REPORT ON BEHALF OF ENVIRONMENT AND SCHOOL INITIATIVES (ENSI)

Follow up of the EU COMENIUS 3 Network project “School Development through Environmental Education” SEED.

This project from 2002 – 2005 was developed and supported by ENSI. As latest publication from SEED the “Tools for ESD-Schools – Reflective methods for School Partnerships on Education for Sustainable Development” were provided to all UNECE partners in February 2008.

EU-Project on Competencies for ESD in Teacher education CSCT (2004 – 2007): Topic of this project is the competency-based curriculum development for education for sustainable development in initial teacher training and in-service training institutions. The model and the recommendations are based on action research case studies of the involved teacher trainers. The project lasted until the end 2007.

Parts of the final report were basis for the panel discussion during the UNECE steering committee meeting 2008.

The translation and publication of the “Quality criteria for ESD-Schools”: ENSI supports translation, layout and dissemination of further language versions. The Quality Criteria in Portuguese and Romanian were published in 2007 and 2008. Translations into Russian as well as into Croatian are in preparation.

Countries interested are welcome to contact Dr. Pfaffenwimmer (president of ENSI) for further collaboration. For download see: www.seed-eu.net / products / publications and www.ensi.org / publications

Publication “Engaging Youth - Good practices in the field of ESD in Europe” for lower secondary schools teachers is be published by ENSI on behalf of the Council of Europe. This book will be available by end of May 2008.

EU-COMENIUS 3 Network project “Partnership and Participation for a Sustainable Tomorrow” SUPPORT. Norway coordinated this project. ENSI has supported the development of this new EU network project which focuses on the development school collaboration with communities and with research and on the use of ICT.

For further details please visit our web site http://support-edu.org/

“Carpathian Sustainabe Learning Network” (CASALEN)

The Carpathian project was launched in autumn 2007 by kick off meeting in Vác, Hungary. The participants from Hungary, Slovakia, Czech Republic, Romania and Ukraine agreed to establish a network for developing education for sustainability: the Carpathian Sustainable Education Network shortly: CASALEN. The project is supported by ENSI.
The main goal of CASALEN is to establish a support system in order to encourage the co-
operations in the Carpathian region within the existing financial frameworks (EU – LLL pro-
gram, Visegrad Found). The core element of this support system could be a regular summer
school as in-service training for multiplication of the collected and structured materials,
knowledge and know-how for ESD teachers.

A next step of the project will be a planning meeting in Trencin, Slovakia in order to develop
a concrete project proposal for Visegrad fund. Parallel the participants are in negotiation with
UNEP about project financed by Austrian oil company, ÖMV for developing a Carpathian
education for sustainability toolkit and a series of workshop in the region.
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**ENSI as observer in the Bureau of the UNECE Steering Committee**
ENSI has been a partner in the Bureau since 2005 and will continue to support its work ac-
tively.

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