

Training Workshop in Gabrovo, 6-7 December, 2003

This seminar was organized as a part of the action plan for the implementation of the above-discussed project. 14 NGO representatives from the town of Gabrovo and the Central part of Bulgaria participated in the two days workshop. The program of the training is following the BlueLink's know-how, prepared for these trainings and focused on strategic use of Internet, Internet writing, online publishing tools and some additional topics.

Training Evaluation

During a special session as a result from the group work the participants identified by themselves the advantages and disadvantages of using Internet. This oriented them better in their particular interests regarding Internet and helped them to specify their needs of information and education about strategic use of Internet.

64% of the participants found the workshop very useful and 36% described it as useful as a whole.

64% participants underlined that the session on the mailing-list use was the most interesting for them; writing for Internet and on-line publishing was mentioned as very interesting from 57%; 29% of the participants evaluated the structure of a web-site exercise among the most interesting sessions and 14% the BlueLink's services session. 29% participants appreciated as very interesting all of the sessions. One participant paid special attention to the anti-virus programs and one expressed great interest to the APC-action applications interface.

Needs of additional education

Generally the participants evaluated the workshop as well organised, practical and collaborative, and underlined that they hope this type of seminars should continue and even elaborated to workshops on a specific topic from the general sessions as a 2-days seminar could not cover in depth all the issues. The workshop content responded to the participants' expectations.

The participants noted that they would appreciate additional training on the following topics:

- Possibilities/opportunities for on-line communication with other organization: 57%;
- Internet writing and publishing: 29%.
- Internet searching and search engines: 14%