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ENV.net project activities

Project activities in Macedonia

The following activities are foreseen to be implemented during the course of the action in Macedonia:

Result A.1 The ENV.net partners are able to analyse and monitor the progress in the approach to the environmental acquis in the partner countries and the gaps in the policies at national level are identified for joint strategies for action

- **Activity A.1.1. Constant monitoring of the process of approximation to environment acquis on-going at national/local authorities level, with the support of TACSO, EC and other relevant institutions**
 - a) Using the common monitoring system and reporting modalities identified by the project (questionnaire, organised site visits, interviews and focus groups with relevant stakeholders to collect information and useful documents), to collect information regarding the status in the approximation of Macedonia to the environment acquis and the CSOs initiatives (past/on-going) to support this process
 - b) Preparation of a country-based baseline report: basing on the information collected, to prepare a baseline report (on a common format for the partner countries) on the actual situation in the country.
- **Activity A.1.2. Organisation of events aiming at exchange of information and know-how**
 - a) Organisation of 2 round tables: round tables will be organised with representatives of CSOs working in environment sector to introduce the project strategy, the services offered through the ENV.net (information sharing through the website and the newsletter, helpdesk and on-line training sessions) and the findings of the baseline survey conducted during the inception phase in the partnering countries, as well as in Macedonia. The objective of these round tables is also to exchange information about possible identified gaps in the approximation to the environment acquis and to identify area/strategy of collaboration to make a stronger awareness campaign with the citizens and governmental authorities (local and national)

Result A.2. Public environmental awareness ensured and state-civil society dialogue improved on environment issues at national and regional level

- **Activity A.2.1. Dissemination of information and experiences collected during project implementation**

Channel for dissemination

- a) Leaflets, brochures and other information material: The dissemination of information and experiences collected through the project will be ensured through information material for the civil society (leaflets, brochures and other information material produced by the ENV.net partner, and translated in Macedonian), as well as through the ENV.net website.
- b) ENV.net website and newsletter. The ENV.net website will be used as another channel for dissemination through the area reserved for the exclusive use of the ENV.net partners Also, collecting e-mail addresses of all possible people/CSOs from Macedonia who may be





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- interested in receiving the newsletter will contribute to better dissemination of relevant information to a greater audience, as well as to building-up of the project data base.
- c) Actions and events: In addition, all actions and events foreseen to take place in Macedonia will be used as a channel for disseminations of information to the key stakeholders.
 - **Activity A.2.2. Organization of advocacy initiatives with local/national authorities and CSOs to lobby on speeding up on process of specific topics in the approximation to EU Environment acquis**
 - a) Organisation of 2 meetings with the relevant authorities: meetings with representatives of the Ministry of Environment and other relevant national authority will be organised to present the project strategy and the findings (gaps, delays in the Environment acquis) of the baseline report and collected information about on-going reforms-policies. The objective of these meetings is to inform the authorities of the existence of the ENV.net and to start pushing the government to take into consideration the collaboration with CSOs for possible important changes needed to be in line with the environment acquis.
 - **Activity A.2.3. Organisation of public events aiming at sensitise citizens or particular group of citizens**
 - a) The civil society is such a wide variety of target groups and interests with different and diversified capacities and expertise, also related to environment Aiming to reach ordinary citizens and translate the issues related to environment acquis in an easily understandable language (for example decreasing of CO2 emission through more efficient use of energy), neighbourhood meetings and pilot activities will be organised with the Homeowners Associations at several different locations in Skopje. This will allow them to access quality information and exercise in practice the benefits of more responsible approach towards environmental issues in their micro communities (buildings, city blocks, streets).
 - **Activity A.2.4. Building of relation and cooperation with media**
 - a) With aim to contribute to better quality of information related to the ongoing process of reforms to comply with the EU environmental *acquis*, 2 round table discussions will be organised for the media representatives (Association of Journalists of Macedonia and their members) with aim to stimulate dialogue and encourage participation in the debate and in the dialogue for reforms and give citizens a voice.

Result B.1. ENV.net recognized as leading network in the promotion of effective transparency and accountability of the CSOs of the region

- **Activity B.1.1. Organisation of capacity building activities for the benefit of ENV.net partners and other CSOs**
 - a) Organisation of 2 one day seminars for the local CSOs aimed to build the capacity and stimulate cooperation and networking and to build alliance (The Green Consortium) that will push for and monitor the progress of Macedonia in the approximation to EU Environment acquis

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