



THE REGIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL CENTER
for Central and Eastern Europe

Dear NGO Representative,

Thank you in advance for taking your time to fill in this questionnaire. This will be a valuable contribution to a new international project that will support NGO networks in South Eastern European countries. That is, networks of NGOs like yours! We hope you will find this project interesting and voice your opinion so that the organisers can make it the most useful for you.

Where does this project fit? This new project will be launched within the framework of the Regional Environmental Reconstruction Program for South Eastern Europe (REReP), which is the environmental component of the Stability Pact for South Eastern Europe. Fundraising, overall organisation, international coordination and general supervision of the project is performed by the Regional Environmental Center for Central and Eastern Europe. However, most activities will be performed by the targeted audience of this project: environmental NGOs and networks in South East European countries. So the success of this project lies to a great extent in your hands... ☺

What is the purpose of the project? The ultimate objective of this project is to foster a stronger, better organised and coordinated environmental NGO community, and consequently a more influential civil society. Considered to be an important catalyst in this process, this project will promote networking and cooperation among South East European environmental NGOs by establishing or supporting electronic NGO networks. While the emphasis is on “social networking” and cooperation, with the rapid development of the Internet electronic computer networks seem to have taken the position as the main tool to support this.

To whom is this questionnaire addressed? This questionnaire is distributed among all active environmental NGOs in South East European countries. This questionnaire constitutes the first step in a project in which all active environmental NGOs will be invited to participate and take advantage of.

What's next? Having received feedback from you a (public) summary document will be written. With this knowledge at hand the project will be designed to match your needs and support you in your communications activities as much as possible. Then, a *public call for cooperative proposals* (an NGO consortium) will be announced to create such a network. Once networks are launched, each one will also delegate a representative to the international “*Project Steering Committee*”, which is the main advisory body to oversee project planning and implementation. (Even though NGO representatives took a major role in forming this project already from the beginning.)

Where can I get more information? All background documents and contact information is available on the project Home Page at http://www.rec.org/REC/Programs/SEE_Networking/

Thank you for your feedback once again, and looking forward to a successful cooperation with you!

The Organizers