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# ENV.net Vision

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## Introduction to ENV.net

ENV.net is a network created for the implementation of a joint action titled: *“Development of ENV.net in West Balkan and Turkey: giving citizens a voice to influence the environmental process reforms for closer EU integration”*. ENV.net is composed by 7 organizations: Fondazione punto.sud (Italy), European Environmental Bureau EEB (Belgium), Advocacy Training and Resource Centre ATRC (Kosovo), Co-PLAN, Institute for Habitat Development (Albania), Environmental Ambassadors for Sustainable Development EASD (Serbia), The Turkish Foundation for Combating Soil Erosion for Reforestation and the Protection of Natural Habitats TEMA (Turkey), 4x4x4 Balkan Bridges (Macedonia).

The project is built on the experience of an EU-funded project, namely the Environmental Forum, implemented in the period 2009-2012, aiming at developing capacities of environmental NGOs to establish a constructive dialogue with national authorities.

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

## The network vision

The network aims to inform citizens and CSOs about the benefit in being compliant with EU environmental policy (e.g. *greater access to information, better health for all, cleaner groundwater and surface water, reduce CO<sub>2</sub> emissions*) and to push national authorities to speed up this process. Our Network vision is: *“A dynamic regional network, fostering integration of the partner countries in EU and their approximation towards the EU acquis, through an active and dynamic civil society engaged in a constructive continues dialogue with the government, to enhance attention and commitment toward enforcing environmental protection”*.





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## ENV.net network responsibilities

- Monitoring of the approximation process in all partner countries (Albania, Kosovo, Macedonia, Serbia and Turkey) regarding issues related to the environment *acquis*, as air quality, waste management, climate change (energy efficiency), water management
- Development of relationships with relevant environmental stakeholders in partner countries, such as: public institutions working in the field of environment, environmental CSOs, environmental experts and media.
- Coordination and implementation of project activities at countries' bases, mainly on advocacy campaigns such as, national and local roundtables, conferences, workshops, researches on different environmental issues plaguing all partner countries
- Preparation of project's documentation and reporting in line with EC requirements and local law.
- Preparation of policy papers related to specific environmental issues and share it with key stakeholders form the CSOs and key state institutions.
- Providing news for the ENV.net webpage and facebook, preparing reports and other relevant documents for the purpose of the ENV.net project in line with EC requirements and local law.
- Coordination of the sub-grant schemes process at country bases
- Preparation of toolkits for advocacy and EU environmental acquis guideline



## Project countries' partners specific responsibilities

 <p><b>Advocacy Training and Resource Centre (KS) – Partner Country Coordinator</b></p>	 <p><b>Co-PLAN, Institute for Habitat Development (AL) – Partner country coordinator</b></p>	 <p><b>Environmental Ambassadors for Sustainable Development (SR) – Partner country coordinator</b></p>
<p>Located in Pristine, with a vast experience on Regional Environmental Projects in the Western Balkans and Turkey, as BELLS Movement, Environment Forum and lately ENV.net network. As a national partner, ATCR role is to coordinate project activities within Kosovo and contribute to regional activities of ENV.net in Western Balkans and Turkey, mainly on air pollution and waste management. <b>As a specific role for ENV.net as a whole, ATCR is the advocacy campaign consultant.</b></p>	<p>Located in Tirana, it has contributed for decades to sustainable development by enabling good urban and regional governance, tackling key environmental issues, developing civil society, impacting policies, and promoting community participation. It has a vast experience on regional environmental projects and networks as Regional Environmental Advocacy, Environmental Forum, ENV.net and lately Environmental Climate Forum under ECRAN Project. <b>As a specific role for ENV.net as a whole, Co-PLAN is the research and policy briefs consultant.</b></p>	<p>Located in Belgrade. As a national partner, EASD role is to coordinate project activities within Serbia and contribute to regional activities of ENV.net in Western Balkans and Turkey. <b>As a specific role for ENV.net as a whole, EASD is the environmental monitoring procedure consultant.</b></p>
 <p><b>TEMA, The Turkish Foundation for Combating Soil Erosion for Reforestation and the Protection of Natural Habitats (TR) – Partner coordinator</b></p>	 <p><b>4x4x4 Balkan for Bridges, Center for Environmental Lobbying and Advocacy (MK) – Partner coordinator</b></p>	
<p>Located in Istanbul, as a national partner, TEMA role is to coordinate project activities within Turkey and contribute to regional activities of ENV.net in Western Balkans and Turkey. <b>As a specific role for ENV.net as a whole, TEMA is the creating/raising public awareness and volunteers consultant.</b></p>	<p>Located in Skopje, it joined the ENV.net on January 2014. In the last 4 years 4x4x4BB was engaged in a few projects as national partner implementer for Macedonia regarding different environmental issues on policy making (management of hazardous waste – batteries and accumulators and drafting the law on electronic and electrical waste), participation in Parliamentary Commission for Transport, Communication and Ecology and Technical Coordinator for Parliamentary Green Lobby Group. It has a vast experience on regional projects in Western Balkans and Turkey as the Bells Movement and Environmental Forum network. <b>As a specific role for ENV.net as a whole, 4x4x4 Balkan Bridges is the media expose consultant.</b></p>	
 <p><b>Fondazione punto.sud- Lead Applicant (IT)</b></p>	 <p><b>EEB, European Environmental Bureau – Supporting EU partner (BE)</b></p>	
<p>The network leading agency of the ENV.net project, located in Milan Italy, and is responsible for the following processes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Overall coordination of project activities</li> <li>• Coordination of training programme</li> <li>• Monitoring of project activities and achievement of project results and objectives</li> <li>• Project accounting</li> <li>• Reporting to the European Commission</li> <li>• Relationship with European Commission</li> <li>• Expenditure verification (audit)</li> </ul> <p>In particular, it is in charge of the following project activities:</p>	<p>The supporting organization (EU Partner) of the ENV.net project, located in Brussels, and is responsible for the following processes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Assistance in identification of specific topics/pieces of environmental legislation to be monitored in partner countries</li> <li>• Support partner organisations in monitoring selected pieces of legislation</li> <li>• Contribute to preparation of bi-monthly notices to be sent to different stakeholders</li> <li>• Preparation of position papers together with partners</li> <li>• Support partners in preparation of contributions to the country's progress reports</li> </ul>	



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<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Preparation of project work plan and monitoring tools</li><li>• Support to development of all project activities</li><li>• Development of a ToT programme for the benefit of ENV.net partners</li><li>• Support to preparation of training sessions to be delivered by partners (2<sup>nd</sup> phase of the project)</li><li>• Development and delivery of e-learning courses</li><li>• Management and updating of project website</li><li>• Support to communication strategy through social media</li><li>• Keeping of project accounting</li><li>• Preparation of annual narrative and financial reports based on partners' inputs</li><li>• Preparation of supporting documents and overall accounting for expenditure verification.</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Working with partners to identify specific topics for possible trainings</li><li>• Preparation of training materials</li><li>• Delivery of one (two) 2-3 day training in each partner country</li><li>• Assistance in identification of key topics for and preparation of toolkits and manuals to be developed</li><li>• Contribute to the project website and monthly newsletter</li><li>• Regular contacts with the desk officers from DG Environment and DG Neighbourhood and Enlargement as well as European Parliament and other EU bodies</li><li>• Collection and dissemination of information related to the EU issues to the project partners</li><li>• Preparation of project's documentation and reporting in line with EC requirements and local law.</li><li>• Active participation in decisions on project activities</li><li>• Participation and contributions to the partners' meetings</li></ul>
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