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SUBJECT: Narrative report for the period of May-July 2003

FROM: Informal group for electronic communication- EKONET

For the period of 01.05.2003 to 31.07.2003, EKONET has performed the following activities:

EKONET NEWS

In the period assigned for informing, EKONET continued with the distribution of the eco news through mail list, divided into two groups:

- eko news in the daily newspapers (Nova Makedonija, Vecer, Dnevnik, Utrinski vesnik, Vest and the weekly newspaper Forum)
- eko news from the non-government organisations, institutions, foundations, economic subjects and citizens, two or three times a week

The number of the users on the mail list is constantly increasing, so if we had 320 users in January, 476 in April, finally in July we had 615 e-mail users.

For the distribution of the eco news, which gave fast and efficient communication among the non-government organisations, journalists all the interested citizens and institutions, EKONET, received the so called Acknowledgement of the WHITE EKO LIST FOR 2002.

In addition to the report we supply a copy of the Acknowledgement.
(Annex 1)

WEB PORTAL www.eko.net.mk

During the last three months, people were continually working on the arranging of the content of the web portal service of the existing 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 Calendar (information for seminars, conferences, debates, camps, press conferences etc.);
- Eko Addresser (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 as well as getting on-line legal advices in cooperation with the Legal center for environment.
- 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).

The web portal is complemented with new contents, as the following:

- Eko interviews (published in the bulletin)
- How to registrate in the web portal, which services are included
- The first page of the web portal, was arranged once a week with new, current and useful contents for the users

In the first month after the web portal was put in function, we had 5 administrators from ecological non-government organizations, so after 2 months this number to increase by 39 administrators

In addition to the report we supply a statistic for the attendance of the EKONET web portal (**Annex 2**)

EKO BULLETIN

During May the second number of the bulletin EKONET was published, in circulation of 400 copies, A4 form with 8 pages.

Because of the increased interest for getting the bulletin, the June number came out in circulation of 450 copies, A4 form with 10 pages.

The reading public of the bulletin inspite of the non-government organisations, includes all the units of local control in RM, interested citizens, institutions for protection and promotion of the environment, as well as economic subjects and companies.

INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION

EKONET continued the established cooperation in return for news and information with Bluelink-Bulgaria and Volvox-Serbia and Montenegro. Meanwhile we established a cooperation with the Green center-Croatia, and we registered on the site of Shari net-Kosovo, where we distributed eko news from Macedonia. We directed an invitation to Shari net for exchange of information and news and we are still waiting for an answer from their side.

TRAINING OF EKONET MEMBERS

The members of the EKONET, Metodi Panev, Anita Vojnovska and Vlatko Trpevski finished successfully the foreseen computer training and in addition we supply the diplomas for the finished courses. **(Annex 3,4,5)**

Anita Vojnovska attended to the training for journalists in the sphere of environment, in the organisation of the Ecological press center and REC, that happened in June in Ohrid .

ORGANIZATIONAL WORK

The office of EKONET is in constant contact with the users, as well as all interested in the exchange of information concerning the protection and the promotion of the environment, promotion of the current situations, activities, alarming of the ecological problem and so.

During May the members of the EKONET attended the Year meeting of NVO and who are working for the environment, that was organised by Milieucontact-Macedonia, where inspite of the

presentation of the activities of EKONET, an invitation was directed to the present ones for including in the work of EKONET. The preparation for the manual that will be used in the workshops for training the members of the ecological non government organisations is in progress.