

Capacity building for environmental NGO and business partnerships

Two 2-day workshops in Bulgaria and Romania (Activity 2)

Dates : June 16th and 17th, Rousse, Bulgaria
June 18th and 19th, Constanta, Romania

Trainers : Marcel van Meesche (Groupe One – Eco-Counselling Enterprise)
Judith Molnar (Eco-Counselling Enterprise)

Participants: RCCI, Mare Nostrum, TIME Foundation (logistics), PIMM (participants), Focus Eco-Center (Romania-TBA), Eco-Counselling Center Galati (Romania-TBA), Chamber of Commerce of Bucharest (Romania (TBA)

Objective of the workshops

Following the training programme in Belgium and Germany, two 2-day workshops will be held in the target region, namely, one in Bulgaria, and one in Romania. They will also have the opportunity for the key members of the participating organizations to try to transfer some of the skills they acquired during the 5 day study visit to their peers, as a method of learning by doing.

One trainer will travel from Brussels to contribute to the workshops. These two workshops are aimed at transferring the lessons-learned to the entire staff of the partner organizations, and putting it into practice in areas where most suitable.

The participants in the workshops will obtain further specific training on some of the voluntary approaches covered during Activity 1, and will also be introduced to various funding opportunities for their implementation. In order to facilitate the upcoming steps of the action, the trainer will assist the local team members to identify common issues, where to apply their newly acquired know-how.

The workshop in Romania will be attended by all members of the Romanian organizations, 2 members from the Bulgarian side and vice versa.

The reason for selecting these two workshops as follow-up to the 5 day exchange programme, is in order to keep the principle of exchange training, where the consortium first visits the 'mentor' and vice versa. This is deemed an effective method as the trainer could become acquainted with the situation 'on the ground', and could thus be even more effective in helping the target group identify priority issues and mobilize themselves to implement environmental policy.

The workshops of June will focus on :

- Capacity building of the participants to work with SMEs. This capacity building will be very practical, by experimenting an onsite environmental initial review of an SME on the basis of the EU recognised Ecomapping Methodology.
- The rest of each of the workshop will be devoted to explore with the participants potential partnerships for EU capacity building programmes in order to integrate the tools explored during the visiting tour in Belgium and Germany (EMAS Easy, Ecotips, etc) :

18th of June, Constanta, Romania			
NOVUS company. The company currently produces and sells series products and ordered products by beneficiaries, other than series products. http://www.novusco.ro			
Time	Place Organisation	Programme	Speakers
9:00	NOVUS company	What is EMAS and ISO 14001 What is the reality of SMEs Introduction to Ecomapping	<i>Marcel van Meesche</i> <i>Judith Molnar</i>
10 :00		Preparing working groups for the initial environmental review of the company	
10 :30		Coffee break	
10 :45		Groupwork : Ecomapping in the company (with pictures) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Waste o Air, odors, noise o Energy o Water o Soil and storage o Risks o Weather map o Input-Output matrix 	
12 :00	<i>Lunch</i>		
13 :30		Preparing group feedback	
14 :15		Group feedback and comments	
15 :00		Groupwork : Preparing environmental action plan for the company	
17 :00		end	
19th of June, Constanta, Romania			
Time	Place Organisation	Programme	Speakers
09 :00	<i>Hotel Ferdinand</i>	Explore with the participants potential partnerships for EU capacity building programmes in order to integrate the tools explored during the visiting tour in Belgium and Germany (EMAS Easy, Ecotips, etc) : <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o EMAS capacity building programmes o Phare / EuropeAid projects o TAIEX proposals o Eco-Innovation proposals o Leonardo Da Vinci thematic networks 	<i>Marcel van Meesche</i> <i>Judith Molnar</i>
13 :00	<i>lunch</i>		

