

Agenda

Budapest, Hungary, June 24-25, 2009

Assistance in Environmental Law Drafting in South Eastern Europe¹, TASK II

8th meeting of the Environmental Law Approximation Network (ELAN)

Background

The 8th regular ELAN network meeting (ELAN 8) is organized under the REReP CARDS project “Assistance in Environmental Law Drafting in South Eastern Europe” which provides assistance on regional and country/entity level on upgrading the national legislation and transposing of environmental acquis communautaire. The meeting is designed to assist the process of transposing and implementing the EC legislation and in exchanging experience and good practices in transposition and implementation of EC environmental acquis. The ELAN network foremostly consists of national officials of the Ministries of Environment of the beneficiary countries and entities – Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Croatia, former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Montenegro, Serbia, and Kosovo as defined under UNSCR 1244. Turkey will be invited to join the meeting as well.

Scope and Objectives

- To communicate the major outcomes of the project under TASK II (participants in regional activities will provide brief reports and share impressions)
- To familiarise ELAN members and Turkey with major achievements on environmental law transposition between May 2007-May 2009 (major laws passed, programs adopted and other major progress toward EU accession – lessons learned and practices to be shared)
- To present the outcomes of the tasks I and III of the project and focus on synergies
- To discuss and decide on actions to ensure the sustainability of ELAN beyond the project completion
- To promote further use of electronic tools developed and updated under Task II

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23 June

19.30 **Arrival and welcome dinner in Panorama Room, Hotel Gellert**

24 June

09.00-09.30 **Registration**

In "Tea Room", Hotel Gellert

09.30-10.00 **Opening of meeting and welcome speeches (Mr. Radoje Lausevic, REC, Mrs. Slavitz Dobрева, DG ENV, Commission, Tsvetelina Filipova, REC)**

10.00-10.10 Round table introduction of participants

10.10-11.00 ELAN network latest development and perspective for the future.

Brainstorming session

Speaker: Mrs. Tsvetelina Filipova, REC

11.00-11.30 **Coffee break**

11.30-12.00 Major activities under TASK II between May 2007 and June 2009

Results, impacts and lessons learned

Speaker: Mrs. Miriam Markus-Johansson, REC)

12.00-13.00 Brief reports by the participants:

- how activities contributed to further their knowledge and help them in legal and policy processes

- experiences of the ELAN network

13.00-14.30 **Lunch at Brasserie, Hotel Gellert**

14.30-15.00 Year 2 Progress Monitoring of transposition and implementation of EC environmental legislation –update and overview

Years 3 and 12 – challenges of the on-going Progress Monitoring

Speaker: Mrs. Tsvetelina Filipova, REC

15:00-15.45 Major achievements on environmental law transposition and implementation between May 2007-May 2009: projects, processes, capacity strengthening

Country reports from EU candidate countries: Croatia, former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, and Turkey

15.45-16.15 **Coffee break**

16.15-17.30 Major achievements on environmental law transposition and implementation between May 2007-May 2009

Country reports from EU potential candidate countries: Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Kosovo under UNSCR 1244, Montenegro, and Republic of Serbia

19.00 **Departure from Lobby, Hotel Gellert**

to dinner and guided sightseeing boat trip on the Operetta-ship (until 22.00)

25 June

- 09.30-10.00 Presentation of the future Regional Environmental Network for Accession
Speaker: Mrs Slavitzza Dobрева, DG ENV, European Commission
- 10.00-10.30 Electronic tools developed and updated under Task II
How to make these more user friendly and sustainable
Speaker: Ms. Cecile Monnier, REC
- 10.30-11.00 **Coffee break**
- 11.00-11.30 Use of EC Handbook on Implementation of EC Environmental Legislation
Speaker Mrs. Miriam Markus-Johansson, REC
- 11.30-12.00 Environmental Financing in SEE: Priority Environmental Investment Programme (PEIP): main project outcomes, synergies with legal approximation, future vision
Speaker: Mr. Dusan Sevic, REC
- 12.00-12.30 Environmental Compliance and Enforcement Network for Accession), synergies with law approximation (main project outcomes, synergies with legal approximation, future vision
Speaker: Mr. Mihail Dimovski, REC
- 12.30-13.00 Final Discussions and Closure of Meeting
- 13.00-14.30 **Lunch in Duna Room, Hotel Gellert**
- 19.00 **Departure from the Lobby, Hotel Gellert**
for dinner at Restaurant Busulo Juhasz (1118 Budapest, Gellért-hegy, Kelenhegyi út 58.)

26 June

Home departure