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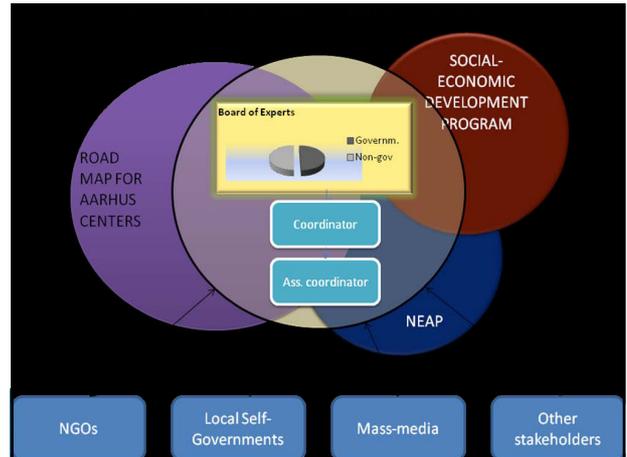
We are introducing to your kind attention the 4th issue of the electronic bulletin being published by Armenian Aarhus Centres Network. In this issue we present activity of the Network in September and October. Hope you will find some interesting and useful information.





Partners to the Aarhus Centres

- ▶ Ministry of Nature Protection
- ▶ Ministry of Territorial Administration
- ▶ Municipalities
- ▶ UNDP GEF/SGP
- ▶ Soros Foundation
- ▶ REC Caucasus
- ▶ Transparency International
- ▶ Environmental Public Alliance



Training for Aarhus coordinators Germany, Leipzig 2008



Dilijan city,
Armenia 2010



Drezden 2008



CASE NATIONAL SCREENING BOARD

A participatory mechanism for supporting project policy, improving the implementation and supervision

Members representing ENVSEC, NFP, OSCE, UNDP, educational/scientific and technical institutes, political and civil society organizations.



Role and responsibilities

- ⇒ Develop project policy
- ⇒ Create a country specific project assessment criteria
- ⇒ Assess/choose projects
- ⇒ Ensure involvement of the Board members
- ⇒ Support and participate in development and implementation of CASE projects' communication policy



SAFE ENVIRONMENT: STORAGE OF CHEMICALS



To assess the risks of the arsenic graveyard and it's impact on the environment and population of the region;



To raise the population awareness on the arsenic graveyard negative impact on the region and promote public participation in environmental decision making;



To stimulate the Alaverdi Municipality, the Ministry of Emergency Situations, the Ministry of Nature Protection and "Vallex Group" Companies (ACP) undertake safety measures to ensure the neutralization of the arsenic wastes harmful effects;

Implemented by:
"Anahit" Women Support Center
In association with:
Alaverdi Aarhus Center

ASSESSING A RISK OF HEAVY METAL POLLUTION OF FARM PRODUCTS IN ARMENIA

To assess ecological-geochemical state of agricultural soils under the impact of Alaverdy and Akhtala mining plants

To assess quality of irrigation waters

Eco-toxicological assessment of farm products growing on the study sites



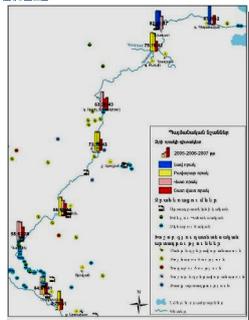
Implemented by:
Center for Ecological-Noosphere Studies of National Academy of Science of the Republic of Armenia

DEFINITION, PLANNING AND IMPLEMENTATION OF ROLE AND PRACTICAL ACTIONS OF COMMUNITIES IN DIRECTION OF IMPROVING QUALITY AND QUANTITY OF HRAZDAN RIVER WATER RESOURCES

Anthropogenic and natural impact on water resources of Hrazdan River

Land and water resources management

Improvement of quality and quantity of water resources through active participation of the community.



Implemented by:
Hayanist Intercommunity Association

Projects in Armenia

IMPROVEMENT OF THE ENVIRONMENT IN THE HRAZDAN REGION

- creating a discussion platform on environmental problems among industries
- shearing with international experts in by using CDMs
- create a technical report about the state of the environment
- public awareness raising about regional environmental issues



Implemented by:
"Burning Star" Benevol
Facilitators:
Hrazdan Aarhus Center
Hrazdan Municipality
"Women with University"
"Children Assistance Fu



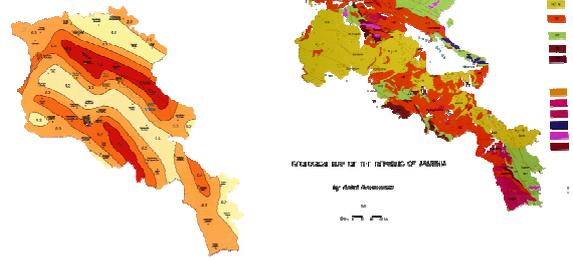
PRODUCTION OF A FILM ON ENVIRONMENTAL PROBLEMS IN GEGHARKUNIK REGION

- To raise awareness of all these issues 5 towns and 25 villages in the marz
- To increase local community participation and collaboration throughout marz
- To increase local community education throughout marz
- To create information (film and materials) specific to the region for future educational purposes
- To bridge local communities with environmental experts to increase local, regional, and national dialogue



Implemented by:
"Blejan" NGO
In association with:
Gavar Aarhus Center

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT OF STRONG EARTHQUAKES



The main objective of the project is to summarize, disseminate and promote the latest knowledge and scientific achievements on earthquake and related hazards and risks

Implemented by:
Armenian Association of Seismology and Physics of the Earth

CAPACITY BUILDING OF ECONOMIC MECHANISMS FOR ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT

- Raising awareness on National Legislation
- Enhancing nature protection by various economical tools
- Involvement of self-governmental bodies, business community and NGO



Implemented by:
Environmental Lawyers and Economists Young Association

PROVISION OF EXPERTISE ON ISO 14001:2004 EMS STANDARD REQUIREMENTS AND IMPLEMENTATION BENEFITS.

- Raising efficiency of natural resources and hazardous waste management
- Emissions reduction
- "Softening" of some important environmental imp
- Anthropogenic diseases risk management
- Transparency of the that supervision
- Reduction of expenditures
- Improvement of the authority and rate of the company



Implemented by:
"Khazer" Ecological, Culture, Non-Governmental Organization

POLLUTANT RELEASE AND TRANSFER REGISTERS AND ENVIRONMENTAL INFORMATION: SETS OF SEMINARS



- raising public awareness on the PRTR issue in three Regions of Armenia (Kotayk, Lori and Syunik).
- introduction of the obligations and rights under the PRTR to the Aarhus Convention in the Republic of Armenia

- to promote involvement of population and business communities in the development and implementation of the PRTR policy in Armenia.

Implemented by:
"Scientific and Educational Center for National Development" NGO



DEVELOPMENT OF LOCAL ENVIRONMENTAL ACTION PLAN (LEAP) FOR THE TOWN OF KAPAN, SYUNIK, ARMENIA

Improvement of environmental management and practical application of environmental planning at the local level by means of public participation in environmental decision-making process and cross-sectoral cooperation.



- Increase of public and political awareness on the linkages between environment and security
- Demonstrates cooperation in the field of environment with government organizations, NGOs, private sector and international organizations

Implemented by:
Regional Environmental Center for the Caucasus (REC-Caucasus)



NATURE IS A BOOMERANG

Awareness raising on environment and security problems in number of communities

Animate practical skills based on theoretical knowledge of the key stakeholders

Improve near community dump management

Support land erosion reduction measurements



Implemented by:
"Hayrenapash" Youth NGO

AWARENESS RAISING ON ORGANIC FARMING

Present a demonstration plot on 1.2 hectares till December 2010

Improve irrigation system

Establish a "field school"

Organize a sets of seminars in "field school" for farmers

Improving farmers' professional background through raising awareness on land resources management.



Implemented by:
Tavush Farmers Association

CREATION OF ECOLOGICAL INFORMATION NETWORK



- improving local environmental governance
- raising public awareness on environmental issues
- enhancing public participation in decision-making processes
- empower "Yeghvard" NGO and Aarhus Center's capacities.



Implemented by:
"Yeghvar" youth NGO
In association with:
Yeghvard Aarhus Center



MY GREEN COMMUNITY

To raise awareness among the population and local self-governance bodies about the importance of preservation and taking care of green zones, lawns and recreational areas.



To stimulate the cooperation among the population, CSOs and the Goris Municipality to develop stronger mechanisms for environmental



To promote local participation in environmental decision making and enforcement of Environmental Awareness Project activities.



Implemented by:
"Women's Resource Center" NGO
In association with:
Goris Aarhus Center

THE ACTIONS ON DECREASING NEGATIVE IMPACT OF PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION TO ENSURE ENVIRONMENTAL SECURITY

Turn government's attention to replace micro-buses for ecological and economical transportation (underground, buses, trolleybuses) by help of mass-media, scientific institutions and NGOs.

Increasing the role of the local governments in transportation service management

Reducing pollution emitted by transportation

Corruption risks reduction

Public awareness and law improvement

Effective co-operation among state, local and public institutions



Implemented by:
"Consumers' Association" NGO

"WHERE TO YEREVAN" PROJECT FOCUSED ON THE CAPITAL PROBLEMS

www.depiuryerevan.blogs.pot.com

Radio program contains 12 long and 12 shortened broadcasts

Shaping public opinion on environmentally sustainable growth options

To set the stage for local level policy dialogue on "green" urban management and growth.

To raise public awareness regarding urban environmental sustainability concerns.



Implemented by:
"Antenna" NGO

ASSESSMENT OF SECURITY RISKS OF ENVIRONMENTAL HOT SPOTS OF ARMENIA BY CAPACITY BUILDING OF ALL STAKEHOLDERS ON THE BASIS OF AARHUS CENTERS



Collection and analyzing information about construction of the factory for processing dunite and peridotite mines

Meetings in the field with stakeholders



Information exchange on companies operation consequences for environment and health in selected regions

Information monitoring over ecological risks



Information available <http://www.ecolor.am/>

Implemented by:
"Ecolor" Informational NGO

