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Subject Norwegian NGO's and the convention

Information below on the two NGO's that we have received reply from.

Norwegian NGOs

Greenpeace Norway

The Norwegian section of Greenpeace was established in 1988 as an environmental NGO that is economically and politically independent. In Norway Greenpeace has 45 employees.

Through non-violent actions, information campaigns and lobbying the organizations main focus in Norway is climate change, energy questions, toxic waste and questions related to the sea.

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The Bellona Foundation

The Bellona Foundation is an international environmental NGO based in Norway. Founded in 1986 solution-oriented organization with focus on energy questions/climate change with offices in Oslo, E ecologists, nuclear physicists, economists, lawyers, political scientists and journalists work at Bellon

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Capacity building

We have for the time being no capacity building activities for NGOs specifically targeted on EIA/Espoo, but we can mention two related activities:

- 1) (MoE) organizes every year 3-4 broad scoped contact meetings for civil society, where all Norwegian NGOs are invited. These cover EIA and international relations.
- 2) Also through the EEA grants (Norway Grants) the 19 NGO funds established in 12 beneficiary states, civil society organisations across Europe are given a source of support to strengthen their capacity. A wide variety of NGOs are supported under the NGO funds. Projects to promote democracy, human rights and justice, as well as protecting the environment dominate the spectre. For the period 2009-2014 Norway will provide around NOK 3 billion

(EUR 347 million) per year through the new EEA financial mechanism. A substantial sum from the EEA financial mechanism will be allocated for further efforts to strengthen civil society.

Best regards

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