



# Annual Report 2001

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THE REGIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL CENTER  
*for Central and Eastern Europe*

**THE REGIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL CENTER FOR CENTRAL AND EASTERN EUROPE (REC)** is a non-partisan, non-advocacy, not-for-profit organisation with a mission to assist in solving environmental problems in Central and Eastern Europe (CEE). The Center fulfils this mission by encouraging cooperation among non-governmental organisations, governments, businesses and other environmental stakeholders, by supporting the free exchange of information and by promoting public participation in environmental decision-making.

The REC was established in 1990 by the United States, the European Commission and Hungary. Today, the REC is legally based on a Charter signed by the governments of 27 countries and the European Commission, and on an International Agreement with the Government of Hungary. The REC has its headquarters in Szentendre, Hungary, and local offices in each of its 15 beneficiary CEE countries which are: Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Bulgaria, Croatia, Czech Republic, Estonia, Hungary, Latvia, Lithuania, FYR Macedonia, Poland, Romania, Slovakia, Slovenia and Yugoslavia.

Recent donors are the European Commission and the governments of Albania, Belgium, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Bulgaria, Canada, the Czech Republic, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, France, Germany, Italy, Japan, Latvia, Lithuania, the Netherlands, Poland, Slovenia, Sweden, Switzerland, the United Kingdom, the United States and Yugoslavia, as well as other inter-governmental and private institutions.



The Regional Environmental Center for Central and Eastern Europe looks back at 2001 as the most productive in its 12-year history. As a year without a defining environmental event, 2001 proved to be an excellent time for networking, educating, participation and dialogue, efforts that set the table for a successful environmental future.

By garnishing the year's successes with local recipes from the region, the REC pays homage to the local dishes that the people of Central and Eastern Europe are so rightfully proud of. The REC wishes to elevate and celebrate the cuisine derived from fresh, local products and prepared in time-honoured fashions, because the health of an average family and the purity of their evening meal must surely be the best gauge of a nation's environment.

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## MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD

**W**hat is the recipe for a successful Regional Environmental Center for Central and Eastern Europe?

FIRST, take a dozen years....

There is no substitute for experience, whether in encouraging public participation and empowering people by giving them information and policy tools or by supporting organisations that are directly involved in environmental action. Over the course of its 12 years, the REC has gradually changed from a beneficiary entity to a financially self-sustaining one and expanded many times in its geographic scope and human resources.

SELECT the ingredients carefully, respecting the distinctive differences among them that contribute to a harmonious whole...

Governments, non-governmental organisations, businesses, local authorities, media, academia and individual citizens must all work together to understand each other's needs. That understanding will enable them to develop their countries in ways that have minimal impacts on natural

systems. But cooperation among different countries and peoples in Central and Eastern Europe (CEE), is just as important. In fact, it is essential for ensuring the health of international waterways such as the Danube and Elbe rivers, for eliminating dangerous transboundary pollution and for sustainably managing biologically diverse areas.

ADD WATER... and air and trees and soil, plus the continent's richest possible variety of natural resources. Preserve as many of the ingredients as you can for the future and guard against waste. The year 2001 saw the long-awaited final ratification of the Aarhus Convention and the introduction of the 6th Environmental Action Programme for Europe, two strategic policy documents that benefited from substantial input from the REC. Implementing them in the CEE region will ensure that environmental concerns are not neglected as economic issues become paramount.

BLEND ingredients together until a delicate balance is achieved.

Serves thousands.

**Allan Gromov**  
Chairman of the Board

**“We have said how necessary it is that in the composure of a salad, every plant should come in to bear its part, without being overpower'd by some herb of a stronger taste, so as to endanger the native savour and virtue of the rest; but fall into their places, like the notes in music, in which there should be nothing harsh or grating. And though admitting some discords (to distinguish and illustrate the rest) striking in all the more sprightly, and sometimes gentler notes, reconcile all dissonances, and melt them into an agreeable composition.”**

John Evelyn, *Acetaria* (1699)

**B**eing the executive director of a flexible, democratic institution like the REC requires more than managerial competence. It involves an in-depth knowledge of all facets of the organisation's activities, as well as an openness to participation and collective decision-making. It entails teamwork and the delegation of authority, along with a great deal of trust in management and staff. Whereas my work as Minister of Environment and Physical Planning was a true personal challenge, leading the REC is an altruistic endeavour, a living example of the kind of cooperation and participation necessary for a successful democracy.

The main basis of our current structure and work is an inheritance from my predecessor, Jernej Stritih. Looking through our achievements, which reflect these same ideals, it is clear his strategy has been taken to heart, and the results achieved by the REC in 2001 are a testament to that vision.

Serving as a co-secretariat of the Environmental Action Programme Task Force, the REC has contributed to the preparations for the Kiev Conference through the affirmation of Central and Eastern Europe as a critical bridge between the Newly Independent States and the West. The REC is anxious to share its experience on the development and implementation of the Regional Environmental Reconstruction Programme (REReP) for South Eastern Europe (SEE), and will propose similar action oriented programmes.

A unique, comprehensive programme that involves all SEE stakeholders, REReP became fully operational in 2001. More than 90 multilateral projects were launched with more than EUR 100 million in funding. A positive donor response combined with the SEE countries' commitment established a vital precondition for the success of the programme. REReP supports the Stabilisation and Association Agreements between SEE countries and EU and is seen as a facilitator in EU integration.

The EU accession process is still the main driving force for overall environmental improvement across the region. On behalf of the REC, I would like to congratulate those countries that have closed environmental chapters. Transposition and implementation of EU environmental legislation and cost effectiveness of the investments in environmental infrastructure continue to be the main challenges of the process. That is why the candidate countries will need strong support and assistance before and after they join the EU.

A concrete breakthrough in 2001 was the signing of the Ministerial Declaration and the Memorandum of Understanding between the International Commission for Protection of the Danube River and the International Commission for Protection of the Black Sea. The DABLAS Task Force was established to implement these documents and the REC was invited to become a member.

Preparations for the World Summit on Sustainable Development in Johannesburg began in 2001 and have reached a critical phase. Although progress on agreements made in Rio have been slow in coming over the past decade, it is clear that support for sustainable development is at the heart of the REC's mission.

The revenue of core funds earned in 2001 was 47 percent higher than the previous year. The Japan Special Fund remained a stable and important financial mechanism. Another encouraging development was the creation of the Italian Trust Fund, a contribution of the Italian Ministry for the Environment and Territory to the REC.

I strongly believe that the REC is going to continue to demonstrate its abilities in the implementation of its work plan for the year 2002.

**Toni Popovski**  
Executive Director





# Year in review

A year of relative calm for a turbulent region, 2001 proved to be the REC's most successful ever in terms of accomplishments. A stable presence in the region allowed the REC to repeat and expand successful projects, disseminate results, identify new areas in need of attention and promote public participation in the decision-making process. In addition to local concerns, nations hungry for EU accession accepted the REC's invitation to break bread with their neighbours and join networks, regional projects, and fact-finding missions, setting the table for environmental success.

## Business and Environment Programme

**ABEI** The REC's Business & Environment Programme, secretariat of the Aarhus Business and Environment Initiative (ABEI) for Central and Eastern Europe, directed its efforts toward several major activities in 2001.

The ABEI Steering Committee redefined the second and third phases of its work programme to achieve the basic goal of the initiative — to improve the environment in CEE countries via eco-efficient management of businesses.

In the second phase, the ABEI prepared several country reports on eco-efficiency in CEE. A booklet on Hungarian industries discussed case studies in which firms improved profitability while addressing environmental management. National round tables on eco-efficiency disseminated information about CEE businesses.

**NATURAL BEAUTY** —NGOs in South Eastern Europe work to preserve areas of natural beauty such as the Carpathian Mountains in Romania (left). Biodiversity in the region is bolstered through Green Balkans' protection of orchids in Bulgaria (upper far left) and the Mycological Society of Montenegro's preservation of rare mushrooms (lower far left).

**FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS** A Phare project allowed the programme to provide training on financial instruments for environmental investments to the Environmental Fund managers of the Hungarian Ministry of Environment. International discussions will lead to the development of a corporate sustainability index for CEE, building on the methodologies of the US Dow Jones Sustainability Index and Swiss Sustainable Assets Management AG.

**MANAGEMENT** The programme firmed up its ties with the World Business Council for Sustainable Development (WBCSD, Geneva), the European Partners for the Environment (EPE, Brussels) and the International Network for Environmental Management (INEM, Hamburg-Budapest). An assessment of environmental management tool kits is underway to find the most suitable ones for the region's micro, small and medium-sized enterprises. Environmental award scheme managers from all CEE countries and from Malta and Cyprus were introduced to the European Environmental Award for Industry and its organisers from DG Environment.

## Capacity Building Programme

**EDUCATION** The year's highlight was the development of the environmental education product the Green Pack. Funded by the Toyota Environmental Activities Grants Programme 2000, the pack includes a teachers' handbook and a multi-media CD-ROM and is targeted at Polish gymnasium teachers and their students.

“If we do not permit the earth to produce beauty and joy, it will in the end not produce food either.”

Joseph Wood Krutch, naturalist (1893-1970)



“The pleasures of the table are of all times and all ages, of every country and of every day.”

Jean-Anthelme Brillat-Savarin



The Internship Programme placed 19 students in REC projects concerned with business, information, biodiversity and other areas.

In addition, the REC helped its sister organisations with training on granting procedures and financial management for REC-Caucasus and REC-Ukraine.

### Climate Change Programme

In 2001, the Climate Change Programme's Capacity for Climate Protection project entered its third year. One of its main activities was publishing case studies on good practices in domestic policies and measures to mitigate climate change effects. The information was distributed during a regional workshop held at the REC in September and at the workshop organised by the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) Secretariat in Copenhagen in October.

Fact sheets were published in seven languages and widely distributed in the respective countries. In support of renewable energy resources, a feasibility study for joint implementation of windmill technology was conducted in Estonia.

Case studies from six Central and Eastern European countries are being prepared by NGOs to evaluate access to information and public participation in climate related activities. In collaboration with the Business and Environment Programme, a workshop was held in April 2001 on the topic of business involvement in joint implementation in CEE. A report, *Complying with the Kyoto Protocol Requirements: Capacity Needs in Central and Eastern Europe*, was published and distributed during workshops and Conference of Parties 6 and 7 meetings under the UNFCCC.

**LEARNING TO GREEN** — Young environmentalists plant the future in Lithuania (far upper right), pupils test their green acumen under the guidance of the SOSNA Center for Sustainable Activities in Slovakia (right), and a clean-up crew restores an Albanian beach to its natural state (far lower right).

### EcoLinks

EcoLinks, an initiative of the U.S. Agency for International Development, promotes practical, market-based solutions to urban and industrial environmental problems in Central and Eastern Europe and Asia. The REC jointly manages the programme with the Institute of International Education (for Eurasia and the overall programme coordination) with the aim of linking businesses, municipalities and associations with their counterparts in the region and in the United States. Working as partners, these organisations identify and remedy environmental problems, adopt best practices and increase trade and investment. In 2001 EcoLinks offered two types of grants in the region: Challenge Grants and Quick Response Awards.

**CHALLENGE GRANTS** In 2001, EcoLinks started its fourth cycle of the Challenge Grants component, allocating 18 awards totalling EUR 922,000 to municipalities, businesses and associations in Central and Eastern Europe. The fifth Challenge Grants cycle also began at the end of 2001 and 18 more projects were selected, totalling EUR 885,000. These will be implemented in 2002. Every project demonstrated that it is possible to protect the environment and reduce costs at the same time and will be implemented by a CEE organisation in collaboration with a regional or U.S. partner. Of the lead organisations awarded grants in the 4th cycle, 55 percent were local governments or utilities and 45 percent businesses.

With the hope of a high replication rate, 27 of the most successful projects from the first three cycles were written up as best practices and published on the Web.





“One’s stomach  
is one’s internal  
environment.”

Samuel Butler



**QUICK RESPONSE AWARDS** In 2001, EcoLinks awarded 77 Quick Response Awards totalling EUR 340,000.

The main objective of this component was to encourage partnerships and help the recipients prepare applications for the larger challenge grants, as well as to stimulate trade and investments in environmentally friendly technologies between CEE and the United States.

### Environmental Law Programme

In October the REC established the Environmental Law Programme, which has initiated some major projects including 1) developing and implementing multilateral environmental agreements; 2) strengthening of environmental governance by supporting independent environmental legal professionals; and 3) assisting in reform of environmental legislation. The REC’s capacities are enhanced through the Joint Environmental Law Service consortium, which includes, besides the REC, the UNEP-Regional Office for Europe and the IUCN Environmental Law Programme. The consortium has contributed to a REReP steering group meeting and a workshop on multilateral agreements in Yugoslavia organised by the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) and United Nations Economic Commission for Europe (UNECE) and supported by the REC.

The programme finalised terms of reference and commissioned legal experts to develop country assessments on the acceptance and implementation of multilateral environmental agreements in seven South Eastern European (SEE) countries.

More than 30 applications from the seven subject countries were received for the pilot Environmental Legal Advocacy/Advisory Centre (REReP 2.6).

The REC produced legislative assessments for five new state-parties to the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species (CITES). The REC supported the Convention and UNEP in a workshop on multilateral environmental agreements held with the Caspian Environment Programme.

### Environmental Policy Programme

**REReP** The Regional Environmental Reconstruction Programme for South Eastern Europe (REReP) became fully operational in 2001. More than 90 projects totalling more than EUR 100 million have been launched.

The REReP mechanism was favourably reviewed at the third REReP Task Force meeting in September 2001. The programme supports the implementation of the Stabilisation and Association Agreements between SEE countries and the EU.

Serving as the REReP Secretariat, the REC has been implementing projects, facilitating dialogue among REReP stakeholders and continually assessing REReP priorities.

The REC helped launch the Balkan Environmental Regulatory Compliance and Enforcement Network in December 2001 in Tirana, Albania. It aims to enable SEE countries to improve environmental enforcement and compliance through cooperation and exchange of experience. The REC’s role as secretariat for the network ensures the implementation of the work plan.

**BIODIVERSITY** The promotion of cross-border cooperation for biodiversity protection extended to a third site, West Stara planina (Yugoslavia/Serbia-Bulgaria), in addition to the existing sites in the Neretva Delta (Bosnia and Herzegovina-Croatia) and Skadar Lake (Albania-Yugoslavia/Montenegro). Based on joint surveys of the environmental status of the sites and potential threats, local stakeholders jointly managed and protected their shared natural resources. The REC gave small grants to local NGOs and associations to encourage the sustainable use of resources and the revitalisation of local crafts. Partners began the preparations for long-term management plans for the sites.

**EAP TASK FORCE** The work programme for the next two years for the CEE sub-programme of the Task Force for Implementation of the Environmental Action Programme for Central and Eastern Europe (EAP Task Force) was adopted.

Six REC programmes have joined efforts to implement the planned activities with the Environmental Policy Programme providing secretariat coordination.

**ECONOMIC INSTRUMENTS** Within the Sofia Initiative on Economic Instruments, the REC updated the Database of Environmental Taxes and Charges in Central and Eastern Europe. The collected data for all the countries in the region was published and analysed in a report entitled *Environmental Taxes in an Enlarged Europe*. The report compared economic instruments used in CEE to EU practices. It also analysed environmental taxes and charges in the EU accession process.

The REC published a report on a conference held in 2000, *Economic Instruments and Water Policies in CEE*, organised by the REC and the European Commission. A report on the waste management policies in the CEE countries was also published, which highlighted the role of economic instruments, analysed strategies for self-financing in the waste sector, assessed waste-management priorities and strategies and looked at the development of national recycling policies.

**SEA** In support of the Sofia initiative, the REC organised two workshops on strategic environmental assessment (SEA) among senior government officials in the region. The first workshop, held in Szentendre, identified common priorities in the development of the national environmental assessment systems in the region. A joint REC/UNDP workshop reviewed the lessons learned with environmental assessment in regional development plans and compared this experience with that in the EU. The REC also assisted the Czech Ministry of Environment in the formulation of a methodology for strategic environmental assessment and assisted a sectoral operational programme for tourism in the Czech Republic.

**TRANSPORT** A meeting of high officials on environmentally friendly transport took place in March in Szentendre, establishing a network of professionals which will promote sustainable transport in CEE/NIS countries at local and regional levels. A report on the meeting was presented at the first high-level meeting on transport, environment and health on May 4, 2001 in Geneva.

**INVESTMENT** The REC continued to assist CEE countries with their environmental investment strategies. Of particular importance were international meetings on priority environmental projects for accession. The third meeting, held in June, focused on private sector involvement in the implementation of selected EU directives, project pipeline development, project preparation, and the use of consultants in developing financing plans. The fourth meeting focused on investment planning and further addressed financing strategies.

**ENVIRONMENTAL FUNDS** The REC revived its role in the Network of CEE Environmental Funds — extremely timely given the debate on the future of such funds in the “post-accession” period. As the Network’s secretariat, the REC organised several workshops on such topics as the new EU state aid guidelines. Additionally, the REC published a report, *Environmental Funds in the Candidate Countries*, which assessed the Funds’ performances based on OECD/EU requirements and their role in the “post-accession” period.

### Information Programme

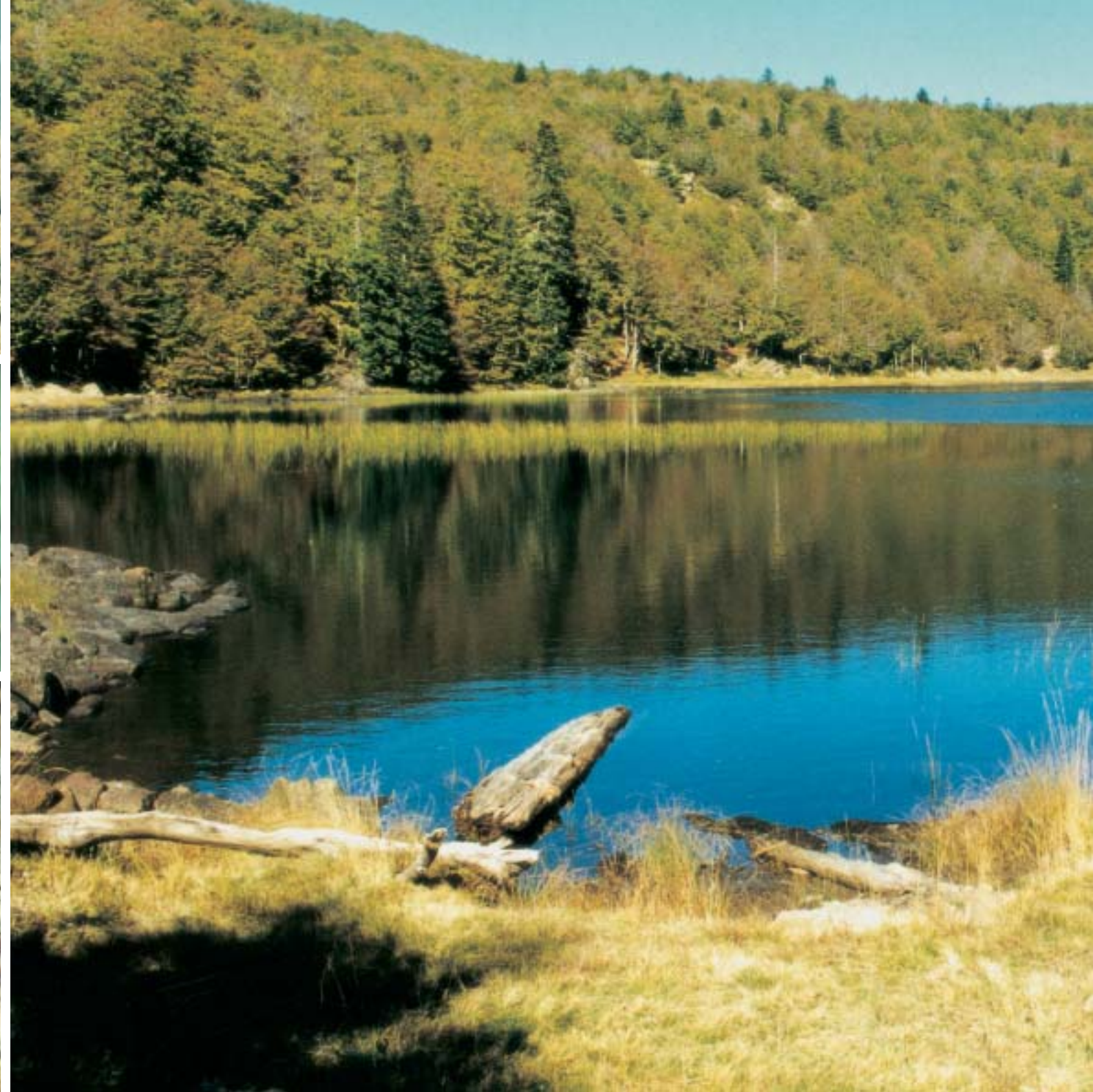
**LIBRARY** Already a significant collection of English-language environmental information, the library continued to grow and also to host the Balkan Information Service especially for the SEE environmental community. The library launched a homepage with a searchable catalogue and handled more than 400 information requests from diverse stakeholders from the CEE region and around the world.

Funds from the Regional Environmental Accession Programme (REAP) helped update information resources for NGOs and local authorities. These included electronic databases and printed directories for government and environment, funding sources for environmental NGOs and regional environmental events.

“Cooking should be a carefully balanced reflection of all the good things of the earth.”

Jean and Pierre Troisgros





The Information Programme produced four issues of the REC's environmental magazine, *The Bulletin*, with cover stories about transport, agriculture, climate change and globalisation. The programme sent out its monthly regional environmental news digest, *Green Horizon*, to 250 journalists across Europe and redesigned the REC's Web site to serve as a portal to environmental information on the CEE countries and activities at the REC.

**REReP** The Information Programme initiated several projects under the Regional Environmental Reconstruction Programme for South Eastern Europe (REReP), including the Balkan Information Service, Strengthening of National Environmental Information Systems and Electronic NGO Networking. A country-by-country survey identified national priorities and a follow-up workshop led to the drafting of national action plans for strategic development. A regional survey on NGO needs and expectations was followed by national workshops to introduce project and network objectives. An on-going series of South Eastern European country reports, prepared at the request of the Swedish International Development Agency, reviewed the state of the environment, driving forces that affect it and institutional responses in Croatia and Yugoslavia.

**ELECTRONIC TOOLS** The Information Programme, with Japan Special Fund assistance, supported the Electronic Tools Task Force under the Aarhus Convention through a needs assessment, project Web site, good practice compendium and joint organisation of a workshop in Norway. Workshop participants presented good practices in information management and dissemination. The compendium forms a snapshot of priorities, challenges and case studies in the region.

**HABITATS** — The Black Lake in the northern Albania is surrounded by a crucial wolf habitat (left), while endangered eagles survey the Carpathian landscape (far upper left), and a turtle and frogs populate marshlands (far middle and lower left).

**RESEARCH** UNEP's Third Global Environmental Outlook report included references to major policy initiatives and a retrospective look at the state of the environment for all of Europe, edited by the REC. Under the REAP umbrella, the Programme helped cities take advantage of the EC's urban sustainability indicators programme. Cooperation with the Sustainable Development Communications Network realised an on-line information package for interested municipalities.

The Programme supported projects and initiatives related to the promotion of good ore mining practices, helped draft an industry code for cyanide management, and supported a World Health Organisation project developing a methodology for rapid environment and health risk assessment.

**PUBLISHING** The REC's expanded publishing team prepared new project Web sites and produced 38 reports, brochures and publications, including the award-winning *Annual Report 2000: Focus on the Region*.

### Local Initiatives Programme

The Local Initiatives Programme, which works with local and regional governments to improve environmental management, started several new projects, including new efforts in municipal and project financial planning.

**LEAPs** The programme continued to help authorities reach out to their community to initiate local and regional environmental action plans (LEAPs or REAPs). The REC focused especially on the development of a LEAP Practitioners' Network through a regional meeting and the creation of a LEAP Web site, which contained demonstration projects, guidelines, training and other reference materials.

“The act of putting into your mouth what the earth has grown is perhaps your most direct interaction with the earth.”

Frances Moore Lappe



“One of the very nicest things about life is the way we must regularly stop whatever it is we are doing and devote our attention to eating.”

Luciano Pavarotti



Local Initiatives experts worked with REC country offices to carry out demonstration projects in Bulgaria, Latvia, and Romania. The REC's country office staff improved their LEAP training and implementation and have begun promoting this service to other communities.

**TRAINING** Local authorities face great challenges in complying with the environmental *acquis* in terms of administration, planning and finance. The REC produced a guidebook and training programme to help. It focuses on EU directives in the air, water and waste sectors, and includes a tool kit on strategy, prioritisation, financial planning and project preparation skills. Workshops on these topics were carried out in 10 candidate countries in November and December 2001.

**PROJECT FINANCING** The REC started work on an initiative in South Eastern Europe in which local authorities can work with local consultants to develop proposals for financing by outside sources. The project will focus initially on Romania and Yugoslavia.

**EU COMPLIANCE AWARDS** The third annual City Towards EU Compliance Award programme ended with the competition being extended beyond CEE to EU candidates Cyprus, Malta and Turkey. The competition focused on the three “Ts”: Implementation (of EU air, water and waste directives), Integration (of environmental concerns into other policy sectors) and Information and Environmental Education. A total of 122 municipalities participated and 15 received winner's certificates at a ceremony in Brussels. The programme raised awareness about EU accession and environment among participants and informed the REC and the EU about local governments' compliance with the environmental *acquis*.

**GRANTS** The 23 winners of both editions of the City Towards EU Compliance Award Competition 1999-2000 were invited to a grants competition designed to reward efforts toward EU environmental compliance. Fourteen grants were awarded for projects dealing with such issues as medical and industrial waste management, sustainable transport and public awareness of water and air pollution.

## Japan Special Fund

**TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE** The Japan Special Fund Technical Assistance projects reached their final stage. Reports for the rehabilitation of the industrial waste dump site in Siauliai were completed and approved by the Lithuanian government. The investment proposal for rehabilitation of the Fier city wastewater system was completed and well received by the Albanian government. Preparation for the technical specifications on the cleaner production demonstration project at the Zletovo fertiliser plant in Veles, FYR Macedonia was completed.

Three workshops were organised around the region with institutional support from the REC/JSF:

- Environmental Headline Indicators for Economies in Transition: Case Study of the Baltic States, in Latvia;
- Support for Environmental Management System Implementation in Industrial Settings (Bulgaria, FYR Macedonia), in Bulgaria; and
- A skill-share workshop on municipal waste management, in Poland.

**SUPPORT** The Japan Special Fund supported three regional policy workshops on transport sustainable for environment and health in CEE, strategic environmental impact assessment in CEE and pilot testing of urban environmental management (co-organised with IETC-UNEP).

The Fund also supported training programmes, including two prepared by the REC Country Office Bulgaria to promote advanced waste management practices and waste water treatment. Upon the request of the Embassy of Japan in Budapest, the Fund solicited preparation of a training programme for local governments in Yugoslavia to compliment those of the Szeged Process.

Another project aimed to improve energy savings and energy efficiency in FYR Macedonia.

**ITALIAN TRUST FUND** The Italian Trust Fund (ITF) was established in 2001 as a special contribution of the Italian Ministry for the Environment and Territory to the REC aimed at strengthening their collaboration to help CEE countries improve their environment.

### NGO Support Programme

The NGO Support Programme has continued to consolidate its efforts along five main “tools” for support: grants, training, viable NGO development, networking and information/research. A total of EUR 1,083,845 was given out in NGO grants, the highest level since 1994.

**GRANTS** EUR 700,000 in local and cooperative grants were distributed through a programme funded by the Danish Ministry of Environment and Energy’s DANCEE programme. Local grants focused on biodiversity and public participation issues, with 236 individual NGO projects supported.

Another EUR 268,805, allocated from the EU Phare programme was distributed for 36 projects related mainly to EU accession.

As a part of the REReP support to NGOs, EUR 80,000 was awarded for development of an NGO network in SEE. EUR 100,000 from the Netherlands Ministry of Foreign Affairs was offered in six SEE countries for national NGO input into the REReP process. Forty-three local grants were given to NGOs addressing cross-border biodiversity issues in the Skadar Lake region between Albania and Montenegro and the Neretva River Delta between Croatia and Bosnia and Herzegovina. They received support of EUR 76,816 from the Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation.

Twenty-five NGOs in Albania and FYR Macedonia won World Bank grants for the Ohrid Lake Conservation Project. With the support of the Japan Special Fund, eight NGO projects in these countries won support for waste and energy efficiency work.

**SELF-FINANCING** Within the work of the Sustainable NGO Financing Project (SNFP), the REC and its partners helped 14 Central European NGOs develop plans for ancillary business activities. The project seeks to help NGOs diversify their funding base. Seven groups received Business Planning Grants while four others were selected for Venture Grant funding by the REC and the NESsT Venture Fund.

**TRAINING** The Training for Young Environmental Leaders (Junior Fellowship Programme) continued with support from the Netherlands Ministry of Environment, the Coca-Cola Foundation and the Phare programme. A record 44 fellows took part in seven sessions. EC funds backed two sessions of the Advanced Fellowship Programme that focused on EU accession and the environment.

**DIALOGUE** The networking project known as the DG Environment-NGO Dialogue, facilitated by the REC, convened its fourth and fifth sessions in Brussels in 2001. The 40 NGO participants learned about planned EC environmental policies and gave their opinions on the accession process. Three preparatory seminars allowed NGOs to prepare positions for the fifth meeting.

**DIRECTORIES** Two new directories were made available on-line, including a listing of 2,800 regional NGOs and contact and funding information on more than 150 donors.

### Public Participation Programme

The Public Participation Programme continued to promote the early ratification and implementation of the Aarhus Convention and the application of best practices for public participation in the CEE countries.

**AARHUS CONVENTION** REC experts contributed to the work of all task forces and working groups established under the Aarhus Convention dealing with the topics of compliance, rules of procedure, genetically modified organisms, electronic information tools, pollutant release and transfer registers (PRTRs), access to justice, and the preparatory meeting for the First Meeting of the Parties.

“A man may esteem himself happy when that which is his food is also his medicine.”

Henry David Thoreau



“A significant part of the pleasure of eating is in one’s accurate consciousness of the lives and the world from which the food comes.”

Wendell Berry

The REC provided input in three meetings of the Technical Group and Inter-ministerial Working Group developing the PRTR protocol to the Aarhus Convention. The REC and outside experts prepared the draft *Handbook on Access to Justice under the Aarhus Convention*, which analysed good practices and barriers in access to justice. It provided case studies from more than 30 countries and was discussed in the UNECE Access to Justice Task Force workshop.

Within the REReP project, Support to Developing Strategies for Implementation of the Aarhus Convention in SEE, assistance was given to governments and NGOs in six SEE countries to ensure civil society involvement in the Convention’s implementation. Draft assessments of the needs and priorities for developing implementation strategies have been prepared by independent consultants in cooperation with the official Aarhus focal points and other governmental and NGO experts. Further project activities are being identified based on the assessment reports and the results of the discussions in each country.

**WORKSHOPS** In Kosovo, an assessment was prepared of the cooperation between NGOs and local authorities, public involvement and dissemination of environmental information. Training on public participation, campaigning and strategy development for 20 NGOs was organised in Mitrovica. A workshop in Pristina involving NGOs, municipal officials from six regions and the Department of Environment discussed the Aarhus Convention, stakeholder cooperation, strategic planning and their relevance to decision-making on the local level in Kosovo.

REC experts participated in the negotiation of a new SEA protocol under the Espoo Convention.

The project Building Environmental Citizenship to Support Transboundary Pollution Reduction in the Danube: A Pilot Project for Hungary and Slovenia, helped government officials and NGOs improve public access to environmental and water-related information. Needs assessments in Hungary and Slovenia identified legal, institutional and practical barriers to public access to information and public participation and helped to define priorities for project activities. Workshops on legal, institutional and practical issues drew participants from governments, NGOs and businesses. A study tour introduced six government officials and two NGOs from Hungary and Slovenia to the laws, institutions and public information systems of the Netherlands and the United States.

The final workshop commended the results of the project and resulted in recommendations for higher level policy-makers in Hungary and Slovenia. The project produced guidelines to improve Slovenian legislation; recommendations on institutional mechanisms and practices of public access to environmental and water-related information; a handbook on these issues for Hungarian officials; and a related guide for Hungarian citizens.

**TRUE COSTS** — An NGO partner in the Czech Republic draws attention to the suffering of Arctic polar bears to illustrate the wide-ranging effects of persistent organic pollutants (right), dancing bottles sing for green shopping in Warsaw (far upper right), and the transport conditions of livestock, like these sheep at a border checkpoint, are monitored by a Hungarian NGO (far lower right).









**ALBANIA**

**Baked Pepper Salad**  
(Sallate me speca)

Serves 4

**Ingredients**

- 1 kg red or green peppers
- 250 g feta cheese
- 200 g olives
- salt, black pepper
- olive oil
- vinegar
- parsley

**DIRECTIONS** Place whole red or green peppers on a flat baking sheet without oil in a hot oven until the skin turns a dark brown colour. Remove skin and seeds. Cut the peppers lengthwise in strips. Arrange on a serving plate with salt, pepper, vinegar and olive oil. Add parsley on top and, if desired, surround the peppers with feta cheese and green and/or black olives.

**REPORT OF INDEPENDENT AUDITORS**

TO THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS **The Regional Environmental Center for Central and Eastern Europe**

We have audited the balance sheet of the Regional Environmental Center for Central and Eastern Europe (the Organisation) as of December 31, 2001 in accordance with International Standards on Auditing.

In our opinion, the financial statements give a true and fair view of the financial position of the Organisation at December 31, 2001 and the results of its operations and its cash flows for the period that ended in accordance with International Accounting Standards.

**ERNST & YOUNG** Budapest, Hungary • March 10, 2002

**STATEMENT OF CONTRIBUTIONS**

DONOR	2001 CONTRIBUTIONS	TOTAL CONTRIBUTIONS 1990-2001	IN KIND CONTRIBUTIONS 1990-2001
	EUR	EUR	EUR
Albania	39,869	76,866	
Austria		491,811	
Belgium	118,007	118,007	
Bosnia and Herzegovina	23,894	23,894	
Bulgaria	7,668	23,932	
Canada	13,944	759,770	
Czech Republic	5,714	88,799	
Croatia		20,379	6,350
Denmark	565,436	2,482,263	
Estonia	4,153	26,980	
European Union	2,003,604	11,906,324	
Finland	68,484	830,379	
France		25,683	
Germany	265,715	620,449	345,646
Hungary		733,297	1,231,134
Italy	227,454	421,567	108,154
Japan	630,355	11,084,042	294,427
Latvia	18,859	72,471	
Lithuania	581	5,480	
FYR Macedonia	55,638	144,189	
Netherlands	1,294,883	3,743,387	
New Zealand		14,048	
Norway	879,398	1,274,983	
Poland	9,670	77,996	
Sweden	61,929	144,150	
Switzerland	261,308	1,522,529	
Slovakia	133,849	353,923	
Slovenia	34,800	117,798	
UNDP/UNEP	604,462	1,743,819	3,846
United Kingdom	268,873	421,808	
United States	898,568	9,680,671	52,280
Yugoslavia	34,904	34,904	
Other	543,266	1,968,642	
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>9,075,285</b>	<b>51,058,239</b>	<b>2,041,838</b>



**BALANCE SHEET** (All amounts in EUR 000's)

	DECEMBER 31, 2001				DECEMBER 31, 2000
	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Conference Centre	Total Funds	2000 Total
<b>ASSETS</b>					
<b>Current Assets:</b>					
Cash	1,414	172	0	1,586	1,458
Term deposit	935	445	0	1,380	1,371
Prepaid expenses and accrued income	273	17	2	292	123
CO Prepayments	504	230	0	734	431
Receivables	0	11,589	0	11,589	5,266
<b>Total current assets</b>	<b>3,126</b>	<b>12,453</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>15,581</b>	<b>8,649</b>
Fixed assets, net	813	149	0	962	740
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<b>3,939</b>	<b>12,602</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>16,543</b>	<b>9,389</b>
<b>LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCES</b>					
<b>Current Liabilities:</b>					
Accounts payable and accruals	168	13,441	1	13,610	7,303
Grants payable	7	295	0	302	311
<b>Total current liabilities</b>	<b>175</b>	<b>13,736</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>13,912</b>	<b>7,614</b>
Interfund transfers	1,381	(1,261)	(120)	0	0
Fund balance	2,383	127	121	2,631	1,775
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCES</b>	<b>3,939</b>	<b>12,602</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>16,543</b>	<b>9,389</b>

**STATEMENT OF REVENUE, EXPENSE AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES** (All amounts in EUR 000's)

	DECEMBER 31, 2001				DECEMBER 31, 2000
	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Conference Centre	Total Funds	2000 Total
<b>REVENUES</b>					
Cash contributions	84	8,695	0	8,779	5,952
Internal charges	4,083	0	132	4,215	2,559
Interest income	12	56	0	68	102
Other	67	0	168	235	154
<b>TOTAL REVENUE</b>	<b>4,246</b>	<b>8,751</b>	<b>300</b>	<b>13,297</b>	<b>8,767</b>
<b>EXPENSES</b>					
Direct programme expenses	2,467	2,877	183	5,527	5,106
Internal charges	0	4,215	0	4,215	2,559
Grants and awards	46	1,489	0	1,535	769
Administration	902	0	0	902	689
Depreciation	180	0	0	180	143
Foreign exchange gain/loss	67	7	0	74	(624)
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<b>3,662</b>	<b>8,588</b>	<b>183</b>	<b>12,433</b>	<b>8,642</b>
Excess (deficiency) of revenues over expenses:	584	163	117	864	125
Fund balances at the beginning of year	1,802	(32)	5	1,775	1,646
Interfund equilibration	(3)	(4)	(1)	(8)	4
<b>FUND BALANCES AT THE END OF YEAR</b>	<b>2,383</b>	<b>127</b>	<b>121</b>	<b>2,631</b>	<b>1,775</b>

**BULGARIA****Shopska Salad**  
(Шопска салата)

Serves 4

**Ingredients**

300-350 g ripe tomatoes  
1 cucumber (about 200 g)  
1 small hot pepper  
4-5 green peppers  
150 g white cheese for grating  
2 onions  
100 ml vegetable oil  
10-15 olives  
parsley  
salt

**DIRECTIONS** Cut the onion in small pieces. Remove the stem and seeds of the green peppers (raw or roasted and peeled). Cut them into strips and then into smaller pieces. Chop the hot pepper. Cut the cucumber in four lengthwise and slice the pieces. (You may leave it unpeeled if organically grown). Mix everything and add salt. Mound the vegetables in a salad dish or in individual salad plates. Sprinkle with the vegetable oil. Grate the cheese over the salad to form a "snow cap." Garnish with the olives and parsley. You may also sprinkle with vinegar.



## LITHUANIA

### Potato Zeppelins (Didžkukuliai)

Serves 6-8

#### Ingredients

1 kg uncooked potatoes  
3 or 4 boiled potatoes

#### FILLING

70 g ground beef  
70 g mushrooms  
Salt, pepper

**DIRECTIONS** Cook the ground beef and mushrooms, season to taste and set aside to cool. Peel and grate the raw potatoes, then squeeze out the excess liquid from them through a cheesecloth. Let the starch settle to the bottom of the liquid, then pour the liquid off and add the starch back to the potatoes. Peel and mash the boiled potatoes, then add them to the grated ones. Add a dash of salt and knead well. Take approximately egg-sized pieces of this mixture and form into patties. Place spoonfuls of the previously prepared filling into the centre of the patties. Typically the filling is made from ground beef, milk curd or mushrooms with salt and spices. Close the patties around the filling and form them into oval shapes. Then place the potato patty in salted boiling water and cook for approximately 30 minutes. Potato zeppelins are eaten with bacon or melted sour cream and butter sauce.

# Grants 2001

## Climate Change Grants

Project title: Assessment of best practices in achieving Climate Convention objectives  
Donor: Government of Japan

Organisation	Country	EUR
Centre for Energy Efficiency EnEffect	Bulgaria	12,100
Centre for Transport and Energy	Czech Republic	12,100
Stockholm Environment Institute-Tallinn Centre	Estonia	12,100
Institute for Sustainable Development	Poland	12,100
TERRA Mileniul III	Romania	12,100
Slovenian E-Forum	Slovenia	12,100
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>72,600</b>

Project title: Assessment of access to information and public participation in climate-related activities  
Donor: Ministry for Environment, Italy

Organisation	Country	EUR
Centre for Energy Efficiency EnEffect	Bulgaria	9,900
Stockholm Environment Institute-Tallinn Centre	Estonia	9,900
National Society of Conservationists	Hungary	9,900
Institute for Sustainable Development	Poland	9,900
TERRA Mileniul III	Romania	9,900
Energy Centre Bratislava	Slovakia	9,900
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>59,400</b>

## NGO Support Within and Beyond Borders

Donor: Danish Cooperation for Environment in Eastern Europe (DANCEE), Ministry of Environment and Energy, Denmark

### Albania

Organisation	Project Title	EUR
Environment and Democracy	Legislative survey on the right to access environmental information	1,150
PPNEA, Shkoder	Biodiversity conservation as an important part of environmental education	2,300
Biologists Association	Red book on fauna for students	2,700
Wildlife Nature, Korce	Civil society development	925
PPNEA — Tirana	Institutional support for the organisation	2,770
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>9,845</b>



**Bosnia and Herzegovina**

Organisation	Project Title	EUR
Weed Science Society of B&H — Sarajevo	Reduction of environmental pollution caused by animal dung	1,531
ECO — Maglaj	The public and ecology: informing the public about basic environmental laws and public's role in decision-making	1,276
ECO Greens — Bosanska Krupa	Forming NGO coalition for protection of the river Una	1,275
Forum of Women's Alternatives — Kakanj	Message on ecology of Kakanj	1,531
Native Land — Sipovo	Public participation in environmental decision-making in the Sipovo area	1,276
Trezvenost Citizens Association — Sarajevo	Strengthening the role of civil society through Government and NGO cooperation	1,786
FONDEKO — Sarajevo	Technical and functional improvements of library in Fukarekianae	1,531
Goran's Movement — Sarajevo	"Green Town" in the spring	1,786
KRAJINA — Banja Luka	Public participation in local environmental decision-making in Lijeve Field	1,275
Young Researchers of Banja Luka — Banja Luka	Biodiversity of the Bardaca Lake	1,531
Centre for Environmentally Sustainable Development — Sarajevo	Public involvement in preparation of the national environmental action plan	1,531
Speleo Dodo — Sarajevo	Encouraging public support for European agreement on bat protection (Euro Bats) in Bosnia and Herzegovina	2,041
Old Oak Tree — Novi Travnika	Campaign for protection of cultural and natural resources of the Lasva Valley	1,531
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>18,370</b>

**Bulgaria**

Organisation	Project Title	EUR
Lotosa Grassroots Initiative — Lovech	Local Environmental Forum	2,807
Bulgarian Union for the Protection of the Rhodope Mountains	The Rhodope: well-known mountains with an unknown face	4,188
Community Centre — Novo Selo	Farmer Green Pages: Organising NGOs, the community and local authorities for the environment	2,700
Public Environmental and Sustainable Development Centre	Involving youth in environmental decision-making	3,205
Nikola Vapsarov Community Centre — Bansko, Blagoevgrad Region	Creation of a municipal environmental information centre	2,850
Youth Association Forum 2001	Creation of a public environmental protection council by grassroots group	3,000
Development, Nature and Humankind Foundation	Publishing <i>State of the Environment Report 2001</i> in Bulgarian	1,250
Ecology and Sustainable Development Association	Safeguarding protected plant species in the Targovishte region	2,201
Wild Nature and Fauna Fund (FDFF)	"Antidote" — national campaign against the illegal use of poisonous bait for birds of prey	2,417
Green Balkans Non-profit Association	Protection of the lammergeier population as a symbol of Bulgarian environmentalism	2,714
Society of Biologists in Bourgas and Region	Conservation of sand dunes in two protected territories to preserve plant species diversity	2,668
Environmental Information and Training Centre	Awareness campaign for the rational use of water in town of Montana	1,394
Society for Biodiversity Protection of Sofia	School for practical environment protection training	2,500
Regional Environmental Centre of Dobritch	Blue Zone	2,606
The Green Bourgas Foundation	Partnership for the protection and sustainable use of water	3,500
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>40,000</b>

**KOSOVO****Beef-filled filo (Burek)**

Serves 6

**Ingredients**

600 g ground beef  
2 large onions  
200 ml vegetable oil  
1 tbs salt  
1.2 kg flour  
400 ml warm water

**DIRECTIONS** Pour flour on a flat surface and make a small hole in the middle of it. Pour 400 ml of warm water and 200 ml of oil into the hole. Knead by hand and add enough warm water to make a stiff dough that can be rolled. Roll out the dough on a floured surface. Chop onions in very small pieces and mix them together with the ground beef. Fry until browned. Add salt and black pepper to taste. Spread the onion/ground beef mixture along the edge of the dough and roll it up towards the center, then cut it with a sharp knife into small rolls. Place the rolls on a baking sheet and bake in a preheated oven for 30 minutes at 200 C.



FYR MACEDONIA

Vegetable spread (Ajvar)

Ajvar is a popular appetiser or side dish made of roasted pepper, aubergine, ripe tomatoes and sometimes even string beans. Ajvar is a seasonal dish always made in late summer and early autumn, just after the pepper harvest, when many households also can or bottle their own ajvar for use throughout the winter season.

Serves 4

Ingredients

- 8-12 fresh red peppers (mild or medium-hot, to taste)
- 4 medium aubergines
- 125-150 ml olive oil
- 1 large onion, minced
- 3 large garlic cloves, chopped
- 1-2 tbs lemon juice (or 1 tbs red wine vinegar)
- Salt and pepper to taste
- Chopped fresh parsley for garnish

Croatia

Organisation	Project Title	EUR
Society for Nature Protection of Slavonija and Baranja Region	Good ways of living in the city	1,860
Lipa Ecological Organisation	Education of local people about eco-agriculture and getting them involved in environmental decision-making	3,000
Green Istria	Citizen participation in general town planning for Pula	2,761
Senjar Association for Ecological Protection	Paths on Veliki Pazut: environmental impact assessment for Veliki Pazut	3,000
Club Eureka	Sustainable development of communities on islands off northern Croatian coast	3,000
Banica Society for Reconstruction of Cultural and Natural Heritage	Saving and protecting waterways in Lovinac	650
Association for Rural Development and Protecting Mountain Preserves	Encouraging participation of citizens of Gacka to protect heritage and environment	650
Drava Natural History Society	Revitalisation of Vir swamp	1,500
Hyla Croatian Herpetological Society	Saving amphibians in roadside habitats	3,000
Planet Earth	Encouraging biodiversity conservation	3,000
EKOP — ISTRRA	Technical support of EKOP — ISTRRA	350
Eko — Zadar	Promotion of eco-agriculture with relevant publications	355
Society for the Preservation of Biological Diversity — Falco	Brochure about special bird and fish reserve in Pantan	3,000
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>26,126</b>

Czech Republic

Organisation	Project Title	EUR
Czech Association of Nature Conservationists — Northern Moravia	Workshop: Wetland recovery and positive support in rural areas	320
Eurosolar	Production of a sustainable biotope in the Bohemian Wood	290
Public Association GENGL	Supporting biodiversity	1,015
Association for Botanical Garden Protection	The forest yesterday and today: what did our forefathers see in the wood?	1,535
Children of the Earth — Prague	Help for Plzen: public involvement in solving traffic problems in Plzen	1,075
Association for Spiritual and Material Renewal and Development of Protected Region Blansky Les	The countryside through the eyes of artists and ecologists: an exhibition	737
Countryside Public Association	Restoration of the Radotin stream	1,540
Fund of Endangered Nature (with Children of the Earth)	Endangered kings of the sky: protection of birds of prey	1,594
UESS SPODEK	Involvement of local people and agriculture students in environmental decision-making	550
Veronica — Czech Association of Nature Conservationists	NATURA 2000: the alternative list	1,740
70/02 — Czech Association of Nature Conservationists	Support of biodiversity: clinic for saving wild animals in Bartosovice, Moravia	870
Czech Association of Ornithology	Free the pigeons	1,190
Friends of Nature Public Association	Public participation in preservation of lower Labe	1,450
Ecological Legal Service	Providing free environmental legal services to citizen and civic associations	1,740
Czech Association of Nature Conservationists — Benesov	Active public participation: presentation of environmental law proceedings	1,450
SEVER — Centre of Ecological Education and Etiquette Rychory	The Valley of Sklenarovice: return of life in the countryside	1,522
Kosenka — Czech Association of Nature Conservationists	KOSENKA as instrument for protection of nature, countryside and monuments of Valasskokloboucko	1,330



Nesehnuti Brno	Transport in Brno: questioning the government about the environmental impact of road construction r43	870
Ecological Centre Brno	Ecocentre Brno 2001: information centre with library and programmes for ecological education	1,450
SAGITARIAN — Association for Nature Protection of Central Morava	Environmentally acceptable solutions for conflicts of interest in the region Cernovirske Slatinist	725
Public Association for Ecology Education	Public involvement in development strategy for Rymarov	580
Public Association Golden Ship	Public participation in administrative procedures in urban area Brno-Jundrov	470
Children of the Earth	Mobile cultural exhibition: tent to live in, 2001	1,305
Educational and Info Centre Bile Karpaty	Improvement of waste management in Hodonin district	580
Bile Karpaty — Czech Association of Nature Conservationists	Involvement of fruit growers in protection of fruit trees in Bile Karpaty	1,015
Brontosaurus Movement — Brdo Vlkani	The people and their universe	240
Brontosaurus Movement	Action nature: public involvement in protection of nature and environment	1,450
Children of the Earth — Decin	Alternative anti-flood precautions in Beskydy — pilot project Bystry	1,450
Czech and Slovak Traffic Club	Consultancy and distribution of information about public transport	1,577
Children of the Earth	Public legal service on environmental decision-making	1,450
Brontosaurus Movement	Ecotent 2001: personal consultation, editing of special manuals, arrangement of workshops	640
Seven — Prague	Promotion of low-cost steps to save energy	1,450
Alternativa — Turnov	Renewable energy power for Cesky Raj	440
Children of the Earth — Decin	Ecological Centre Jablunka	1,165
Eurosolar — Prague	Solar energy	440
Movement Rainbow — Brno	Low-cost energy conservation in municipal buildings	605
Lunaria o.s.	Construction of a windmill	1,450
Children of the Earth — Beroun	Energy reduction in CHKO Cesky Kras	875
Ametyst — Plzen	Full Fable	900
League of Energy Alternatives — Prague	Information flyers about ecological houses	875
Municipality Nebuzely	Study of biomass heating in Nebuzely	730
STUZ — Step up Broumovsko!	Ecological reconstruction: public discussion and study	1,160
Alternatives for Countryside	Restoration of small water mill at Stupnik	1,160
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>45,000</b>

**Estonia**

Organisation	Project Title	EUR
Society of Friends of Soomaa	Bees of Soomaa	2,175
MT Estonia Maritima	The unique and fragile ecosystem in Saaremaa	2,179
Stockholm Environmental Institute	<i>State of the World 2000 and 2001</i> , a publication in the Estonian language	1,390
Stockholm Environmental Institute	Publication of <i>Local Agenda 21</i> in Russian	2,703
Keep the Estonian Sea Tidy!	Earth Day Conference	1,580
Keep the Estonian Sea Tidy!	Series of events in support of sustainable lifestyle	2,614
Estonian Horse Preservation Society	Management of Laidevahe coastal meadows	4,860
Field Education Society	Cooperation between Tartu Tamme Gymnasium and Sondeborg Gymnasium on environmental project	2,570
MTU Porkuni	Promotion of public participation in Porkuni, explaining Aarhus Convention to local people	5,000
Estonian Scouts Union	Kodumetsa forest	4,929
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>30,000</b>

**Vegetable spread**

Continued

**DIRECTIONS** Roast the peppers and aubergines over charcoal or a gas flame, or bake them in a preheated 220 C oven, until the skin is blistered and darkened. Place the roasted vegetables in a paper bag and let them steam in their own heat for 10 minutes. Peel off and discard the burnt skin along with the stems and seeds. Mash the peppers and aubergine pulp together to form a slightly chunky mass. You can do this with a fork or in a food processor.

Heat 3 tablespoons of oil in a large skillet and sauté the onion until very soft. Add garlic and cook for two more minutes. Remove from the heat and stir in the pepper-aubergine pulp, mixing well. Slowly drizzle the remaining oil into the mixture, stirring constantly to incorporate all of the oil. Add salt and pepper, to taste.

Serve as an appetiser to spread on thick slices of country-style white bread or flat pita bread with chunks of feta cheese, or use as a side dish to accompany grilled or roasted meats.





HUNGARY

Cold sour cherry soup  
(Hideg meggyleves)

Serves 6

Ingredients

- 700 g morello cherries
- 1.5 litres water
- 350 g sour cream
- 100 ml dry red wine
- 1 egg yolk
- 150 g sugar
- The peel of half a lemon
- 3 cm cinnamon stick
- 2 tablespoons flour
- Pinch of salt

**DIRECTIONS** Stone the morello cherries, then put them to cook together with sugar, salt, lemon peel and cinnamon. Allow to simmer. Meantime, mix in a bowl the flour, egg yolk and 175 gm of sour cream. Mix with a ladleful of soup, then add to the boiling soup stirring constantly. Finally, mix wine and remaining half of sour cream and add this to the soup. After ten minutes of simmering, remove soup from heat, remove lemon peel and cinnamon and let it cool. This soup is excellent when chilled. It can be made from gooseberries, blackberries, raspberries or red currants, as well.

FYR Macedonia

Organisation	Project Title	EUR
Environmental Association Bistrica	Eco-Path	418
Association for Protection and Revitalisation of Bituse	Clean tributaries for a clean Radika River	1,944
Bird study and protection association — Bituse	Inventory of birds of prey and large carnivores in mountains Korab and Desat after the war in Kosovo	1,959
Research association of students of biology	Mapping of biodiversity in Pelister National Park	1,584
Association for protection of environment of Macedonia	Printing of poster of endemic and rare plant species in Macedonia	1,392
Association of Women of Dracevo	Raising awareness and involvement among women in rural areas	2,110
Environmental Association Biosfera	Environmental awareness as a necessity of modern life	2,807
Environmental Association of Bigla	Healthy water for all: encouraging public debate, creation of citizens committee	2,410
Citizens Association of Prespa	Campaign for use of phosphate-free detergents	1,342
Romani Bah Association of Roma People	Campaign for cleaner Roma settlements and Roma involvement in environmental decision-making	1,331
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>17,297</b>

Hungary

Organisation	Project Title	EUR
Gaja Environmental Association	Public awareness-raising events	943
Baranya Natural Heritage Foundation	Actions to preserve habitat of endangered plants	943
Garancs Village Development Association	Environmental protection actions	943
E-Misszio Environment and Nature Protection Association	Encouraging public participation in Szabolcs-Szatmar-Bereg county	943
Pilis Group — Hungarian Bird Study and Nature Protection Association	Biodiversity programme for preservation of bird nests in Visegrad mountains	1,019
Hajduboszormeny Nature Protection Association	Supporting cooperation between NGOs in the northern Hungary	1,132
Istenkut Community Association	Public participation in programme concerning water and wastewater systems	1,132
Esztergom Environment and Culture Association	Public participation and consultancy activities	1,177
Ecological Institute for Sustainable Development Foundation	Providing legal consultancy services to general public	1,211
Earth Day Foundation	Translation and publishing of book by W. Rees, <i>Ecological Footprint</i> , in Hungarian	1,321
Csemete Association	Regional cooperation activities among NGOs	1,321
Nimfea Nature Protection Association	Biodiversity and fauna protection activities	1,562
Round Forest Foundation	Raising interest among population in establishing a national park	1,634
Dorog Environmental Protection Association	Public involvement in regional development process	1,887
Reflex Environmental Association	Trial cases related to environmental issues	2,830
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>19,998</b>





**Latvia**

Organisation	Project Title	EUR
Tervete Development Fund (Dobele district)	Educational nature guides for the Tervete Nature Park	4,106
Celteka, Laudona Environmental Group — Madona district	School environmental programme about birds of Laudona	517
Latvian Ornithological Society	Biodiversity management plans for two lakes in Jekabils District	2,300
Talsi Hills Nature Park Support Group	Talsi Highland Nature Park Days	1,965
DIVIC — Riga branch	Educational expedition in search of rare snail species of Ena Mountain	1,954
Environmental Education Centre Efeja (Ivy, Rezekne)	Waste separation for sustainable development	2,533
Environment Protection Club, Foreign Relations Division	Improvement of cooperation between environmental NGOs and state institutions	3,981
Latvian Ornithological Society	Dubbel Beckasin (Gallinago media) inventory in Latvia	2,700
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>20,056</b>

**Lithuania**

Organisation	Project Title	EUR
Charity Fund Dovainoniai Endruomenes Centras	Vision of development of Dovainoniai Community	2,710
Ecological Education Centre	Establishment of Menteliai Reserve and involvement of society in biodiversity protection	2,000
Ecological Club Atzalynas of Anyksciai Region	Solution of environmental problems: the role of environmental civil society groups	2,905
Children's Rights Protection Organisation Gelbekit Vaikus, Ukmerge Branch	Revived park	832
Inter-school Environment Club Viola — Utena Region	Involvement of community groups in protection and provision of protected natural areas in Utena R	2,190
X Club, Panevezys region	Inventory of spawning areas for amphibians in Raguva	1,715
Ecological Education Centre of Joniskis	Protection of rare plants in Zagare Ozas and Sviete River Valley	500
Lithuanian Ornithological Society	Cleaning up an island in the Nemunas River	2,600
Young Forest Friends' Movement of the Lithuanian Foresters Union	Preserving the brown forest ant	350
Society for Protection of Biodiversity	Programme concerning biodiversity groups and natural habits for Marijampole	2,335
Public institution ECAT Lithuania	Encouraging cooperation between local authorities and public	1,500
Society Pilietis of Marijampole	Local Agenda 21 in Marijampole	1,475
Lithuanian Association for Science and Technology In Coastal Areas	Establishment of botany reservation in the seashore dunes	1,500
Environmental Policy Club	Proceedings of the international conference Sustainable Development in the Information Society	573
Ecological Education Centre	Raising public awareness on EU sustainable development strategy and community initiatives in Lithuania	1,500
Lithuanian Green Movement	Role of the public in protection of green areas in the city	1,465
Kaunas, Healthy City Office	Implementation of Arhus Convention in Kaunas Municipal Policy	1,487
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>26,637</b>

**LATVIA****Bread soup (Maizes zupa)**

Serves 6

**Ingredients**

300 g dark rye bread  
 1 litre water  
 80 g sugar  
 50 g dried fruit (raisins, apples, prunes)  
 40 g cranberries  
 70 g sweet cream  
 Cinnamon, sugar

**DIRECTIONS** Slice rye bread and toast in the oven. Put the toasted bread into the bowl, pour a liter of boiling water over it to cover. Cover the bowl and set aside for 30 minutes. Put the bread and the liquid through a sieve. Pour the resulting mixture into a pot. Add sugar, dried fruit and cinnamon, and cook until the fruit is soft. Squeeze the cranberries to get their juice. Serve the soup cold. Put a few ice cubes in each bowl, pour the soup over and top with whipped cream.





POLAND

Clear Borsch with beef-filled dumplings (barszcz z uszkami)

Serves 6

Ingredients

- 1.5 litre water
- 500 g beets
- 250 g vegetables (carrot, parsnip, celery root, leeks)
- 500 g beef with bone
- 1 medium onion
- 1 dried mushroom
- 200-250 ml beet sour\*
- 1 garlic clove
- Salt, pepper
- Sugar

DUMPLINGS

Dough:

- 170 g flour
- 1 egg
- 2 tbs boiling water
- Salt

Filling:

- Cooked beef from soup
- 1 small onion
- 1 tsp cooking oil
- Salt, pepper

**DIRECTIONS** Rinse meat and mushroom, clean vegetables, peel and chop onion, peel and quarter beets. Cover with the cold salted water and cook until tender. Strain, add beet sour, garlic crushed with salt, pepper and sugar to taste.

Moldova

Organisation	Project Title	EUR
Youth and Children Association	Dum spiro, spero: ecological information and education service centre	1,852
Association of Environmental Radio Journalists Eco-Terra	Aarhus Convention promotion through media channels	600
NGO Pro-Democratia	The role of the Aarhus Convention in local public administration decision-making	743
NGO Calitatea Mediului	Primary monitoring of nitrogen compounds in drinking water quality (Cahul and Taraclia Counties)	1,500
NGO Eco-Razeni	Making environmental information accessible, encouraging public involvement in environmental issues	300
NGO Patrimoniul	Environmental training rural public of the Butuceni, Moroavia and Trebujeni villages, Orhei county	1,500
NGO Tabiecom	Every school helps to save wetlands	3,000
Stefan Voda Territory Office of the Ecological Movement of Moldova	Natural Monuments: Eternal museums under the sky	2,000
Botanical Society of the Republic of Moldova	Categorising rare species, making brochure of the "red" list of flora of Moldova	1,936
The Fauna Group for Research and Biodiversity Conservation	Creation and distribution of educational ecological software "The Insects of the Republic of Moldova"	2,055
NGO Eco-Tur	Pilot Project: Healthy Soil = Rich Soil	2,514
The Sangerei Territory Office of the Ecological Movement of Moldova	Actions for the future	2,000
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>20,000</b>

Poland

Organisation	Project Title	EUR
Civil Environmental Movement — Lodz	Public participation and access to information in practice	4,009
"Earth First" Ecological Society — Poznan	Wolf monitoring centre	4,285
Green Action Environmental Foundation of the Legnica Region	Enhancing public participation in waste management decision-making in Klodzko county	4,896
Environmental Society "I'd Rather Be"	Environmental education in schools, 2001	3,553
Gaja Green Federation	Publishing of second edition of the <i>Green Guide to Szczecin</i>	2,369
Living Architecture Workshop Association	Implementation of segregated waste collection under the Biebrzanski waste management system	2,830
Nature Conservation in the Rural Landscape of Objezierze	Polish Nature Protection Society Salamandra	4,000
Polish Ecological Club — Gliwice	Environmental information focal point for the public	4,092
Society for the Protection of the Bialowieza Forest	What do we need dead trees for?	4,000
Society for Nature and Man	Campaign to protect the spotted souslik ( <i>Spermophilus suslicus</i> ) "Let the souslik sleep in peace"	2,567
Society for the Earth — Oswiecim	Wild mainstays of the Oswiecim Region: protection of ponds in Niezielence	5,000
Social Ecological Institute — Warsaw	Advice and intervention office	4,092
Union of Associations Polish Green Network	Access to environmental information from NGOs, preliminary survey of media	4,592
Nature Intervention Centre — Bielsko-Bialal	Workshop for All Beings	4,715
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>55,000</b>



## Romania

Organisation	Project Title	EUR
Ecological Society Lasi	Environmental protection in Lasi County: production of educational materials on public participation	3,300
Club Speo Bucovina Suceava	Bats: the myth and the reality	3,948
Friends of the Danube Delta	STOPPOL, a brochure of Romanian and international legislation, environmental conventions, laws and bylaws	4,336
CET Moldavia — Pascani	Is Siret a European river? Public information campaign on recent pollution of the Siret River	580
ARZM — Bucharest	Five issues of the magazine <i>Perspective</i> with focus on public participation	2,250
Transylvania Ecological Club — Cluj	ECO MEDIA: improving access to environmental information	3,085
Bird Life Club	The bird of the year	3,916
UNESCO Pro Natura	Rodna Reservation protection	4,428
Pact Foundation	Green Line	2,591
ECOSENS	Involving environmental NGOs in the EU accession process	3,500
Green Cross Romania	National park	3,282
ECOTUR — Sibiu	Lotrioara Valley	4,381
GESS	MEDIU MEDIA	2,958
ALBAMONT	CARD	1,809
CET Moldavia — Pascani	Editing <i>The Bulletin</i>	780
ECO ALPEX	Exhibition	2,356
AGORA Association Working Group for Sustainable Development	Education campaign for waste reduction	3,000
CIER	Public participation for maritime and coastal environment	4,500
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>55,000</b>

## Slovakia

Organisation	Project Title	EUR
Association TATRY	Citizens and environmental awareness: public monitoring of water flows in the region	1,200
BROZ	Involvement of the public in preparation of territorial plan of Bratislava	2,000
Wolf Eastern Carpathian Mountains	Promoting landscape stability and forest protection in northeastern Slovakia	3,000
Live and Let Live	Network of environmental volunteers	2,000
Turcian City Bike Group JUS	Survey on bicycle usage and persuading local authority to improve bicycle paths	1,300
SOSNA Association	Save the Slovak Kras Region: public campaign, public discussions, debates	2,000
Local chapter of Slovak Union of Nature and Landscape Protection	Development of public participation in solving environmental issues	3,500
Local chapter of Slovak Union of Nature and Landscape Protection	Protection and preservation of biodiversity in the valley of the Strazov stream	950
Society of Bird Protection in Slovakia	How to help birds in agricultural landscapes	2,500
SZOPK ZO Dunaj	Biodiversity protection in protected area Dunajske Luh	1,400
Danube chapter of Slovak Union of Nature and Landscape Protection	Practical bat protection	650
Centre of Environmental Activities	Protection and preservation of White Carpathian Meadows	1,000
Centre for Young Nature Protectors — SZOPK	The life of wetlands	1,000
Save Letanovsky Mill Group	Sustainable work opportunities for Roma population	2,400
Ekosvinka Riverbed Group	Ekosvinka institution	1,600



## Clear Borsch with meat-filled dumplings

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Chop onion finely and fry until golden. Grind meat from soup, add onion and salt and pepper to taste. Sift flour onto a breadboard, add egg, salt and add approximately 200 ml lukewarm water. Knead dough until elastic. Divide into two portions. Roll out one part very thin, keep the second under a bowl so it does not dry out. Cut dough sheets into 4 cm squares, put filling in the middle of each, fold in half to form a triangle and pinch the edges together. Then bend them, join the two bottom corners and pinch together to form the uszka ("little ears"). Cook in a big pot of boiling salted water. When they begin to float on the surface, remove with a slotted spoon and douse with a little cold water or add a little fresh butter so they do not stick together. Put a few, still warm, into each bowl of borsch just before serving.

\* Beet sour is prepared ahead and kept on hand in traditional Polish kitchens. Wash, peel and slice 1 kg of beets. Place them in a glass jar and cover completely with barely lukewarm water. Place a slice of whole-wheat bread on top. Cover with gauze and place in the warmest place in the kitchen. After four or five days carefully remove the foam from the surface and pour the juice into clean bottles. Tightly corked, this will last several months.





## BOSNIA AND HERZEGOVINA

### Stuffed grape leaves (Japrak)

Serves four

#### Ingredients

100 grape leaves  
500 g ground mutton  
500 g ground veal  
100 g rice  
50 g chopped onion  
1 egg  
2 garlic cloves, chopped  
100 g of butter or cooking oil  
250 ml of double cream  
Pepper, salt, paprika  
Finely chopped parsley  
Beef stock to cover

**DIRECTIONS** Boil the grape leaves for 20 minutes in salty water. Drain the leaves and let them cool. Melt the butter in the frying pan, fry the garlic and parsley and add it to the meat, rice, egg, pepper, salt and paprika. Mix it thoroughly and gradually add 100 ml of cold water. Fill the grape leaves with the mixture, creating small cylindrical parcels, not too tight because the filling will swell as it cooks. Fill an oblong dish tightly with the parcels and add beef stock until all the parcels are covered with it. Cook slowly for a few hours. Serve with its own stock and double cream.

Society of Friends of the Earth Revuca	Two views on waste	1,100
Association Zivica	Education on sustainable development	1,000
Society for Sustainable Living	Preparation of national report <i>Rio + 10</i>	1,400

**TOTAL** **30,000**

### Slovenia

Organisation	Project Title	EUR
Slovenian E-forum	Public participation in creation of a sustainable energy plan for Ljubljana	4,070
GAJA, Association for Sustainable Development	Implementation of Aarhus Convention — Model PRTR	4,533
Kapele Tourist Society	Conservation of Jovsi natural protected area	4,250
Legal Information Centre for NGOs	Legal counselling in the field of environmental law, development planning and access to information	5,000
Slovenian Ecological Movement	NGO involvement in institutional management of environmental protection	4,500
VITRA Centre for Sustainable Development	Partnering	5,000
DOPPS, Bird life of Slovenia	Creation of brochure on importance of nature reserve Skocjan Bay	3,700
Regional Society of Slovenian Ecological Movement Ivančna Gorica	Series of lectures on public awareness raising	1,147
Poljanska dolina ob Kolpi Tourist Society	Awareness raising of local inhabitants: organisation of round table on public participation processes	2,800

**TOTAL** **35,000**

### Yugoslavia

Organisation	Project Title	EUR
Lynx Society for Preservation of Animals	Web site presentation of Lynx	420
Ecological Club of Young Researchers Society	Environmental protection of agrarian district — Eco Village	460
Arkus Ecology Society	Collaboration between stakeholders in solving urban waste problems	504
Green Place Ecology Association	Helping Kikinda breathe again: public participation with special emphasis on air quality	660
Karas Organisation of Sport Fishermen	Preserving Serbian fisheries	850
Boka Kotorska Ecology Society	Public participation in environmental decision-making	870
Serbian Ecological Society	Biodiversity protection in national parks: population monitoring	1,100
Orca Organisation for the Care and Respect of Animals	The answer exists: raising awareness of problems connected with abandoned dogs and cats	1,122
Dr. Sava Petrovic Biology Society	Disappearance of flora and fauna	1,210
Endemit Ecology Society	Djerdap Cliff: determination of biodiversity and recommending effective protection measures	1,348
Society for Protection and Study of Birds — Vojvodina	National Ornithological Meeting: Strategy in 2001	1,400
Society for Wild Animal Preservation — Mustela	Underground shelters for bats	1,425
Gradac Ecology Society	Natural Park: The Gradac River Gorge	1,750
Via Centre Ecology Association	River art: Danube art phase	2,036
Yugoslav Danube Environmental Forum, DEFYU	Strengthening of DEFYU Network	2,265
Young Researchers of Serbia	Support to development and strengthening of network	2,580

**TOTAL** **20,000**



**Regionwide Cooperative Grants Programme**

Donor: Danish Cooperation for Environment in Eastern Europe (DANCEE), Ministry of Environment and Energy

Organisation	Project Title	Project Partner(s)	EUR
Vilnius Nature Protection Society Youth Club, Lithuania	NGO network on GMO related matters in the Baltic states	Friends of the Earth Estonia; Green Liberty, Latvia; NOAH Friends of the Earth, Denmark	24,167
Ecopravo-Lviv, Ukraine	Implementation and enforcement of the Aarhus Principle on Access to Justice	Ecopravo-Minsk, Belarus; Environmental Law Centre, Poland and Denmark	24,430
Slovenian E-Forum, Slovenia	Sustainable future for Kolpa River Valley	VITRA Centre for Sustainable Development, Slovenia; Association EKO Liburnia, Croatia; OVE Danish Organisation for Renewable Energy, Europe	24,950
Green Federation, Poland	Environmentally friendly shopping: awareness raising campaign with special focus on waste reduction	LIFE Youth Foundation, Romania	24,265
Energy Centre Bratislava, Slovakia	Sustainable energy use in the recreational lodging sector in Tatra Mountains national parks	The Krakow Institute for Sustainable Energy (KISE), Poland; The Danish Organisation for Renewable Energy, Denmark	20,000
PRO BIO Association of Organic Farmers, Czech Republic	Expansion of biodiversity in agricultural ecosystems of the Czech Republic and Slovakia: seeds for organic farming and expansion of the growing of non-traditional crops	Ekotrend Association, Slovakia	20,000
Environmental Law Centre, Poland	Building public participation in regional development based on Aarhus Convention	National Society of Conservationists, Hungary; Centre for Community Organising, Czech Republic	20,000
Friends of the Siberian Forests, Russia	Development of FSC regional standard of voluntary forest certification for Siberia and testing in Krasnoyarsk Krai region	Friends of the Earth Estonia; Nepenthes, Denmark	23,990
<b>TOTAL</b>			<b>181,802</b>

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Donor: US AID

**Bosnia and Herzegovina**

Organisation	Project Title	Project Partner	EUR
Vodovod i kanalizacija — Konjic Municipality	Mitigation plan for unaccounted water consumption	Valu Add Management Services, USA; Hydro-Engineering Institute, BiH	51,936
UNIS Unisgal d.o.o. Konjic	Water management in a metal processing company	REASCO Inc, USA; PLAN d.o.o. BiH	42,105
<b>TOTAL</b>			<b>94,041</b>

**Bulgaria**

Organisation	Project Title	Project Partner	EUR
Municipality of Sevlievo	Wetland wastewater treatment facilities in Sennik village	Ekokan LLC, USA	42,105
European Center for Quality Ltd. — Sofia	Information system on regional climate changes	EWA Inc., USA; Stalker-KM, Ltd., Bulgaria	52,593
<b>TOTAL</b>			<b>94,698</b>

**CROATIA****Squid with potato  
(Lignje s krumpirom)**

Serves 4

**Ingredients**

500 g squid  
1.5 kg potatoes  
100 ml olive oil  
2 garlic cloves, minced  
1 tbs mixed spices  
Parsley  
Salt and pepper

**DIRECTIONS** Clean, wash and slice the calamaries into 2 cm wide strips. Peel and thinly slice the potatoes. Chop the garlic and parsley. Pour half the oil into an oven-proof casserole dish, spread a layer of potato and sprinkle with salt. Then spread the calamaries over the potato, sprinkle with pepper, garlic, parsley and mixed spices and cover with the remaining potato. Sprinkle with more parsley and salt and pour the remaining oil on top. Cover (must be cooked in a covered dish so that calamaries remain juicy and require no basting) and cook in oven pre-heated to 220 C for about 45 minutes. Serve with a seasonal salad.



### Croatia

Organisation	Project Title	Project Partner	EUR
Municipality of Topusko	Topusko greenhouse project, reuse of energy	Lemtech Konsulting, Poland	52,453
Jadran Galenski laboratorij d.d.	Cleaner production in a chemical plant	PMC Technologies, USA	52,632
Kazachstan FoodMaster LLP, Almaty	Introduction of cleaner production practices	Environmental Control Opportunities, Llc, USA	40,000
OJSC Ferrohrom, Aktobe	Integrated industrial waste management plan	EnSafe, Inc., USA	51,135
Leninogorsk Vodokanal, East Kazakhstan oblast	Quality management of drinking water in Leninogorsk	EnviroSmith Engineering, Inc., USA	52,632

**TOTAL** 248,852

### FYR Macedonia

Organisation	Project Title	Project Partner	EUR
Municipality of Veles	Selective collection, processing and disposal of solid waste	Burges & Associates, Inc., USA	52,632

**TOTAL** 52,632

### Romania

Organisation	Project Title	Project Partner	EUR
Cesarom SA	Cleaner production of ceramic tiles and sanitary wares	Pojasek & Associates, USA	42,105
Radet — Bucharest District Heating Company	Feasibility study on modernisation of two boiler houses	Advanced Engineering Associates International, USA; ISPE SA, Romania	52,632
Ana Aslan Geriatric and Gerontology National Institute	Feasibility study for the modernisation of Otopeni heating facility	Artemel International Inc., USA; Eninvest SA, Romania	52,632
Municipality of Giurgiu	GHG reduction through energy efficiency in schools	Sandhill Associates Inc., USA; Global Energy Services Ltd., Romania	42,105
VRANCART S.A.	Pollution reduction in the production of packaging and toilet paper	Sandwell Engineering Inc., USA	47,368
Upsom S.A.	Energy audit and feasibility study for energy efficiency	Sustainable Energy Partnerships, Inc., USA; Energobit SA, Romania	51,556
Carbochim S.A	Reducing harmful emissions through energy efficiency	Good Consulting Inc., USA; Proenerg Ltd, Romania	41,934
Ilva Mica City Hall	Sawmill waste to energy in Bistrita Nasaud County	Project Performance Corporation, Inc., USA; GIE FOLOS Ltd, Romania	52,229
Slatina City Council	Integrated programme for solid waste management	Aquatest a.s., The Czech Republic; Quantum Leap, Ltd. Romania	52,632
RWE Ecologic Service Galati S.R.L.	Communal waste reduction and recycling program	Swanson Environmental Management System, Inc. USA	52,632
Suceava Municipality	Improvement of communal waste management	Gannett Fleming, Inc., USA; ASA Holding, Romania	47,895

**TOTAL** 535,720

### Ukraine

Organisation	Project Title	Project Partner	EUR
JSC Protos	Methane capture and use at Lugansk Landfill	SRC International sro, Czeck Republic; Environmental and Energy Service Company, Ukraine	52,558
Belgorod-Dnestrovsky Water Channel	Rational and environmentally safe water consumption	SCS Engineering Inc., USA; Scientific Engineering Center Biomass , Ukraine	52,097

**TOTAL** 104,655



### CZECH REPUBLIC

## Roast pork, bread dumplings and cabbage (Vepřové, knedlík a zelí)

Serves 6-8

#### Ingredients

2-3 kg whole pork loin, with bone  
Salt and pepper  
Ground cumin

**DIRECTIONS** Select centre cut of pork loin well trimmed but with about 0.5 cm of fat covering the meat. Season with salt, pepper and cumin. Wrap in foil and cook for about two hours in 220 C oven. Prepare and cook cabbage and bread dumplings.

Remove the foil from the roast and prick all over to release the juices. Roast uncovered for 30 minutes, adding water, basting the loin and turning every 10 minutes until golden brown. When done, the meat should be very tender and juicy.

Remove the meat to a platter and keep warm. Add water to the remaining juices in the pan and cook on high heat for five minutes to make a tasty sauce. Cut meat, serve with red or white cabbage or sauerkraut and bread dumpling with the sauce.



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Donor: US AID

**Bosnia and Herzegovina**

Organisation	Project Title	Project Partner	EUR
Vodovod-Mostar	Leak abatement at the water supply network	Montelektro	2,103
UNISGAL Konjic	Recycling system at the metal coating plant	RESCO, CO; Jedinstvo, Zagreb	4,345
Municipality of Mostar-Jugoistok	Hydro power project	Ekonerg	3,849
FLW Enterprises, Inc.	EMS for BiH	BiH Chamber of Economy	5,066
<b>TOTAL</b>			<b>15,364</b>

**Bulgaria**

Organisation	Project Title	Project Partner	EUR
EKOKAN, NC	Wetland wastewater treatment in Sevlievo	Municipality of Sevlievo	3,816
Evelin 99	Environmentally friendly production of fertilisers	Pritchard Engineering, Inc.	5,126
Innovatech	Transfer of Innovatech waste water treatment process and technology	Black Sea Coastal Association, Water Supply and Sewerage	4,180
EWA, Inc.	Plovdiv leak detection programme	Plovdiv municipality	5,263
Pleven Water Supply	Control of the underground water sources	Harland Simon Technology	5,263
Municipality of Nesebar	Municipal waste project	SI-NOR, Inc.	3,499
Shipbuilding Machine Co.	Wind turbine demonstration	Bergey Windpower, OK	4,596
Micro Service Plus	Municipal waste recycling	Ekoservis	2,256
Municipality of Montana	Treatment of waters polluted with arsenic	3M Engineering & Technology Corp.	4,272
Manti Co., Ltd	Water purification technologies	Cytec	4,565
CGS consulting, Ltd.	Water cleaning and rehabilitation in mining industry	Computational Geosciences, Inc.	2,684
EA-Georgi Kirov	Signing distributor contract	Winda Technologies, LLC	5,263
Greiner Environmental, Inc.	Promoting cleaner technology in Bulgaria	Niksun, Betta level	3,405
Team Co., Ltd.	Manufacturing of energy-efficient products	Sterling International, Ltd.	5,263
<b>TOTAL</b>			<b>59,452</b>

**Croatia**

Organisation	Project Title	Project Partner	EUR
Jlyer Environmental Group	Site visit to Herbos facility	Herbos	4,469
Hidroprojekt-ING	Biological wastewater treatment	Parsons Engineering Science	4,894
Komunalac d.o.o.	Municipal wastewater plant	Krofta Technology Corp.	5,263
Municipality of Topusko	Energy efficiency business plan	LemTech Consulting	3,057
SACCA d.o.o.	Laundry wastewater recovery system	EHV s.r.o.	2,093
Jadran Galenski Laboratorij d.d.	Pharmaceutical wastes (air and water)	PMC Technologies	3,707
Varkom	Upgrading wastewater treatment	Dekont spol. s.r.o., Aqua Procon	3,303
<b>TOTAL</b>			<b>26,786</b>

**Roast pork, bread dumplings and cabbage**

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**BREAD DUMPLINGS (Houskové knedlíky)****Ingredients**

500 g flour (farina)  
450 ml lukewarm water  
220 ml milk  
2-3 eggs  
1 tbs salt  
5 large stale buns, rolls or white bread

**DIRECTIONS** First cut buns, rolls or white bread into small cubes. If fresh, toast or fry them so they are crisp. Select the best flour or farina you can get. Mix water, milk, eggs and salt, keep adding flour until dough is smooth and makes bubbles and doesn't stick to the bowl. Mix in croutons. Divide into four parts and form each into an oblong dumpling approximately 6 cm in diameter and 25-30 cm long. Let rest for about 30 minutes. Place in salted boiling water, cook for about 25 minutes. Cut with string.

**CABBAGE (Zelí)****Ingredients**

1 cabbage (white or red)  
2 onions  
Cumin  
Salt, pepper  
2 tbs vinegar  
2 tbs lard  
1 tsp sugar

**DIRECTIONS** Either shred the cabbage or cut into wedges. Place cabbage in a large pot, sprinkle with salt and cumin and cover with water until the pot is about two-thirds full. Cover the pot and place over medium heat until it begins to steam. Remove the lid and let the steam escape. It is not necessary to stew the cabbage too long, it should not be watery. Pour off the water, add 2 tbs of lard (vegetable oil may be substituted, but that is not as tasty), vinegar and sugar and stir. Replace the lid, allow the flavours to blend for 15 minutes, then taste it and add salt, if needed, and adjust the sugar or vinegar for balance.



ROMANIA

Lamb ragout and polenta  
(Tocăniță cu mămăligă)

Serves 6

Ingredients

- 1.25 kg lamb
- 1 tbs lard
- 4 medium onions
- 5 tomatoes or 1 tbs tomato paste
- Flour
- Salt, pepper

**DIRECTIONS** Cut the meat into medium-sized cubes and fry it in the lard. Add the onions cut in thin slices. When the onions start turning golden, add a little water, cover the pot and let it simmer slowly. From time to time, add a tablespoon of water and continue to cook until the meat is tender. Add the peeled tomatoes or tomato paste, salt and pepper and stir in enough flour to make a rich gravy. Cover the pot and put the stew in the oven until the sauce thickens. Serve with polenta.

Czech Republic

Organisation	Project Title	Project Partner	EUR
Silnicni Technika, a.s.	Rosco spray patcher	Rosco, Manufacturing Company	5,263
SUDOP Praha	Innovative microturbine technology	SC Edison	5,263
BOCR CZ, a.s.	Updating sewerage systems	HVG International	5,263
Ekosolaris a.s.	Modern thermal solar systems	AET, Inc.	5,263
SMF Hodonin	Emissions reduction at Slovensky Hodvab	Solar Turbines	5,263
Integrated Consult. & Eng. Inc. (PA)	Industrial energy efficiency programme assessment	LK Engineers	5,263
ORTEP, s.r.o.	Energy saving projects in CEE/NIS	Tysak Engineering, Electrotek Concepts	5,263
Chemtech International, Inc.	Selling U.S. environmental products in the Czech Republic	Valecko-Acro	5,263
Dynamic Power Corporation	Liquefied methane gas utilisation in CZ	AFP-CZ	5,263
Ecochem a.s.	Presentation of the chromatograph spectroscope	Micromass	5,263
Aqua Smart, Inc.	Water quality technology	WatEco	3,576
Municipality of Rustavi	Landfill gas project	Design Fuels Corporation	4,442
<b>TOTAL</b>			<b>60,649</b>

Hungary

Organisation	Project Title	Project Partner	EUR
PAE Environmental Co.	Recycling and reusing municipal waste — Lundell process	K&W Kft, Municipality of Krasnodar, Lundell Manufacturing	5,184
PMC Technologies	Technology assistance to the City of Budapest	City of Budapest	1,494
North America Power Co.	Thermal recovery technical application	Forg-Tech (HU); Millenium (CZ)	4,827
Sundine Enterprises, Inc.	Animal waste processing	Del-Pest Megyei Mezőgazdasági	4,449
Comprehensive Global Business Services	Sewage systems, wastewater projects	Municipality of Jaszarokszallas	4,944
California Energy Commission	Consultation of pollution reduction methods	CEC	2,523
UNIQ-GLOBE Kft.	Wastewater treatment products application training	Chemtech International, Inc.	3,824
<b>TOTAL</b>			<b>27,246</b>

FYR Macedonia

Organisation	Project Title	Project Partner	EUR
Municipality of Veles	Municipal solid waste management	Burge & Associates	4,851
D.O.O. F-ka za siniski vozila	Environmental improvement of truck and car repair	Janko Gredejl, CR	2,053
Davos Invest, Ltd.	Programme for efficient lighting for Skopje	Energored, Municipality of Skopje	3,280
<b>TOTAL</b>			<b>10,184</b>





**Poland**

Organisation	Project Title	Project Partner	EUR
Harmony Enterprises, Inc.	Harmony-Ekomech partnership	Ekomech Sp. z.o.o.	4,421
STOEN SA	Photovoltaics at Warsaw utility	Tucson, LI power Co.	5,263
EKOLOG Systems Sp.	Waste management system in Warsaw	CP Manufacturing, Inc.	5,263
Parris International, LLC	Production of insulated windows in Poland	OKNO Systems	5,263
Prote Bioremedacja	Soil/groundwater remediation equipment	Enviro Products, Geotech, Clean Earth Technology	5,263
The Union of Upper Raba River Communities and Krakow	Water protection, wastewater, municipal waste	Coler & Colantonio	4,021
Phytokinetics, Inc.	Site visit to PROTE in Poznan	Prote Bioremeiacja Ropopochodnych	2,684
BIOARCUS SP. z.o.o.	Remediation and odour control training	Chemtech International Inc.	5,263
Mo-Bruk	Contract negotiation, considering technology	Unistar/Meridian	4,540
<b>TOTAL</b>			<b>41,982</b>

**Romania**

Organisation	Project Title	Project Partner	EUR
Environmental Business Council of NE	Development of voluntary standards	Association of Environmental Firms	5,263
Self Reliance, Inc.	Products from discarded materials	Metalsid trading, Inc.	5,263
Chamber of Commerce Romania	P3 in solid waste management in Romania	SWANA	5,245
Accredited Lab Association	Pollution prevention and CP partnership	Pittsburgh Technology Council	4,309
Celsius 2000	High efficiency boilers for pollution reduction	Enercorp, CA	4,408
Armstrong Geological & Engineering Services	Recycling plastic medical waste	Health Insurance House of Iasi	4,063
Allied Environmental Tech., CA	Renewable power generation at GRIRO	GRIRO SA	4,085
SC Tractorul UTB SA	Compliance for thermal engines	StanadyneAuto, CT	5,263
SEMSI, Inc.	Evaluation of RWE's collection services	RWE	5,261
Sandhill Associates	School audits/greenhouse gas reductions	Municipality of Giurgiu	3,163
Hegyalja Microregional Association	Energy from wood waste for public buildings	WV Rural Development Council	4,525
BVA, Inc.	Integrated waste management system for District 1	District 1, Bucharest	5,263
Upsom SA Ocna Mures	Know-how exchange	Sustainable Energy Partnership	5,037
Project performance Corporation	Energy from sawdust in Bistrita county	Ilva Mica city	4,589
Cesarom SA	Cleaner production in ceramic industry	Pojasek & assoc., MA	4,552
RADET	Modernisation of TP Baneasa	AEAI, Black & Veatch	4,918
Ana Aslan Institute	Modernisation of Otopeni thermal plant	Artemel International	4,189
S.C. Vracant	Reduction of sludge and solid waste	Sandwell Engineering Inc.	3,775
City of Slatina	Municipal waste management	Aquatest	4,168
Waste minimisation Tech., Inc.	Advanced treatment for wastewater	REMI	5,105
<b>TOTAL</b>			<b>92,447</b>

**Slovakia**

Organisation	Project Title	Project Partner	EUR
Puchov-Mestsky Urad	Sustainability partnership initiative	The City of Meadville	5,263
<b>TOTAL</b>			<b>5,263</b>

**Lamb ragout and polenta**

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**POLENTA****Ingredients**

1 litre water  
1 tsp salt  
150 g of yellow corn meal

**DIRECTIONS** Bring the water and salt to a rolling boil in a large heavy-bottomed saucepan. Lower the heat slightly and trickle the corn meal into the centre of the boiling water, stirring constantly and keeping the water at a boil. When slightly thickened, cover the pan and simmer gently for 15 minutes. Serve immediately with feta cheese and butter or sour cream and cottage cheese.





YUGOSLAVIA

Grilled meat with heavy cream  
(Čevapi sa kajmakom)

Serves 6

Ingredients

- 500 g ground veal
- 500 g ground pork
- Salt
- Pepper
- Garlic powder
- 1 slice stale bread
- Milk

**DIRECTIONS** Thoroughly mix the meat, salt, pepper and garlic with a small amount of bread crumbs softened with milk. Mix well. Take small bits of the mixture and roll them into finger shapes. Fry in a pan or grill, turning often. Put some chilled heavy cream (kajmak) on a heat-proof serving plate and place fried čevapi over it. Leave for 10 minutes near a warm stove. When the kajmak is soft and warm, the dish is ready for serving.

Wastewater Management for Fieri District

Donor: Japan Special Fund

Albania

Organisation	Project Title	EUR
Ecological Club	Round table for water problems in Fieri	382
Ecological Club	Opinion poll on waste and water problems in Fieri	315
Ecological Club	Concrete actions on waste problems	2,652
Ecological Club	Pilot area and cleaning actions	584
Ecological Club	Citizens control on intervention on water supply system	1,124
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>5,057</b>

Improving Energy Saving and Energy Efficiency in FYR Macedonia

Donor: Japan Special Fund

FYR Macedonia

Scout Group Dimitar Vlahov	Children, spend energy wisely	2,507
Civil Society Development Centre Via Vita	Energy and environment	2,401
Mountain Association Gjorgji Naumov	Saving the source of energy	3,333
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>8,241</b>

Lake Ohrid Conservation Project

Donor: The World Bank

Albania

Organisation	Project Title	EUR
Independent Forum for Women	Activities at the Day of the Lake	472
Refleksione	Public awareness activities at the Day of the Lake	2,539
Refleksione	Green Centre	6,742
Youth Vs. Time	The lake needs our help	483
Oda Poetike	Poetry night, 2001	1,124
KAP	Ohrid Lake in children's drawings	281
Rinia Perbelle Kohes	To protect Lake Ohrid	562
Skenderbegasi	Cleaning action on the lake and its shoreline	854
Skenderbegasi	Rehabilitation of an urban area in Pogradec	225
Useful for Women	Meeting of the regional youth centres	1,910
KAP	Sources and prevention of pollution of the lake shore in Udenisht	1,303
Independent Forum for Women	Public awareness in the community of Lin	1,124
PELION	Inside	1,225
Women, Hygiene, Environment	Public awareness of pesticides in agriculture	1,685
Women, Hygiene, Environment	Rehabilitation of the lake shore and public awareness activities	506
Tourism and Environment	Public awareness: World Environment Day on June 5	449
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>42,609</b>



**FYR Macedonia**

Organisation	Project Title	EUR
Association of artists of Macedonia ZUM 93	2001 Trout II	2,316
Diving Club Kaneo	2001 Trout II	1,624
Youth Council of Ohrid	Eco 3-B	1,972
Environmental Organisation Areal	Poems and colours for Lake Ohrid	1,089
Scout Club Bran	Green Centre Ohrid	3,200
Zdruzenie na Ferijalci Ohrid	Eco-enigmatic	1,921
Diving Club Norkac	Eco-plov	2683
Scout Club Krste Jon	International Eco-camp, 2001 Trout II	3,120
Scout Club Krste Jon	Green Centre Struga	3,200
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>21,125</b>

**REReP Local Grants**

Donor: Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Netherlands

**Albania**

Organisation	Project Title	EUR
Erezeni-Durres	Round table: Aarhus Convention at the local level	595
Klubi Ambientalist — Kurbin	Round table: Aarhus Convention at the local level	595
Mass Media dhe Mjedisi	Regional meeting: media help on access to environmental information	1,496
Eco Integration Retina, Lezhe	Preparation of the local action plan	1,525
Association for Tourism Development and Environmental Protection	Institutional strengthening for exchange of environmental information	2,480
Institute for Environmental Studies	Legal framework for air protection from automobile emissions	1,000
Association for Protection and Development of Environment	Defining environmental priorities together	800
Ecological Club Tirane	Environmental problems at local and regional level	880
Eco Integration Retina	Protection and rehabilitation of biodiversity and landscape of Molung Mountain	1,065
Association of Environmental and Agricultural Journalists	Promoting national and regional activities about environment, publication of the magazine <i>Space</i>	675
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>11,111</b>

**Bulgaria**

Organisation	Project Title	EUR
Club Ecology Blagoevgrad	Confidence-building feedback links between informing and being informed	2,500
Han Omurtag 2000 Association	How to re-educate our parents and their friends	1,800
Environmental Management and Training Centre	Development of social platform for prevention of Danube River environmental disasters	2,500
School Board Friendship	Student Eco-Parliament	2,000
Environmental Youth Organisation Rodopi	Cooperation for sustainability: together for a new Balkan image	2,529
Ecoglasnost	Development of environmental civil society in the framework of REReP	3,000
For the Earth	Participation of Bulgarian NGO representative in the first REReP task force meeting	532
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>14,861</b>

**ESTONIA****Whipped Farina  
(Roosamannaht)**

Serves 4

**Ingredients**

1 litre diluted cranberry juice  
 2 slices of lemon peel with white part removed  
 120 g farina  
 115 g sugar  
 1/2 tsp vanilla

**DIRECTIONS** Add the sugar to the diluted cranberry juice. Then add the lemon peel. Bring the juice to a boil. Sprinkle in the farina and mix briskly. Simmer for 25 minutes, stirring occasionally. Pour the farina mixture into a large bowl. Whisk until light. Add the vanilla when the pudding is almost whipped. Chill for 1/2 hour before serving. Serve with milk.

Whipped farina dessert has a tart light texture. It is a good dessert to offer after a heavy meal.





**SLOVAKIA**

**Poppy seed roll (Makovník)**

Serves 6

**Ingredients**

10 g yeast	10 ml milk
160 g coarse flour	2 eggs
Pinch of salt	60 g margarine
20 g crystallised sugar	

**POPPY SEED FILLING**

**Ingredients**

100 g ground poppy seeds	90 g powdered sugar
10 ml milk	50 g bread crumbs
20 g raisins	1 g ground cinnamon

**DIRECTIONS** Add the yeast to warm milk in a large mixing bowl and stir thoroughly. Add and mix in the flour, one egg, salt, softened margarine and sugar. Mix thoroughly and let the dough stand one hour in a warm place. While waiting for the dough to rise, start making the poppy seed filling. In a separate mixing bowl, mix ground poppy seeds with the sugar, milk, breadcrumbs, raisins and cinnamon. Transfer the contents to a covered soup pan and gently cook over a low flame while mixing occasionally (about ten minutes maximum). Remove from heat and cool.

**Croatia**

Organisation	Project Title	EUR
Green Action Zagreb	Together for the environment of the region	2,300
Ecological Society Zmergo Opatija	Together for the environment of the region	1,815
Association for Environmental Protection The Sun — Split	Together for the environment of the region	1,518
The Drop of Life — Gospic	Together for the environment of the region	1,958
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>9,045</b>

**FYR Macedonia**

Organisation	Title	EUR
Environmental Press Centre	Presentation of RReP	2,959
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>2,959</b>

**Grants to Local Authorities**

Donor: Regional Environment Accession Project (REAP)

Organisation	Title	EUR
Municipality of Maribor, Slovenia	Sanitation of underground water as a source of drinking water and strengthening public participation	12,000
Ramnicu Valcea Town Hall, Romania	Educational issues in waste management field in Ramnicu Valcea	15,000
City of Kecskemet, Hungary	European car-free day	6000
Municipality of Spisska Nova Ves, Slovakia	Health trail of Spisska Nova Ves	14,794
Town of Usti nad Labem, Czech Republic	Public for environment in Usti nad Labem	14,326
Town of Rimavska Sobota, Slovakia	Improving the waste management system	14,500
Municipality of Bourgas, Bulgaria	Development of a hazardous medical waste management system for Municipality of Bourgas	14,518
City of Kladno, Czech Republic	Kladno information system update and reinforcement of public participation in decision-making process	7,437
Municipality of Ruse, Bulgaria	Establishment of municipal inspection for integrated pollution prevention and control	10,095
The Town of Decin, Czech Republic	Involving the public and business in environmental problems of Decin	7,580
Town Hall Svitavy, Czech Republic	Svitava River: recognise and conserve	6,080
Municipal Office in Elblag, Poland	Selective communal waste collection	14,984
Gmina Radom Municipality, Poland	Air pollution monitoring of PM 10 particulate	8,686
Municipality of Miskolc, Hungary	Miskolc car-free day on September 22	4,000
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>150,000</b>

**RReP Grants — Promotion of Networks and Exchanges in the Countries of Southeastern Europe (SEE)**

Donor: Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation (SDC)

**Albania**

Organisation	Project Title	EUR
Razma — Association for Sport and Tourism	Rehabilitation of the lake shore (restoration of landscapes)	2,545
Association for the Protection of Forests and Green Environment	Conservation of lake shores: a problem to be solved	2,450
Middle School 28 Nentori	Public awareness of environmental events	487



Schodra League for the Conservation of Fishing Resources	Bilateral cooperation of government and NGOs on fishing issues	2,000
Foundation Support and Cooperation for Development	Public awareness on Lake Schodra ecosystems and biodiversity	1,300
Directorate for Education in Schodra	School focus on Schodra Lake	2,265
Association for Conservation of Natural Heritage in Malesiae Madhe	Conservation and management of natural values of Schodra Lake	1,100
Secondary School Branco Kadia	Cleaning the lake shore — 1,000 m	2,250
Middle School Kol Idromeno	Cleaning the lake shore — 1,000 m	2,460
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>16,857</b>

**Bosnia and Herzegovina**

Organisation	Project Title	EUR
The Rocks Association of Citizens — Siroki Brijeg	Activities about netting NGOs from West Herzegovina Canton	1,066
Solidarity for the South — Trebinje	Protection of the river Trebisnjica	1,219
Our Beautiful Capljina	Cycle Radio Show's Eco-Minutes	2,061
Our Beautiful Mostar	Netting of NGOs in Herzegovina — Neretva Canton	1,531
Our Beautiful Stolac	Protection and saving habitats of Bregunice	1,543
Speleological Society Abyss	Speleological research in the field of Ugrovaca river	1,582
Eco Mushroom	Spring and autumn exhibition of mushrooms	1,275
Croatian Ecological Society Buna	Education of young people about condition of the Neretva Delta and threats to biodiversity	2,509
Sport Fishery Association Vrutak — Hutovo	Addressing the decline of Sunčanice (sun fish) in the Neretva Delta	2,467
Sport Fishery Association Bregava — Stolac	The protection of fish hatching beds of Podstave	2,188
Our Beautiful Metkovic, Republic of Croatia	Reptiles in the Neretvariver Delta	1,622
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>19,063</b>

**Croatia**

Organisation	Project Title	EUR
Nature Friends Movement "Our beautiful Homeland" — Ploce	<i>Our Beautiful Neretva</i> newsletter for school children	2,769
Nature Friends Movement "Our Beautiful Homeland" — Metkovic	The Neretva Delta reptiles	2,474
The Healthy City of Metkovic	Neretva River quality analysis	2,660
Matrix — Opuzen	Kuti: conflict area in expansion	3,030
Ecological Society Lopoc — Opuzen	From willow wood branches to basket	2,700
The Healthy City of Metkovic	Meeting of NGOs from the Neretva Delta region	1,273
The Healthy City of Metkovic	Through the wetland: now and for the future	3,025
Natural History Society Drava — Virovitica	Revitalisation of the swamp Vir	1,500
Croatian Herpetological Society — Hyla, Zagreb	Campaign to save amphibians in roadside habitats	3,000
Planet Earth, Zagreb	Encouragement of biodiversity conservation activities	3,000
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>25,431</b>

**Poppy seed roll****Continued**

After the dough has risen (one hour), roll it out as thin as possible on a table and trim the edges so they are squared.

After the filling has cooled sufficiently, apply it liberally on the rolled out dough. From one edge, roll up the dough/filling layer completely. Beat the remaining egg and apply it to the outside of the roll. Put the roll on a greased baking pan.

Preheat the oven to a medium setting (180 C) and bake the roll until the outside is golden brown, approximately 25-30 minutes.

Remove from oven and cool. Lightly sprinkle powdered sugar over the top of the roll.





**SLOVENIA**

**Nut roll with walnuts (Potica)**

Serves 6

**Ingredients**

- 1 kg flour
- 80 g yeast
- Grated lemon peel
- 120 g sugar
- 200 g fresh butter
- 500 ml milk
- Pinch of salt
- 2 tbs rum
- 8 egg yolks
- 140 g melted butter or oil

**WALNUT FILLING**

**Ingredients**

- 800 g ground walnuts
- 500 ml of milk
- 250 g sugar
- 4 large or 6 small egg yolks
- 6 tbs rum

**DIRECTIONS** Mix all ingredients until a stiff dough is formed. Knead the dough and let it rise, covered, for one hour. Roll it out in an oblong about 1 cm thick and cover it with the filling.

For the filling, blend all ingredients well and spread evenly on the rolled out dough. Starting with the long edge, roll up the dough and place it with the seam down on a baking sheet. Bake it for one hour in the oven at 180 C. Hazelnuts may be used in place of walnuts. A slice of potica is served as a dessert with a cup of coffee.

**Yugoslavia**

Organisation	Project Title	EUR
Sempervivum	Flora and fauna of Skadar Lake (posters)	1,620
Ecological Centre Dolphins	Pelican Game (education material)	1,600
Centre for bird protection and research	Protected bird species at Skadar Lake (posters)	487
League for Family	Richness of Skadar Lake TV programmes	2,790
Centre for Ecological Campaigns	Think before throwing the fishing net (brochures)	266
Centre for Ecological Campaigns	Hérons and Laurel (posters)	631
Scout Organisation Njegos	Eco-camp Tunjevo	1,633
ECOM	Educational workshops for fishermen	1,640
Lynx Animal World Preservation Society	Public campaign to introduce Skadar Lake	1,165
Kalimera	Biodiversity protection of the southeastern lake coast	650
Open World	Skadar Lake: mutual concern of Montenegro and Albania	1,170
Society for the Protection of Animals	Stop poaching!	750
Centre for Bird Protection and Research	Miss the bird and you will hit the target	1,063
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>15,465</b>

**REReP Cooperative Grants**

Donor: Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Netherlands

Organisation	Project Title	Project Partner(s)	EUR
The Ecologists' Movement of Macedonia	Development of SEE Environmental NGOs Network	Young Researchers of Serbia, Yugoslavia; Green Action, Croatia; Young Researchers of Banja Luka, Bosnia and Herzegovina	80,000



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