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Environmental NGOs Electronic Networking

The project of electronic networking and cooperation of environmental NGOs is entering its final phase with the National Electronic NGO Meeting in Belgrade in December 2002. The network was established with an idea to improve cooperation and tools for modern means of communication among environmental NGOs in Yugoslavia. The name of the Network – Volvox – was chosen because of its symbolic meaning. It signifies a colony of bright green cells constituted of units of cellular green algae. With that main characteristic of Volvox (colony) – the intention was to promote significance of connections between environmental NGOs in the country.

This Network uses services (mailing lists, news, forums, questionnaires etc.) of Environmental Resource Center (www.erc.org.yu) for establishing communication between their members and for the publishing of environmental information.

It is also planned to broaden mentioned activities towards distribution of environmental information among interested government institutions and civil society organizations. Two administrators of the Volvox Network were elected in the above mentioned meeting. Similar meeting was organized on the regional level, in Romania, from December 13 to 15, gathering representatives from South Eastern European countries. The result of this meeting was an agreement to establish unique environmental portal to present regionally relevant information from SEE countries, to enable efficient monitoring of environmental condition in the region.

Both projects were initiated within the framework of The Regional Environmental Reconstruction Program - [REReP](#). Regional Environmental Center for Central and Eastern Europe (www.recyu.org)