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**To:**  
**Regional Environmental Center**  
**Local office in Macedonia, Skopje**  
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**SUBJECT:** Narrative report for the period of January-April 2003

**FROM:** Informal group for electronic communication EKONET

For the period of 03.01.2003 to 30.04.2003, EKONET has performed the following activities:

**EKONET NEWS**

- Distribution of environmental news, through e-mail list, (from the daily newspapers Dnevnik, Vest, Nova Makedonija, Utrinski Vesnik and the magazine Forum) once a week
- Distribution of environmental news from NGOs, institutions and citizens through the e-mail list which was done 2-3 times a week.

In the beginning of January we had 320 users of the mailing list, but this number was increasing all the time, and now we have 476 e-mail users.

**WEB PORTAL-[www.eko.net.mk](http://www.eko.net.mk)**

During February and March we have worked on developing the structure of the web portal. His structure is user friendly oriented and it allows easy access to the content, to the services and the available tools.

The web portal is consisted if the following categories:

- Info (information for the group, contact address, and also a codex for the proper use of the web portal services);
- Eko News (grouped by categories: from news papers, NGO sector, institutions, foundations, regional news);
- Eko Kalendar (information for seminars, conferences, debates, camps, press conferences etc.);

- Eko Adresar (address book of environmental NGOs, institutions and foundations);
- Virtual library (materials for the work of the environmental NGOs needed for different aspects of their work, also reports connected to the environment);
- Environmental Law (laws, conventions and protocols that are part of the Macedonian Law system);
- Useful links (useful web pages concerning issues for protection of the living environment);
- Eko Forum (free space for debating over different environmental topics);
- Write together (Place where users can write joint projects).

During March we have worked on updating the web portal with new content, and this activity is done permanently. Here we want to stress out that EKONET established a good cooperation with the Environmental-Law center of Erina and the web portal will be used as a tool for them to make a better and easier communication with their users and the users of EKONET. It will work in a way that users can ask from Erina advices and questions and get free on-line legal help.

## **EKO BULLETIN**

During April we have published the first edition of EKONET Bulletin, in 400 copies, on A4 format with 8 pages. This Bulletin was distributed to 108 local governments, 76 environmental NGOs, 40 other NGOs, 18 institutions and 8 foundations. The other copies of the Bulletin will be distributed through seminars and conferences.

## **INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION**

In the period of 03-05.04.2003, one member of EKONET participated in the Second regional conference of electronic networks in South-East Europe, which was held in Pristina, Kosovo.

Also EKONET has continuously cooperated with Blue-Link, Bulgaria and Eko-Forum from Serbia and Monte Negro, in the field of information and news exchange.

## **TRAINING OF EKONET MEMBERS**

During March, Metodi Panev has successfully finished the course Macromedia Dreamweaver in Semos, and Anita Vojnovska is still visiting the course for Microsoft Office in Aleksandrija. Vlatko

Trpeski will visit the course for Macromedia Flash in Semos during May.

### **ORGANIZATIONAL WORK**

For proper working of EKONET, and realization of the planned activities, in the beginning of March we have rented an office and bought the necessary equipment such as ISDN telephone line, one computer, one printer and one telephone and fax.