

Workshop in the Framework of the Post-2015 National Consultations
Integrating Chemicals Safety into the Post-2015 Development Agenda Framework

"Chemical and product safety in the Western Balkans – a priority area for the post 2015 agenda?"

Corporate Social Responsibility – sharing lessons learned from the “Chemical and Product Safety in the Balkans”

Save the date

As this month's toxic-milk scare in Europe has shown, products on the market in the Western Balkans could contain hazardous substances. Governments have taken a number of measures, however, still many problems remain.

The conference “Chemical and product safety in the Western Balkans” taking place in Belgrade, Serbia on 11 of April, will address share lessons learned from a 2-year EU-funded project on the issue, will share preliminary results of the national consultations on possible priorities for a post-2015 development agenda, and formulate recommendations. Participants will be experts from national authorities, policy makers from the Western Balkans, EU and international level, science, social responsible entrepreneurs, trade unions and civil society from Serbia, FYR of Macedonia and Albania as well as a number of EU member states. The conference will provide exhibition space for interested companies and organisations, to present products, inventories, tool kits, training materials and publications.

The conference is organised by WECF International, UNDP Serbia and non-governmental partners from the Western Balkans, with support of the European Union and the Ministries of Environment and Health of Serbia.

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Venue: Zira Hotel Belgrade: http://www.zirahotels.com/_guests/en/?page=conference



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Provisional Agenda

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| 9:00 | Registration & Coffee |
| 9:30 – 10:30 | Post-2015 Consultations & Chemicals Safety in Serbia |
| | Welcome - Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Serbia tbc |
| | Welcome - Ministry of Environment, Serbia tbc |
| | Welcome - Ministry of Health, Serbia tbc |
| | UNDP Serbia – Introduction to the Post 2015 agenda |
| | WECF International – Sascha Gabizon, Introduction |
| 10:30 – 11:30 | Chemicals Safety in the EU & Western Balkans |
| | Chemical department at the Ministry of Environment, Serbia, Status of Chemicals regulation and management in Serbia, Aleksandra Zujic |
| | Chemical department at the Ministry of Environment, FYR of Macedonia, Status of Chemicals regulation and management in FYR of Macedonia |
| | Public Health Agency, Albania, Serbia, Status of Chemicals regulation and management in Albania |
| | REACH and CLP as important steps for chemicals safety in the EU, Petteri Mäkelä ECHA, Finland |
| | Toys Safety Directive and chemicals safety in the Western Balkans – Alexandra Caterbow, WECE Germany |
| | How Baltic states adopted EU chemicals safety directives – presenting BEF internet tool and training kit, Sandra Oisalu, Baltic Environmental Forum, Estonia |
| | Questions & Answer session |
| 11:30 – 12:00 | Coffee Break |
| 12:00 – 13:30 | Best Practices Chemicals Safety |
| | Inventory on Chemicals in Products, legal framework and corporate responsibility in Albania; Evis Qaja – Women's Movement for Integral Development (LGZHI), Albania |
| | Children's health protection - examples from testing in-door air quality in kindergartens and sources of emission from chemicals in products, Natasha Dokovska Journalists for Human Rights, Macedonia |
| | Corporate Social Responsibility, the example of safe toys producer "de Speelgaard", Imke Philipoom, Bosnia / Netherlands tbc |
| | Capacity building for chemicals safety, Andjelka Mihajlov, NGO focal point SAICM |
| | Chemicals in products, information for parents and health professionals – Alexandra Caterbow, WECE Germany |
| | Lessons from unsafe chemicals in products at our borders, RAPEX – EU Rapid Alert System, DG Health and Consumers |
| | REC Serbia, recommendations and synergies, tbc |
| | Improving CSR Performance and Chemical Safety Management in the Toys Supply Chain - Drs. C.H.J. van Oijen, IVAM UvA BV |
| 13:30-14:30 | Lunch |
| 14:30 – 14:45 | Introduction to the thematic workshops |
| 14:45-15:30 | Workshops with different stakeholders: The aim of the workshops is to propose targets, indicators and actions for chemicals safety |
| | Workshop 1 Consumer Awareness raising – Chair: Slobodan Cvejic – Consultation process and priority areas for post 2015 |
| | Workshop 2 Surveillance and Customs – Chair: EU Rapex |
| | Workshop 3 Chemicals Regulation – Chair: Petteri Mäkelä ECHA, EU aquis for the Western Balkans |
| 15:30-16:00 | Tea & Coffee Break |
| 16:00-18:00 | Closing session, report back from Workshops Summary and Recommendations |
| 18:00 – 20:00 | End and Reception |



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