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Organization: “Environmental Ambassadors for Sustainable Development “(Environmental Ambassadors, EASD)¹

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2012 and 2013 milestones:

“Environmental Ambassadors for Sustainable Development , as UN accredited organization participate at 2012 UN Conference on Sustainable Development, as well as on side events. Organization participated in preparation of study Study on Achievements and Perspectives towards a Green Economy and Sustainable Growth in Serbia. The Study has been prepared to support the Government of Serbia in its preparations for the Rio+20 United Nations Conference on Sustainable development, which is being held in Brazil in June 2012.

¹ “Environmental Ambassadors for Sustainable Development “ (Environmental Ambassadors, EASD) is non-government and non-for-profit association having the expert, scientific, innovative, professional and social character, established for an unlimited period, with the intention of acting in the general interest of advancing, popularization and promotion of scientific research work, as well as in the public interest in the areas of sustainable development, environmental protection and education, and in other areas of implementation of the objectives, through the research, consultancy, expert analysis, innovation, education and promotion. From July 2015 EASD is organization with special consultative status in the UN Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC).

Accredited with the United Nations Environment Assembly (UNEA) of UNEP, ACUNS (Academic Council on the United Nations System) member, SAICM National CSO Focal point, member of the UN and the Sustainable Development Knowledge Platform, member of the Sustainable Development Solution Network, IPEN participating organization.

Environmental Ambassadors for Sustainable Development (Environmental Ambassadors, EASD) implement activities globally, in the region of South Eastern Europe and nationally (Serbia).

Executive director and organization representative is Mrs Aleksandra Mladenovic, MSc in biology. Other key persons (2017) include: Milena Tabasevic -MSc in biology, Dunja Prokic - PhD in Environmental Science, Environmental Engineer, Filip Jovanovic - Economist, Environmental Ambassador for Sustainable Development, President of the Council - Hristina Stevanovic Carapina, PhD in Environmental Science, Environmental Engineer, Environmental Ambassador for Sustainable Development, Executive director - Natasa Zugic-Drakulic, Doctor of Philosophy (PhD), Biomonitoring - Department of Geology, Engineer of Geology, Milica Momcilovic – journalist / expert. Organization Honorable President is Prof dr Andjelka Mihajlov, Environmental Ambassador for Sustainable Development; PhD in Technical Sciences, Chemical Engineer. She has been acknowledged by UNEP in 2006 as the environmental leader of Western Balkan. Has a prominent role in leading the Reform Agenda of Serbia in Environmental Sector; she has been Serbian Minister for the Protection of Natural Resources and Environment from 2002 to 2004. Dr Andjelka Mihajlov, among others, was the head of Country (Yugoslavia) Delegation at the Johannesburg Summit in 2002, and 10 years later in Rio+20, she was the member of the Serbian delegation, as advisor.

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Environmental Ambassadors for Sustainable Development participated at the “Global Major Groups and Stakeholders Forum (GMGSF-14)”, and “The First Universal Session of the Governing Council/ Global Ministerial Environment Forum (GC-27/GMEF),” Nairobi, 16-22 February 2013. EASD approved as the member of UN Sustainable Development Knowledge Platform

Environmental Ambassadors for Sustainable Development accredited to attend the High-level event on the Millennium Development Goals and Post-2015 Development Agenda, 25 September 2013 at United Nations Headquarters, NY

Several important milestones marked the past 3 years. EASD activities are focused to 3 thematic groups:

1. Promoting sustainable development; Agenda 2030 and SDGs;
2. Environment and Natural Resources; Climate action; Advancing policy integration ; Advancing science/technology/innovation integration; Environmental Security and Justice;
3. Building partnerships; Raising awareness on emerging issues; Working with civil society and non-state actors

1. Promoting sustainable development – Agenda 2030 and SDGs

In 2014 contributed with comments on UNDP’s draft Social and Environmental Standards

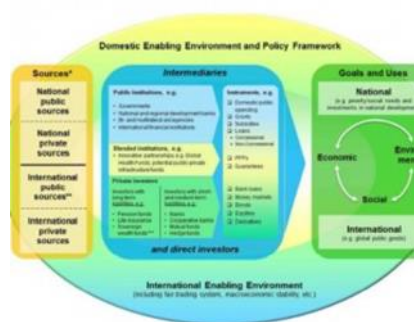
EASD followed Regional **Ministerial Consultation on *Monitoring and Accountability for the Post-2015 Development Agenda – The Regional Dimension***, 15 – 16 September 2014, Geneva – with CSOs presence. The deliberations on the post-2015 development agenda have emphasized the need for strong monitoring and accountability. In addition to accountability at the global and national levels, there are calls for a strong focus on the regional dimension of accountability.



We participate in consultation related the United Nations Development Assistance Framework (UNDAF) 2016-2020, Belgrade October, 2014.

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EASD focus was promotion: Six essential elements for delivering the SDGs. We follow developments on UN level – The Road to Dignity by 2030, and share 6 essential elements for delivering 17 SDGs: **Dignity, People, Prosperity, Planet, Justice, Partnership.**



EASD is the Member of the Sustainable Development Solutions Network – SDSN . The Sustainable Development Solutions Network (SDSN) published its final report on ***Indicators and a Monitoring Framework for the Sustainable Development Goals: Launching a data revolution for the SDGs***. This report is the result of over 18 months of consultations led by the SDSN with the contributions of nearly 500 organizations and thousands of individuals – draft versions of the report have so far been downloaded over 80000 times. The report outlines a tiered monitoring framework at the national, global, regional, and thematic levels, and presents a concise set of 100 Global Monitoring Indicators.

EASD follow Informal interactive hearings with representatives of NGOs, CSOs, major groups and the private sector on the post-2015 development agenda, in NY.

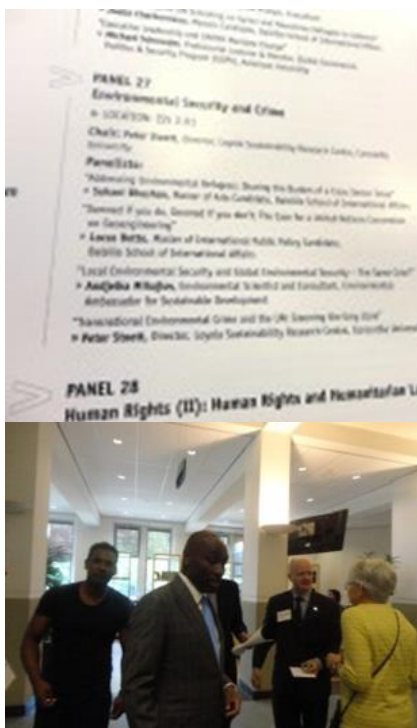
We participate!

-The highly anticipated Zero draft of the outcome document for the UN Summit to adopt **the Post-2015 Development Agenda** was available for Stakeholder feedback . EASD teams carefully read document.

- In preparing the **MTS 2018-21 and Programme of Work (PoW) for 2018-19**, UNEP wishes to consult with Major Groups and Stakeholders to solicit views and ideas on what is expected from UNEP in the future, where UNEP should direct its efforts to serve best interests of all stakeholders and the environment, and which challenges UNEP should be well prepared to meet. EASD is prepared respond.

- EASD acknowledged Initiatives by Non-State Actors to Curb Emissions Can Help Win the **Fight against Climate Change** – New UN Report.

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2015 Annual Meeting: The UN at 70 – Guaranteeing Security and Justice, June 11-13, 2015 | The Hague. EASD representative participate with statement/paper on **Local Environmental Security and Global Environmental Security - the same coin?**

Paper has a goal to promote a comprehensive understanding between democracy, human security and environment. There is a big concern about environmental degradation threatening livelihoods, health and the fulfilment of basic needs, and harming the sustainability of political, social and economic systems. Also, there are obvious links between poverty, environmental safety and the level of human security- the poor are most exposed to negative environmental impacts. Paper deals with meaning of Local Environmental Security (from perspective of South Serbia's local communities) and meaning of Global Environmental Security, focused mainly on differences.

Post Rio+20 busy July 2015

EASD was pleased to share document: ***Towards an Integrated and Inclusive Follow-up and Review of Natural Resources.***

Participated on UN/UNDP consultations with CSOs on SDGs.



Recognition and encouragement for further work: special consultative status in UN ECOSOC for our organization

By the decision of the Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC) at its Coordination and

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management meeting of July 2015 granted special consultative status to our organization, Environmental Ambassadors for Sustainable Development. Consultative status for an organization enables it to actively engage with ECOSOC and its subsidiary bodies, as well as with the United Nations Secretariat, programmes, funds and agencies in a number of ways, as well as the obligations for our organization will be required to meet under this relationship.

For EASD Team it is big recognition, as well as encouragement for further work!!!!

*In November 2015 EASD representative participated in an **on-line survey on UNEP programme planning and implementation**. In implementing results-based management, UNEP seeks feedback from civil society to improve the quality of its operations, especially in the context of the Programme of Work 2014-2015, which called for an assessment of the level of satisfaction among stakeholders with UNEP programmes, products and services.*

A two-day conference on the implementation of the SDGs in Europe and the UNECE region was held on 12-13 November, 2015, in Brussels. The conference was organised by the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP), the European Economic and Social Committee (EESC), and the European Environmental Bureau (EEB). The conference was attended by high-level speakers from the UN and European institutions as well as representatives from civil society organisations and other stakeholders, including a representative from the Environmental Ambassadors for Sustainable Development. At the conference were discussed major challenges on how to put SDGs into practice set by the new agenda globally as well as for Europe; United Nations Environment Assembly (UNEA); and Opportunities for Engagement of Major Groups and Stakeholders (MGS), etc. At the 2015 UNEP Regional Consultation for Europe (RCM) with Major Groups and Stakeholders (MGS) from the UNECE region discussion was held on how to prepare the positions for the preparation of the second session of the United Nations Environment Assembly (UNEA-2) to be held in May 2016 in Nairobi.

*In December 2015 EASD participated also in **Survey on the involvement of Major Groups and Stakeholders in the generation, utilization and dissemination of environmental information developed by UNEP**.*



EASD participate at **2016 Vienna UN Conference** (Vienna, January 13-15, 2016): **sustainable development is the basis for a peaceful world.** Participants, institutions, diplomats, and academics discussed, in interactive sessions, the challenges and how the UN system and the international community can deliver to overcome emerging challenges and ensure a peaceful and more sustainable world. EASD Hon. President participated in the Opening session, as well as in Session **Women, Peace and**

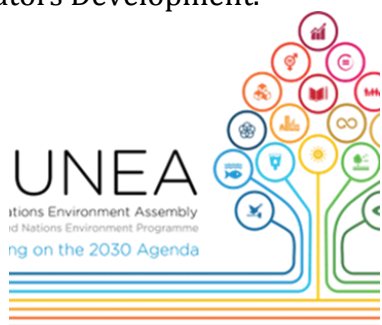
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Security. She noted the importance for SEE countries to recognize multilateralism as the co-share track to EU accession and sustainable development/resource efficiency/environmental sustainability as the tool and SDGs means of implementation. She promotes Gender Impact Assessment as the indicator for each process.

EASD participate at **2017 Vienna UN Conference – Implementing the 2030 Agenda**, organized by ACUNS and hosted by the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC). EASD (Environmental Ambassadors for Sustainable Development) honorable president participated at session related **science and technology: innovative Solutions to challenges in the 21st century**.

For Serbia, EASD team is focused on Environmental Sustainability, Science and Technology, Health and Hygiene and Energy and Environment in contributing to **Sustainable Development Indicators data and development for SEE region** through Platform Indicators Development.



In the preparatory phase for the **2nd meeting of the UN Environment Assembly (UNEA) and Global Major Groups and Stakeholders Forum (GMGSF)**, May, 2016 in Nairobi, Kenya, EASD participated in the process of **UNEP Redefinition of its Youth Strategy**, familiarize with and promote the interactive version of the Bali Guideline Implementation Guide. EASD representatives are registered for participation at UNEA-2².

EASD provided views and inputs for GMGSF. EASD participated in the UNEP's **survey on the involvement of Major Groups and Stakeholders in the generation, utilization and dissemination of environmental information developed by UNEP**. In addition, we keep eye on Open-ended Meeting of the Committee of Permanent Representatives to UNEP (OECPR) and Preparatory meeting for the 2nd Session of UNEA, February 2016 – we registered our representative to participate.

² Participation at the UN and other important international meetings is the subject of external financial support, and non-funded participation organization consider if achievable.

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EASD is noted for results in **education for sustainable development**. Among the various initiatives on education for sustainable development throughout the world, our (EASD) activity on **Collect, investigate and find solutions for waste management in schools** is given as the good example in UNESCO GREEN CITIZENS initiative.

InWASTEgate is previously published in FEE publication Blue Flag Program: Environmental Education Activities Handbook 2013.

Environmental Ambassadors for Sustainable Development (at that time) President develop this course as the part of her lecture at the Youth Encounter on Sustainability (YES) held in Braunwald, Switzerland and Bratislava, Slovakia.

EASD also promote The World Environmental Education Day, having the great event in school “Vuk Karadžić”, Surčin (Beograd).

EASD already is addressing the issue of environmental infrastructure as the condition for sustainable development. **Infrastructure is a pre-requisite for advances across the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, including for reducing poverty, promoting economic growth, addressing inequality and ensuring environmental sustainability.** Infrastructure is addressed directly through SDG 9, which commits the international community to build resilient infrastructure, promote inclusive and sustainable industrialization and foster innovation. Moreover, “investments in sustainable infrastructure are recognized as a **major cross-cutting driver that can contribute to achieving all the SDGs**”.

*EASD is **Knowledge Partner** with CEE for **ESD for transforming education for children and youth**. EASD participate at the international Conference ‘ESD for transforming Education for Children and Youth’ by **sharing our experience in Tetra Pak Eco Package Project as the tool for ESD in practice*** The Conference discussed the outcomes of Goal 4 from the ESDG Conference specifically focusing on good practice examples highlighting innovative strategies and methodologies in pedagogy and curriculum in both formal and non-formal settings to engage children and youth. The deliberations from this conference further enhance cooperation and action around Goal 4.7.(SDG). **The International Conference is being organized at**



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Centre for Environment Education (CEE), Ahmedabad, India in September 2016.

EASD participate in **research** related **WASTE AS THE CROSSCUTTING ISSUE OF SDGs**, presented at ISWA 2016 WORLD CONGRESS, September 2016, Novi Sad, Serbia.

EASD organized an event “Education for Sustainability” in partnership with EU Info Centre in Belgrade within the campaign “Europe for Green Serbia”, promoting the idea that by participating in YRE and Eco-Schools programmes, we can improve the quality of the environment, not only in schools but also in the wider communities. Young Reporters from Serbia presented their entries and they talked about different subjects.

At the beginning of 2017, FEE (Federation for Environmental Education), and EASD as the FEE Serbia, are proud to partner with UNWTO during the whole year of 2017 and participate to **the international year of sustainable tourism for development**. The United Nations 70th General Assembly has designated 2017 as the International Year of Sustainable Tourism for Development (A/RES/70/193). This is a unique opportunity to raise awareness of the contribution of sustainable tourism to development among public and private sector decision-makers and the public, while mobilizing all stakeholders to work together in making tourism a catalyst for positive change. In the context of the universal 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), the International Year aims to support a change in policies, business practices and consumer behavior towards a more sustainable tourism sector than can contribute to the SDGs.

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19.10.2014, Berlin – Prof. Angelika Mäugel, Environmental Ambassador Sustainable Development and Ernst Ulrich von Weizsäcker, Co-Chair, U International Resource Panel, Co-President, Club of Rome, Germany

ERF 2014 – European Resources Forum, Berlin November 2014. EASD representative participate on the 2nd ERF 2014. Thematic issues include: Europe’s responsibility for a sustainable use of natural resources, Targets for a sustainable resource use, Natural resources – to whom do they belong?, Resources for the “Energiewende”, UNEP’s International Resource Panel (IRP) on Decoupling & Circular Economy, Sustainable development goals and post 2015 process, Sustainable resource use and the role of the financial system, Resource

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efficiency in business – experiences from EU member states, How can Europe reach a sustainable use of natural resources?.

Regional training on the process of designation of potential Natura 2000 sites

EASD participated as ECF ECRAN regional representative at the **Regional training on the process of designation of potential Natura 2000 sites**, November 4-5, 2014; Podgorica, Montenegro.

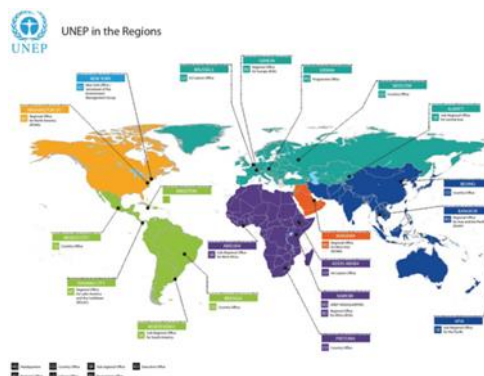
Connecting regions: participation at 10th International Convention on Environment and Development (X CONVENCION INTERNACIONAL SOBRE MEDIO AMBIENTE Y DESARROLLO) in Havana, Cuba, July 2015

2015 year's Convention emphatically **promotes cooperation among countries, exchange of experiences, sustainable practices, and knowledge transfer**, in order to cope with the urgent necessity of creating a new concept for development: integral development agenda that is flexible enough to meet the requirements, priorities and particularities of every country and region around the world.

The 10th Convention is organized around several events. **Environmental Ambassadors for Sustainable Development** research presentation was on the agenda of the **7th CONGRESS OF ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT**. Paper **“Scoping the future trends in natural resources availability using selected indicators as measures of progress: the links with interests and values”** (authors: Andjelka MIHAJLOV, Danko ALEKSIC, Filip JOVANOVIC, Khumo Sakgabe JOVANOVIC, Aleksandra MLADENOVIC, Dunja PROKIC and Milena TABASEVIC).

Waste and health: evidence and needs

Among about 20 international experts and practitioners, EASD hon.president participated as a Temporary Advisor to WHO. Held in UN campus in Bonn, Germany, WHO-Regional Office for Europe-European Centre for Environment and Health hosted technical meeting addressing waste and health in the context of European Environment and Health Process (EHP), with a view to identify priorities and formulate policy goals to be considered at the **Sixth Ministerial Conference on Environment and Health**.



EASD contributed to the 3rd UNECE EPR for Serbia. On March 26th, 2014, the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe (UNECE) organized the meeting with representatives of NGOs from Serbia. NGOs working in environmental-related projects talked with the **Environmental Performance Review (EPR)**. Representative from *Environmental*

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Ambassadors gave a brief presentation of ENV.net project.



EASD participated at the First High Level Ministerial Panel on Responding to **Climate and Environmental Challenges in South East Europe** (April 2016, Montenegro). To note that SEE region is vulnerable to climate change and that its water, energy, food and security of critical infrastructure is threatened by an increase in extreme events such as the catastrophic floods in Bosnia and Herzegovina, Serbia and Croatia in 2014. The ministers, together with other international partners and representatives of the civil society organisations (with EASD representative participated at event) discussed the state of climate and environment in SEE and reviewed the state of ongoing regional cooperation in this field. The focus was on the advantages and shortcomings of the current initiatives. In a joint declaration titled “The Podgorica Initiative”, adopted at the meeting, the ministers supported a regional approach to environmental and climate change issues.

EASD organized UNEP WED event : 12th Regional Conference “Environment to Europe”. The Twelfth Regional Conference was held in Belgrade on June 6, 2016 – traditionally as the main UNEP WED event in country. This year Conference focus is **Climate Change and Sustainability of Resources**. As this conference is supported by UNEP, as one of the official events to celebrate World Environment Day, we advocate and promote message that globally, **environmental crime rise and it is the strong need to “reverse” performance in order to achieve sustainable growth and development.**

EEASD participated at WHO meeting: **Waste, health, sustainability: what way forward?** in Bonn, October 2016. The meeting convene experts and representatives from Member States of WHO Regional Office for Europe, to discuss the policy orientations on waste and health that can be identified and proposed in view of the 6th Ministerial Conference on Environment and Health, taking place in 2017.

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**FOUNDATION FOR
ENVIRONMENTAL
EDUCATION**

Environmental Leaders from 70 Countries gathering in Copenhagen. The occasion is the Foundation for Environmental Education (FEE) General Assembly (GA) at UN City in Copenhagen. Many topics concerning environmental education and education for sustainability were discussed and decisions taken concerning the future direction of FEE. EASD, represented at the meeting, was approved as the FEE FULL MEMBER ORGANISATION.

Participated on ECF Annual Meeting in Brussels with European Commission (24-25 November 2014), using that opportunity to promote partnership.

EASD participated at European Green week and ESDW events!

The ESDW is a European-wide initiative aiming at stimulating and increasing the visibility of activities, projects and events that promote sustainable development.

The European Sustainable Development Week ensures that European citizens can take an active part in shaping the concept of sustainability in a bottom up approach. I am delighted that so many projects can be regarded as Best-Practice models and contribute to our common, sustainable future.' More than 1500 initiatives in 18 countries have been registered as part of the ESDW **(THE ELEVENTH REGIONAL CONFERENCE ENVIRONMENT TO EUROPE – ENE15 – ENV.NET is one of the registered events)**



As the organisation with ECOSOC consultative status, EASD in October 2015 had some meetings of the broad spectrum of the work of the UN in Vienna. EASD representatives participated in the Interactive Human Rights Tour and briefing on human rights for children. We

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support “Your actions count – be responsible traveler

The UNEP Regional Office for Europe, in partnership with the European Economic and Social Committee and the European Environmental Bureau, organized a **multi-stakeholders meeting on the implementation of the 2030 Sustainable Development Agenda**, combined with the yearly UNEP Regional Consultation Meeting for Major Groups and Stakeholders on 12-13 November 2015 in Brussels, Belgium. EASD participated.

The consultation workshop “**Water-food-energy-ecosystems nexus assessment in the Sava River Basin – Lessons learned and further steps**”, was held in Belgrade, on 29 January 2016. The workshop was jointly organized by the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe (UNECE) and the International Sava River Basin Commission (ISRBC), and hosted by the Republic Directorate for Water, Ministry of Agriculture and Environment Protection of the Republic of Serbia. At the workshop the results of the nexus assessment and other recent achievements in framework of the ISRBC, as well as follow-up projects and activities, were present to the national authorities and the civil society. EASD participated.

EASD provided our input on the first draft of the ‘**Global Review of Mercury Monitoring Networks**’. We suggest to add visualized layer of locations “of burning of fossil fuel “ and “small scale mining” (or to make a reference if already exists at global scale). The review is being developed within the framework of the project “**Development of a Plan for Global Monitoring of Human Exposure to and Environmental Concentrations of Mercury**”, funded by the Global Environment Facility. It seeks to compile and synthesize available information on existing mercury monitoring networks, including (i) air monitoring, (ii) human biomonitoring, and (iii) biota monitoring. It also seeks to highlight gaps in the coverage and scope of the monitoring networks. Thus the report aims to provide a baseline for future activities, including the promotion of further coordination and cooperation between the various networks. The draft review will be submitted by UNEP Chemicals and Waste Branch to the interim secretariat of the Minamata Convention on Mercury in response to the first call for information of the seventh session of the intergovernmental negotiating committee on mercury (INC 7), which, among others, invited stakeholders to submit to the interim secretariat information on existing monitoring programmes and how they can contribute to an overall monitoring approach, including availability of baseline information.

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As the member of ENV.net network (<http://www.env-net.org/about-us/the-network/>) EASD performed following activities:

Partnership and FPA meetings

- The first partnership meeting of the second phase of the project was organized in March 2015, in Milan, Italy. Partners discussed about the new phase of the project, duties and new specific responsibilities in the next two years of the project.
- ENV.net partnership meeting and FPA interim meetings were organised January 25-28, 2016, in Brussels, Belgium.
- Within the project “Development of ENV.net in the Western Balkans and Turkey: giving citizens a voice to influence the environmental process reforms for closer EU integration“, ENV.net team is organizing a regional conference titled “The environmental challenges, EU enlargement and public participation – the role of media on advocating environmental issues!“ held 21-22 October, 2016, in Struga, FYR of Macedonia. Monitoring of key selected topics/pieces of national environmental legislation with regard to approximation to EU acquis

2. EASD is monitoring legislations in Serbia on selected topics: horizontal legislation, water management, waste management and climate change.

3. Developing a common ENV.net communication strategy

Citizens are informed about findings from the monitoring exercise (via national meetings, interactive platform, ENV.net website, social networks and monthly newsletter).

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- Contribution to the 2015 Global Climate Agreement, March 31, 2015
- Contribution to the Global Chemical management, May 31, 2015
- Proposed changes to three important documents in the environmental sector (in

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Serbia), July 31, 2015

- Post-screening document for Chapter 27 sent to the European Commission, September 30, 2015
- EU Progress Report 2015 on Environmental and Climate Change for Serbia, November 30, 2015
- COP21: A new commitment for Serbia, *January 31, 2016*
- New Amendments to the Law on Environmental Protection, the Law on Waste Management and the Law on Nature Protection, *March 31, 2016*
- Contribution of CSOs to 2016 Serbia Progress Report, *May 31, 2016*
- 2016 Progress Report for Serbia, *November 30, 2016*

4. **Preparation of ENV.net common position papers and active contribution to country progress report**

EASD prepared the chapter in the first ENV.net position paper on the subject: Managements of Chemicals in Serbia (HOW IS THE ENVIRONMENT “performing” IN THE WESTERN BALKAN AND TURKEY?).

Previous Progress Reports for Chapter 27 (period 2011-2014) for Serbia were analyzed. EASD contribution to progress reports for 2015 was prepared and sent.

EASD prepared the second ENV.net position paper for the common publication: “Western Balkan and Turkey facing Climate Change Effects”. EASD position paper title was: “Climate Change Policy in Serbia”. Available at <http://www.env-net.org/about-us/env-net-publications/>

In previous phase EASD prepared publication *ENV.net Monitoring tool for CSOs in candidate and potential candidate countries: Chapter 27* (http://www.env-net.org/wp-content/uploads/2015/02/toolkit01_G_PRINT.pdf)

5. **Organisation of the simultaneous awareness events involving citizens on specific International environmental days**

The first Social Event was organised by EASD on **World Water Day** on March 22, 2015, at Ada Ciganlija, Belgrade, Serbia. In the first part of the event, Association of Lifeguards had a short presentation of the security measures that need to be taken into account on the beach in case of the emergency. They showed the public their security equipment and explained the procedures for dealing with emergency situations. In the second part, Institute for Nature Conservation of Serbia led the participants to field visit to the habitat of some specific bird and fungi species. Interesting short presentations on the history and characteristics of Ada Ciganlija were followed by the presentations on particular species that live there. Special focus was on the importance of water as their habitat. About 60 participants actively participated at this event. Another 140 people were involved in organisation or just watching the event (teachers, parents and other citizens, and about 20 were staff (EASD team, lifeguard, field guide etc.).

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The second Social Event was organised on the **World Environment Day** on June 7, 2015. in Gornji Milanovac, Serbia, The objective of this event was promotion of the environmental values in the Gornji Milanovac Municipality and promotion of the need for a healthy lifestyle, especially among school children. Participants were school children (and their teachers and parents) from 15 schools from the Moravicki District (municipalities of Gornji Milanovac, Cacak and Ivanjica). 45 students participated in the competitive part of the cycling event, monitored by 1-2 teachers and a professional from the Auto Motorcycle Association of Serbia. Event was secured by Red cross volunteers and local Ambulance.

The simultaneous event, with the theme "Go wild for life", was organised on the World Environment Day, June 4, 2016., in the Municipality of Gornji Milanovac, Serbia. About 70 participants from were involved in this event.

6. Round tables/conferences organised in order to bring together CSOs and local/national authorities and discuss about findings of ENV.net monitoring exercise

On June 5, 2015, Environmental Ambassadors for Sustainable Development, together with the Chamber of Commerce and Industry of Serbia, organized the regional conference EnE15/ENV.net with the theme: "Horizontal legislation: Methods, Standards and Tools toward EU Environmental Values". About 150 authors and co-authors of scientific papers (published in the form of the Conference Proceedings CD), participated at the EnE 15/ENV.net Conference. The Conference was an opportunity for institutions, organizations and experts to present their research and exchange viewpoints regarding methods, standards and tools toward EU environmental values and challenges on the road to EU. Conference was the UNEP WED event, supporting EU Integration process through ENV.net project.

On October 28, 2015, in Media Centre, Belgrade, ENV.net team Serbia organized the Seminar for media, this event was co-financed by the Ministry of Agriculture and Environmental Protection of the Republic of Serbia. This round table/seminar was organised with the idea to highlight that environmental reporting in Serbia is not sufficiently present in media. Conclusion is that there should be more environmental news, and they should be of the better quality, reporting on the important issues constantly, not just when accidents happen. There were 25 participants at the seminar, mostly journalists and other CSO representatives.

EnE16/ENV.net regional conference "Climate Change and Sustainability of Resources" was organised on June 6., 2016 by Environmental Ambassadors for Sustainable Development and the Chamber of Commerce and Industry of Serbia, Belgrade. About 170 participants registered for this event. The major conclusion was that as the EU accession is a significant priority for Serbia, so will the chapter relating to the environment and climate change (Chapter 27) will be increasingly important in the process that in Serbia we reach European standards.

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7. **Financial support to grassroots organisations to support awareness raising events involving citizens, organisation of round tables with other CSOs and national/local authorities.**

Procedure for award of financial support to third parties identified at the end of February 2015. Sub-grantee procedure was done as a direct award and selected based on the high rank in the previous call (the organisation - SFERA scored third place in the first call for proposals, but funding was available only for two sub-grants), and based on the theme they proposed which is now our focus, and that is cooperation with media. Title of the subproject was GREEN WEB - Action for Sustainable Future.

Sub-grantee organisation - SFERA finished their four-month project Green Web in April 2016. Final workshop was held on March 10, 2016 in UNS, Belgrade.

8. **Organisation of one training session on project management, monitoring and advocacy on the approximation process to the environmental acquis**

Training session: "CSO Participation in Accession Process", was organised on April 8, 2016 in Hotel Majestic, Belgrade. About 25 participants were present. The main conclusions of the meeting were that the environment is not a priority for the Republic of Serbia and therefore the environmental civil society organizations face a problem with providing the funds for their activities. Another conclusion was that stronger civil society can be achieved through more intense sharing of opinions and initiatives (for example, initiatives related Post-screening document implementation). Evaluation form was used to evaluate the success of the training session.