sending & receiving materials

Basic knowledge of using Internet. What is a searching engine, which is the strategy of searching on Internet, a fast and efficient way of finding information on Internet?

An e-mail address for free on internet

Practicing of using internet

Journalism
(Hyqmet Zane) 30 – 45 min

A short course for basic knowledge on writing an article.

Coffee Break (Filling the evaluation form) 15 min

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3.5 Fifth training

Date of event: 18 July 2003

Place: Vlore

Goal: Building capacity of environmental NGO sector, towards electronic communication.

Description: In the line of the trainings for electronic communication, Centre for Electronic Communication, organized the fifth training on 18 July 2003, in Vlora, with the participation of 8 persons from 5 environmental NGO-s from Vlora, Lushnja, Gjirokastra, Berati. These training courses are organized in the frame of the project:

“Network Promotion and Cooperation Between Environmental NGO-s”, supported by REC (Regional Environment Centre for Eastern and Central Europe – Country Office Albania).

They consist in basic concepts of using e-mail, internet, and a short course of journalism on how to write a good article.

At the beginning Ladi Balla one of the trainers presented the aim and objectives of the training and the trainer Dritan Ziu, the local coordinator of the project, Rrezearta Ago and the representative of REC, Eduart Cani. Mr. Cani presented to the participants the project objectives and expectations. Participants presented themselves and their expectations in the training as follow:

- Getting more information’s about the activities and what Centre for Electronic Communication offers for environmental NGO;
- Getting to know use of e-mail and internet Information exchanged through a mail list and environmental NGO-s;
- Improvement of communication and relationship between environmental NGO;
- Getting more knowledge on the basic elements to write an article;
- Practice on internet related with the strategy of searching on internet and searching engines;

Ladi Balla presented the mission, activities, the future, and the web page (www.qke-al.org) of the Centre for Electronic communication, Dritan & Ladi, both, explained the efficiency and the function of Electronic Post, how to send & receive e-mails and the basic knowledge of Internet and the strategy of searching on internet too.

For more than 1 hour, participants practised on internet, using the searching engines as: Alta Vista, Google, Excite, creating personal e-mail addresses, sending e-mails to each – other and to Electronic Group address. They also visited the web page of the Centre for Electronic Communication: www.qke-al.org getting more information, not only environmental, but on what this centre offers. For more information on the regional projects they visited the REC web page www.rec.org.

Later on, participants followed a short journalism course, presented by the local journalist, Harrilla Koci. Speaking about environmental problems and exchanging opinions between them, participants profited some of the basic elements of writing an article.

The participants, at the end of the training course, filled an Evaluation Form.

Comments for Discussions

- The role and contribution of environmental NGO-s in sending environmental information
- The importance of keeping contacts with the participants of the trainings
- Expanding a lot of information interested to environmental NGO several times in a week

Achievements:

- Presentation of the working group up to day and the web page as well
- Use of e-mail, internet and searching engine
- New e-mail addresses for the participants
- Information and experiences exchanged between participants
- More information on how to write an article
- New frame of cooperation between NGOs on environmental information

Agenda: Agenda of the training:

Presentation of the activity and the group

(Ladi Balla) 20 min

Presentation of the participants 10 min

E-mail, Internet

(Dritan Ziu, Ladi Balla) 2 hour 30 min

- Basic knowledge of using e-mail, what is an e-mail address, it's function, sending & receiving materials
- Basic knowledge of using Internet. What is a searching engine, which is the strategy of searching on Internet, a fast and efficient way of finding information on Internet?
- An e-mail address for free on internet Practicing of using internet
- Journalism

(Harrilla Koci) 30 – 45 min

- A short course for basic knowledge on writing an article.
- Coffee Break (Filling the evaluation form) 15 min

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3.6 Seventh training

Date of event: September 6, 2003

Place: Tirana, Albania

Goal: Building capacity of environmental NGO sector, towards electronic communication.

Description: In the line with the serial of training courses organized in the frame of the project: "Promoting Networking and Cooperation between Environmental NGOs (REReP 2.3)", supported by REC (The Regional Environment Center for Central and Eastern Europe - Country Office Albania), **Center for Electronic Communication (CEC)** organized the sixth training on electronic communication.

The scope of the training was presented by the trainers Ladi Balla & Dritan Ziu, the local coordinator of the project, Rrezearta Ago and the REC Project Manager, Eduart Cani.

Participants presented their NGO-s and training expectations summarised in the following paragraph:

- Getting more information's about use of e-mail and internet;
- Exchanging experiences between NGOs;
- Increasing cooperation and relationship among env. NGOs;
- Information helping on further collaboration of env. NGOs;
- Information on electronic communication and what Centre for Electronic Communication offers to environmental NGOs;
- Getting more knowledge about journalism;

The training consisted on the basic concepts of use of e-mail and internet (the efficiency and the function of Electronic Post, how to send & receive e-mails and the basic knowledge of Internet and the strategies of internet navigation) and a short course of journalism.

Ladi Balla, one of the trainers, presented the mission, activities, and the web page (www.qke-al.org) of the Centre for Electronic communication. Participants practised e-mail and internet use for one hour, using the searching engines as: Alta Vista, Google, Excite, creating personal e-mail addresses, sending e-mails to each – other and to Electronic Group address. They also visited the web page of the Centre for Electronic Communication: www.qke-al.org, getting more information about electronic communication. In addition, a training session about basic elements on how to write an article and how to be a good reporter was organised. The journalist invited, Mr Bardhi Sejdarasi showed to the participants the basic concepts on journalisms.

At the end of the training, participants filled an Evaluation Form.

Comments for Discussions

- The role and contribution of Centre for Electronic Communication on
- improving the information exchanged
- Links with other web sites of Albanian environmental NGO-s
- The importance of keeping contacts among participants of this training and other trainings organised before.

Achievements:

- Presentation of the CEC and the web page
- Skills on use of e-mail, internet and searching engines
- New e-mail addresses for the participants
- Information and experiences exchanged among participants
- More information on how to write a good environmental article

Agenda: Agenda of the training:

Presentation of the activity and the group

(Ladi Balla) 20 min

Presentation of the participants 10 min

E-mail, Internet

(Dritan Ziu, Ladi Balla) 2 hour 30 min

- Basic knowledge of using e-mail, what is an e-mail address, it's function,
- sending & receiving materials
- Basic knowledge of using Internet. What is a searching engine, which is the strategy of searching on Internet, a fast and efficient way of finding information on Internet?
- E-mail addresses for free on internet
- Practicing of using internet

- Journalism

(Bardhi Sejdarasi) 30 – 45 min

A short course for basic knowledge on writing an article.

Coffee Break (Filling the evaluation form) 15 min

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4. National NGO meeting

Date of event:

October, 4 2003

Place:

Hotel "Mondial", Tirana

Goal:

Informing the NGOs about the Center for Electronic Communication activities and defining new strategies for communication/cooperation in the future.

Description:

The meeting was organized in two sessions

First session: General presentations

Mr. Ladi Balla officially opened the meeting on behalf of the Center for Electronic Communication (CEC), introducing it and presenting the aim and the objectives of this meeting.

During the tour table, the participants expressed their expectations as following:

More information about electronic communication means;
Increasing the communication and cooperation between NGOs;
Identifying ways and strategies for the future collaboration.

The program of the meeting was presented by, Mrs. Dhurata Bozo (PPNEA), moderator of the meeting. Mrs. Rrezearta Ago, presented the activities of CEC with the NGOs, organised under the REC project "Promoting networking and cooperation between NGOs", in different regions of Albania with participation of 63 NGO members coming from 38 different NGOs.

REC project manager, Mr. Alken Myftiu, presented the projects that REC Albania is implementing and the future projects and strategies of the REC, and the support for the NGOs under REReP 2.3 project and other projects.

Mr. Ladi Balla presented the report made by CEC on the needs assessment for electronic communication technologies. The report find out that:

- 80% of the NGOs have a computer and 25% of them have not compatible ones;
- 80% of NGOs have access to I-net and E-mail and 25% of them complain for the higher fee of using those means.;
- 83% of the NGOs express their contribution to collaborate in information exchange;
- 33% of NGOs have regular exchange with CEC;
- 70% of NGOs need more assistance and training for their staff on using the electronic means.

Mr. Dritan Ziu, member of CEC presented the CD-kit produced by CEC as a support for NGOs on using electronic communication means and several tips on how to collaborate with the others.

Second session: Working groups

The participants were compared in three groups discussing on three different issues:

First group: Improving the means of electronic communication;

Moderator, Mr. Ferdinand Bego

The participants identified the areas to improve the exchange of information. Three were the main identified issues:

Improving the logistics on electronic communication;
Increasing the human capacities on electronic communication through training's.
Encouragement of NGOs on collaborating between them and CEC.

Second group: Overview of the CEC web page

Moderator, Mrs. Merita Mansaku

The participants identified several things to be added to the web page, as:

Links with institutional authorities, professional institutions dealing with environment;
Links with Ministry of Environment and other Ministries;
National and regional NGO data base;

Opening a page for NGO publications;
Photo gallery for NGO activities;
Page for environment education in schools
Page for donors, etc.

Third group: Collaborating on developing the electronic communication tools

Moderator, Mr. Andrian Vaso

- CEC to promote more and more itself and env. information.
- CEC to be transparent and very qualitative on its work;
- CEC to increase time by time it's capacities;
- CEC to enhance its contacts abroad country.

Achievements:

- Albanian NGOs evaluate as very important the exchange of the information between them that can contribute for cooperation on regional and national activities.
- NGOs suggested that they can find more ways of collaboration, e.g. publications, common activities, etc.
- Through electronic communication the NGOs can improve civil society and their capacities for heaving more impact on decision making and public awareness;
- A new spirit of cooperation between NGOs was build.

Agenda:

09:30 – 10:30

Introducing the activity and presentations

11:00 – 12:30

First session

Lunch

13:30 – 16:00

Second session

15:00 – 15:30

Presentations by working groups

15:30 – 16:00

Conclusions and Closure

5. Logistic support for e-networking for NGOs

REC Albania announced during April month (2003) the opportunity of supporting Env. NGO by equipment, which will help them on further developing the e-communication. Specific TORs are produced and certain condition which will favorable for e-networking (office, experience, etc). The deadline was set for May 09, 2003. Eighteen project proposals (requests for equipment) are submitted to REC.

In the frame of this activity 5 NGOs are equipped with computers.

The list of NGOs supported by REC:

- Ecological Club of Lezha
- Protection and Preservation of Natural Environment in Albania Tirane
- Association for Protection of Natural Landscapes of Albania
- Center for Electronic Communication
- Association for Protection of Aquatic Wildlife of Albania
- Association "Tourism and Environment", Pogradec