



EU accession – threats and possibilities for rural development and biodiversity conservation

Seminar for accession countries in the Western Balkans

1-4 September 2008

Split, Croatia

Agenda

DAY I. 1.09.2008		
9.00	Greetings, introduction, getting know each other	
10.30	<i>Coffee break</i>	
Block I. – Sustainable development and the EU		
11.00	EU objectives and policies vs. sustainability Where are the conflicts between the EU objectives? How EU policies shape the natural landscape, and what can EU biodiversity policies solve?	Klára Hajdu, CEEweb
11.30	Introducing the DPSIR model Group work	
13:00	<i>Lunch</i>	
Block II. – The influence of EU accession in the new MSs, NGO involvement		
14.30	How EU policies influenced rural development and agriculture in the new MSs The stake during the negotiation process. Positive and negative impacts of the EU Rural Development policy, the CAP and the free market. What has changed until 2008 – concrete examples	Annamarija Slabe, Institute for Sustainable Development, Slovenia
15.30	Group Work: SWOT analysis of the region in the light of EU accession	
16.50	<i>Coffee break</i>	



17.00	Reporting back from the group work	
18:00	<i>Dinner</i>	

DAY II. 2.09.2008

Excursion to Kornati National Park

DAY III. 3.09.2008

Block III. The state of play in the (potential) candidate countries and sharing experiences so far

9.00	How EU policies influenced biodiversity conservation in the new MSs The state during the negotiation process. Positive impacts of Natura 2000 and EU policies on the country's biodiversity conservation, threats to biodiversity. What has changed until 2008 – concrete examples	Dr. Peter Skoberne, Ministry of Environment and Spatial Planning Slovenia
10.00	Preparation for the EU accession, lessons learned in Croatia	Zrinka Jakl, Association for Nature, Environment and Sustainable Development SUNCE
10.30	<i>Coffee break</i>	
11.00	Preparation for the EU accession in Serbia	Pavle Jovanovic, Ministry of Environment and Spatial Planning Serbia
11.30	Integration of sustainability and nature conservation aspects in the Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Water Management Serbia	Ivana Grujicic Serbian Ministry of agriculture, forestry and water management
12.00	State of play in other Western Balkan countries from NGO point of view	Boris Erg, IUCN SEE
12.30	Approximation of nature legislation to EU acquis in Bosnia and Herzegovina	Alberto Arroyo, WWF

13.00	<i>Lunch</i>	
14.30	<p>What could NGOs do during and after the EU accession process Forum for exchanges – case studies from the EU and Balkan countries</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Natura 2000 site designation - Transposition of EU nature directives at national level - NGO complaints to the EU - Networking and lobbying at EU level (the work of the European Habitats Forum) - Agricultural and rural development spending 	Pieter de Pous, EEB; Sarolta Tripolszky CEEweb and participants
16.00	<i>Coffee break</i>	
16.30	Group work on lobbying	
18.00	<i>Dinner</i>	

DAY IV. 4.09.2008

Block IV. Identifying available financial means and planning ahead

9.00	The EU Marine Strategy and designation of marine Natura 2000 sites	Alberto Arroyo, WWF
9.30	<p>Reporting back from the conference "<i>Civil Society Development in Southeast Europe: Building Europe together</i>" The Instrument for Pre-accession Assistance (IPA)</p>	Dejan Zagorac, Eko centar
10.00	<i>Coffee break</i>	
10.30	Group work on problem analysis, setting strategic objectives, defining possible actions, agreeing on further steps	
12.30	Evaluation of the seminar	
13.00	<i>Lunch</i>	
14.30	Sightseeing in Split (optional)	