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1. This information paper was developed on the basis of the proposed activities by the partners in the "Environment for Europe" process. The paper is complementary to the working paper with the Overview of the activities that could provide input into the agenda of the Belgrade Conference (WGSO/EXECOM-5/2007/2).

2. The paper includes the overview of activities categorized as category III documents in accordance with the document on Organizational issues for the sixth Ministerial Conference "Environment for Europe" (ECE/CEP/AC.11/2006/5).

Compilation of Category III[1] documents related to the Belgrade Conference to be submitted directly to the Conference

Topic/ implementing body	Expected Output	Nature of Output
A. Assessment and Implementation		
Monitoring and Assessment		
State of sustainable transport and policy integration in the ECE region 1997-2007 (UNECE)	Report on the state of the sustainable transport and policy integration in the ECE region 1997-2007.	Assessment report
Mountainous ecosystems assessment in Central Asia (CAREC in cooperation with GEF and WB)	Assessment of existing activities and planning of economic activities based on the stability of ecosystems and their generation of goods and services for poor; investments for water supply and poverty reduction; improvement of the water-resources management, harmonization of legislations in the area of watershed management.	Strategic paper
Legal, Policy and Institutional Assessment of Carpathian Mountains Countries (REC-CEE)	"Protecting the Carpathians: Assessing Policies, Laws and Institutions for Implementing the Carpathian Convention" (tentative title).	Publication
Tisza River Basin Sustainable Development programme (REC-CEE)	Regional Assessment of legal, policy and institutional frameworks related to sustainable water management issues in five Tisza riparian countries.	Report including recommendations
Multilateral Environmental Agreements (MEAs)		
Pilot project between Kazakhstan and Kyrgyzstan on transboundary EIA (CAREC)	Strengthening bilateral cooperation on transboundary issues.	Analytical paper
Implementation of the Guidelines for EIA in Central Asia countries (CAREC)	The Guidelines for EIA in Central Asia countries.	Guidelines
Environmental mediation and alternative dispute resolution mechanisms (REC-CEE)	Assessment and recommendations of using environmental mediation and alternative dispute resolution methods in selected EU and CEE countries.	Report

[1] Category III documents will not be assigned any symbol and will not be officially listed but can be posted on the Conference website as appropriate. They should be shipped to Belgrade by the delegations themselves and should reach Belgrade at least two weeks before the Conference. Alternatively, delegations can bring them to the venue of the Conference upon their arrival (subject to the arrangements made between the host country and delegations).

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Use of national Implementation Plans in SEE. (acceptance and implementation of MEAs in SEE region) (REC-CEE)	Analytical paper and senior experts level declaration on the use of National Implementation Plans in SEE.	Analytical paper and senior experts level declaration
Capacity Development for SEA in SEE (REC-CEE)	SEA Training Manual for the SEE.	Training manual – slides
SEE commentary on the UNEP and UNECE guidelines on MEA compliance, implementation and enforcement (acceptance and implementation of MEAs in SEE region) (REC-CEE)	Applying a sub-regional approach, the document will present an analysis of the UNEP Guidelines on Compliance with and Enforcement of Multilateral Environmental Agreements (MEAs) and the UNECE Guidelines for Strengthening Compliance with and Implementation of MEAs in the ECE Region., from the perspective of legal experts, senior officials and stakeholders.	Analytical paper
Access to justice mechanisms and opportunities (REC-CEE)	Report on the status of access to justice mechanisms and opportunities including reducing barriers in new EU member states and SEE countries. The report will include conclusions and recommendations on good practices	Report
B. Education for Sustainable Development (ESD)		
(UNECE)	Reports on implementation by volunteering countries (pilot reporting by volunteering countries using the selected set of indicators)	Background papers
	Compilation of needs to support the implementation of the UNECE Strategy for ESD based on responses from countries.	Background paper
"UNECE ESD Strategy implementation in Central Asia: overview of the progress by CAREC" (CAREC)	Progress report on implementation of the UNECE Strategy for Education for Sustainable Development in Central Asia. (Best practices, case-studies and examples).	Overview of the progress by CAREC"
Support to the implementation of the UNECE Strategy in Central Asian countries[2] (CAREC)	Support to the development of national action plans on the implementation of the UNECE Strategy on ESD in Central Asia.	National action plans on the implementation of UNECE Strategy on ES
"UNECE ESD Strategy implementation in Caucasus: overview of the progress by REC Caucasus" (REC Caucasus)	Progress report on implementation of the UNECE Strategy for Education for Sustainable Development in Caucasus. (Best practices, case-studies and examples)	Overview of the progress by REC Caucasus"
Green Pack Education Resources (REC-CEE)	The Green pack project is a series of practical multi-media education kits being prepared for CEE teachers through a multi-stakeholder methodology. There are several new versions now available which can be presented at Belgrade and which support pragmatically the key UNECE sub-regions: EECCA: Russia, Azerbaijan and SEE: Albania, Turkey.	Educational kit

[2] The scope and nature of the proposed activity to be further clarified

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Partnership as precondition for successful education for sustainable development (REC-CEE)	Analytical paper on the SEE specific context and needs for education for sustainable development. Sharing lessons learned from the practical implementation of ESD projects. Joint input of the SEE countries to the ministerial debate. The preparation of the paper was agreed at the SEE ministerial consultation on 16 June 2006 as common SEE input.	Analytical paper
C. Biodiversity		
Third reporting cycle for affected countries from Northern Mediterranean, Central and Eastern Europe and Central Asia in the framework of the UNCCD (UNCCD)	Review at regional meetings of the national reports on land degradation and desertification from 27 affected countries from Europe and Central Asia.	Analysis, synthesis and compilation of national reports as well as an input from the regional meetings
Development of Ili-Balkhash Basin Integrated Management Plan as a demonstration project (CAREC)	Expansion of an ecosystem management model for the basin, establishment of a basin management body with the necessary political powers for ecosystem management; development of international partnership agreement with private sector and governments.	Strategic Paper
Transboundary cooperation through management of shared natural resources: Lessons learned from co-operation between three crossborder areas in SEE (REC-CEE)	Best practices and capitalization of the lessons from a five years experience working in three cross-border sites Neretva Delta, Skadar Lake and West Stara Planina: biodiversity protection as a neutral platform for promoting dialogue, trust building and cooperation, for democratization and strengthening of civil society and local authorities, good governance.	Publication
D. Capacity Building		
EECCA PERSPECTIVES		
Institutional arrangements for transport, environment and health policy integration (UNECE)	Guidance on institutional arrangements for policy integration.	Strategic paper
The urban transport and related Environment and Health problems in South Caucasus (UNECE)	Document on the urban transport and related Environment and Health problems in South Caucasus.	Analytical paper
SEA Protocol – Initial Capacity Development in Selected Countries in of the Former Soviet Union (UNDP, UNECE, REC-CEE)	Summary of the key lessons that emerged from the initial capacity development for the implementation of the SEA Protocol in Armenia, Belarus, Georgia, Moldova and Ukraine.	Brochure
The assessment of the progress of the implementation of the Central Asia Initiative on Sustainable Development (CAREC)	Progress report; strengthening of existing coordination mechanisms at subregional and national levels; development of sustainable financing programmes; development of a partnership agreement.	Progress report; recommendations

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Monitoring of European Neighbourhood Policy (ENP) Action Plans implementation (environmental protection and sustainable development) in the South Caucasus Countries (REC Caucasus)	Alternative report on ENP Action Plans implementation.	Analytical interim report
"Environment for Europe" process: EECCA RECs contribution to its implementation (EECCA RECs)	Progress report on practical contribution of the EECCA RECs to implementation of the activities under the "Environment for Europe" process.	Analytical paper
"Strengthening public participation in environmental decision-making. Role of EECCA RECs" (EECCA RECs)	Progress report on public participation in environmental decision-making and implementation of the Aarhus convention in EECCA region, including encountered problems, good practices, case-studies and recommendations.	Progress reports
Implementation of the objective 6.2 on Public Participation in Environment Decision-Making of the EECCA Strategy (EECCA RECs)	Report on the implementation of the objective 6.2 on Public Participation in Environment Decision-Making of the EECCA Strategy.	Brochure
Implementation of the Environment Strategy for EECCA (EECCA RECs)	Recommendations to the EECCA countries to establish an International Coordinating Council for improving intersectoral and intergovernmental cooperation.	Recommendations
Progress and perspectives in implementation of the Aarhus Convention (EECCA Strategy 6.2) (REC-CEE)	Short analytical report about the progress regarding the implementation of the Aarhus Convention in EECCA countries. The document addresses the key legal, policy and institutional aspects, as well as the identified lessons and further needs in order to improve the implementation of the Aarhus Convention. The good practices developed by governments, NGOs and other stakeholders will also be presented The report is based on a capacity building project funded by Europe Aid and implemented in 6 EECCA countries.	Analytical report
Progress in implementing key European environmental policy targets in CEE and EECCA (REC-CEE)	Report inventorying experiences and lessons learned from policy implementation largely in CEE but EECCA also that have led to tangible environmental improvement. Results will serve as a single-resource point for the countries in overcoming challenges in achieving environmental improvement.	Analytical report
SEE PERSPECTIVES		
Environmental Reconstruction and EU approximation in South Eastern Europe: REReP Highlights 2003-2005 (REC-CEE)	Overview of the process, international assistance and key activities implemented in the period 2003-2005 in the four priority areas of the programme.	Publication
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Highlights 2005-2007 (REC-CEE)		
Environmental Snapshot of South Eastern Europe: REReP country profiles (REC-CEE)	A snapshot of the environmental situation of the countries part of Stabilization and Association Process, focusing on the priority areas identified by the REReP.	Publication
Assessing Environmental Law Drafting Needs in South Eastern Europe (REC-CEE)	Report analysing the current status of environmental legislation reform in SEE, published in 2003.	Publication
Progress in Environmental Law Drafting in South Eastern Europe (REC-CEE)	Report assessing the progress achieved in environmental law drafting in SEE, published in 2005.	Publication
Regional cooperation on Environmental Law approximation – status and perspectives (REC-CEE)	Report analyzing the role of the regional cooperation in the environmental law development in SEE.	Publication
Reform of chemical legislation in SEE (REC-CEE)	Approximation with EU chemicals requirements in SEE. Providing direct assistance and capacity building for chemicals legislation in SEE for harmonization with the new requirements under REACH.	Summary report
Priority Environmental Investment Programme for SEE-targeting investment challenge, 2003-2005 (REC-CEE)	Analyses of the environmental infrastructure investments in SEE, status, priorities, problems, next steps.	Report
Establishing an Environmental Fund. Practical Aspects for Decision Makers and Fund Managers (REC-CEE)	The report discusses the key issues for establishing an environmental fund or expenditure programme including: types of environmental funds; budgetary aspects; programming; project selection; forms of assistance; project administration; tasks of the ministry; and administrative aspects.	Report available in PDF form
Economic instruments in CEE (REC-CEE)	Sourcebook of economic instruments in CEE with analyses of changes since 2002.	Sourcebook
Promotion of Flexible Mechanisms of the Kyoto Protocol (REC-CEE)	The paper will give a plan for effective participation of SEE countries in Flexible Mechanisms of the Kyoto Protocol providing a set of near-term options for SEE that would help protect the climate, reduce GHG, cut energy demands and promote growth by harnessing sustainable energy resources and advanced technologies.	Analytical paper
Support of negotiations for the post Kyoto climate regime (REC-CEE)	The paper gives grounds for future actions in dealing with institutional challenges of climate change beyond the Kyoto Protocol and the UNFCCC. It supports the commencement of the crucial negotiation on “beyond 2012” on climate change. It would also foster developing countries to be more proactive in the discussion of the future global climate regime.	Analytical paper

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Capacity building of EITs, South-Western Balkan countries and Turkey for the implementation of the UNFCCC and the Kyoto Protocol (REC-CEE)	The report is addressing the problems related to monitoring and reporting requirements under the Kyoto Protocol and proposing solutions, it is also identifying the capacity building needs and proposing ways to address them. Focus is on Western Balkan countries and Turkey.	Analytical report
E. Partnerships		
Sustainable Consumption and Production		
Extending the Partnership for Clean Fuels and Vehicles to CEE (REC-CEE)	Analyses of the achieved progress, existing problems and the measures to be taken. Follow up training on clean vehicles in Bulgaria and roundtables in Montenegro, Serbia and Turkey.	Research on country status, Publication, CD-ROM
Environmental financing		
EAP Task Force	Financing water and environment infrastructure. The case of Eastern Europe, the Caucasus and Central Asia.	Analytical
	Local capital markets for environment infrastructure. Prospects in China, Kazakhstan, Russian Federation and Ukraine.	Analytical/case studies
	Lessons learned from experience with Debt for Environment Swap in the economies in transition.	Analytical
	Lessons learned from Financing Strategies in the municipal solid waste industry in transition economies.	Analytical
	Good practices of Public Environmental Expenditure Management.	Best practices
	Handbook for Appraisal of environmental projects financed from public funds.	Guidelines
	Intergovernmental Transfers for Environmental Expenditure: Lessons from Armenia, the Russian Federation, and Ukraine.	Analytical/case studies
	Pre-feasibility analysis, project pipelines and institutional support for debt-for-environment swap in the Kyrgyz Republic.	Case study
	Debt-for-environment swap in Georgia: pre-feasibility study and institutional options.	Case study
	Debt-for-environment swap in Georgia: potential project pipelines for the expenditure programme.	Case study
	Monitoring environmental expenditure in Eastern Europe, Caucasus and Central Asia implementing the OECD/Eurostat standards in the Kyrgyz Republic and Ukraine.	Case studies
Water		

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EAP Task Force	Guidelines for performance-based contracts between municipalities and water utilities in Eastern Europe, Caucasus and Central Asia (EECCA).	Guidelines
	Financing water supply and sanitation in Eastern Europe, Caucasus and Central Asia: proceedings from a Conference of EECCA Ministers of Economy/Finance and Environment and their partners, 17-18 November 2005, Yerevan (Armenia).	Proceedings
	Financial Strategy for Urban Water Supply and Sanitation in Georgia.	Case study
	Consumer protection in urban water sector reforms in Armenia: ability to pay and social protection of low-income households.	Case study
	Financing Strategy for urban wastewater collection and treatment infrastructure in Armenia.	Case study
	Financial Planning Tool for Water Utilities (FPTWU) in the EECCA Region: user manual.	Tool/Manual
	Rural water supply and sanitation: technology overview and cost functions.	Database
	Facilitating policy dialogue and developing a national financing strategy for urban and rural water supply and sanitation in Moldova.	Case study
Capacity Development in the Management of Water Ecosystems in Central Asia (CAREC)	Systemic Integration of Sectoral Networks for Sustainable Freshwater Management at West/Central Asia and North Africa (WESCANA).	Statement
Harmonization and improvements of the standards of water quality in Central Asia (CAREC)	Analytical report and new methodology.	Analytical paper
Water Ecosystems in Central Asia and Caucasus (CAREC and REC Caucasus)	Analytical report of state of water ecosystems in Central Asia and Caucasus with identification of the main problems and recommendations.	Analytical report
Implementation of the EUWI and IWRM in the Republic of Moldova (REC Moldova)	Implementation of the Concept of the integrated water resources management in the Republic of Moldova.	Final report
Participatory approaches in transboundary river basin management (REC-CEE)	Best Practice experiences regarding participatory approaches in transboundary river basin management and public participation in different river basins, such as the Danube, Tisza , Sava or Drim river basins in support of different subregional agreements or cooperative frameworks.	Report including recommendations
Environment and Security		
Avoiding Catastrophe-Reducing Risks from New Investments in Old Mines and Industry (REC-CEE)	Publication that features the “Governance Principles for FDI in Hazardous Activities” and related instruments that help to reduce the risk of accidents that arise from botched investment processes. Revised Governance Principles.	Strategic policy document, guidelines, Publication

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Parliamentarians and Civil Society on Environment and Security (REC-CEE)	International Conference on Environment and Security attended by Parliamentarians, NGO representatives, academics and governmental authorities.	Declaration
The Adriatic Sea Partnership Survey: Sub-Regionalisation for Commitments on the Sustainable Development of Sea Regions (REC-CEE)	The survey will investigate, summarize and assess the substantial efforts made so far to study the Adriatic Sea and to develop various initiatives for cooperation on its protection and sustainable development, with an aim towards understanding the best ways of moving forward for international cooperation. Joint input of the SEE countries to the ministerial debate.	Analytical paper
The Sava Process: a Model for sub-regional cooperation (REC-CEE)	Interim Secretariat Report.	Report
Advancement in hazardous waste management in SEE between 2003 and 2005 (REC-CEE)	The report represents an update of the "Regional approach to the management of hazardous wastes in the Western Balkans" developed in 2003 by the REC.	Report
Mountains Initiative		
Carpathian Mountains (REC-CEE)	Carpathian Convention Handbook.	Publication
F. Other:		
Civil society support		
Environmental Advocacy Network for South Eastern Europe (EANSEE) (REC-CEE)	Capacity building for independent environmental advocates	Position paper(s)
SEE Environmental Civil Society Assessment and Directory (REC-CEE)	Analysis of the current situation and needs of environmental civil society in the SEE region, updated directory of the sector	Assessment Report and Directory
Civil Society Organisational Assessment Tool (REC-CEE)	Organisational capacity building tool for Civil Society Organisations, allowing CSOs to assess their situation and implement development plans.	Publication/Toolkit
'Road to Belgrade 2007' NGO Grants programme (REC-CEE)	An open grants programme to fund the projects of NGO coalitions that will directly contribute to the input of NGO/Civil Society into the conference.	Project results demonstrating NGO inputs and positions for the conference
Compliance and implementation		
EAP Task Force	Assuring environmental compliance: A Toolkit for building better environmental inspectorates in Eastern Europe, Caucasus, and Central Asia.	Manual

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	Integrated environmental permitting guidelines for EECCA countries.	Guidelines
	Funding environmental compliance assurance: Lessons learned from international experience.	Best practices
	Dictionary of environmental compliance assurance.	Dictionary/Glossary
	Guiding principles of effective environmental permitting systems.	Guidelines
	Approach to the introduction of integrated environmental permitting in Ukraine.	Case study
	Transition to integrated environmental permitting in the Kyrgyz Republic.	Case study
	Environmental pollution and product charges in Armenia: Assessment of reform and progress and directions for further improvement.	Case study
	Reform of pollution charges in the Russian Federation: Assessment of progress and opportunities and constraints for further improvement.	Case study
	Measuring what matters.	Proceedings
	Promoting compliance with environmental requirements in Armenia: Recommendations from an international review.	Best practices
	Modernising environmental self-monitoring in Kazakhstan: Policy recommendations.	Best practices
Environment and health		
Environment and health process in Europe. Implementation of the CEHAPE (REC-CEE)	Implementation of the Declaration of the Budapest E&H conference and the CEHAPE in the CEE region.	Report