

Invitation to ENV.net course



Call for training session:
**Environment in the European Union:
Funding Mechanisms and Policy
Processes**

4x4x4 Balkan Bridges Skopje – 4x4x4BB

Hotel Continental, Bul. Aleksandar Makedonski b.b. Skopje, Macedonia
14-15 November 2014

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“Environment in the European Union: Funding Mechanisms and Policy Processes”

The ENV.net project

The project “Development of the ENV.net in West Balkan and Turkey: giving citizens a voice to influence the environmental process reforms for closer EU integration” started on December 1st 2012 and shall run until November 30th 2014.

It is implemented by **punto.sud** (Italy) as leading organization; **Co-PLAN** (Albania), **Advocacy Training & Resource Center – ATRC** (Kosovo), **Environment Ambassadors for Sustainable Development – EASD** (Serbia), **TEMA** (Turkey), **European Environmental Bureau – EEB** (Belgium), **4x4x4 Balkan Bridges Skopje** (Republic of Macedonia) as implementing partners.

The project purpose is to achieve a greater commitment and capacity of the ENV.net partners to give citizens a voice and influence public sector reform processes in the environment sector through analysis, monitoring and advocacy and in welcoming the standards of the environment *acquis*.

The project developed a [website](#), including a [blog](#), and a [facebook page](#).

Training objectives

The main objective of the course is to provide a general understanding of the necessary steps to be successful in getting funds from the EU and enable participants to actively participate in call for proposals launched by the European Commission and the EU Delegations for projects to be implemented in Macedonia or abroad.

The course will also support Macedonian CSO to familiarize with selected EU policy areas, highlighting possibilities to be better informed and involved and seek ways how they can contribute to the national and EU policy making.

Training contents

In particular, the course will focus on: the EU programming process, the calls for proposals system, the EU Environmental *acquis* and the ways Macedonian CSOs can be involved to the ‘approximation’ process.

Training methodology

The course will be delivered in English, with simultaneous translation in Macedonian, in a interactive way with the use ppt presentations that will be integrated by exercises, questions & answers, group works and discussions among participants, to bring out difficulties and best practices and to fix the main concepts.

Reference will also be made to main EU official documents and other useful sources for preparation of effective proposals.

Participants

The course is suggested to the **key staff of Civil Society Organisations** (i.e. NGOs, youth organisations, academic institutions, and the like). The number of participants is limited to 25.

In principle, **only one participant per organisation** will be accepted. However, in case where places will be still available, more than one person from the same organisation will be welcome.

Applicants are invited to fill in the Application Form by clicking in ‘Application open’ in the [training calendar](#) – course in Macedonia- within 07/11/2014. The participation to the course will be confirmed in writing within 11/11/2014.

General information

The training session will be delivered by [ENV.net staff](#) and will be held on **14-15 November, 2014** at the **Conference Hall – Continental Club of Hotel Continental, Bul. Aleksandar Makedonski b.b., Skopje, Macedonia**. The course is free of charge. Coffee breaks and lunches will be offered by ENV.net during the 2 days.