



Course on Sustainability and Action

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REGIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL CENTER

To Whom It May Concern,

The Regional Environmental Center (REC) with the support of the Ministry for Development Cooperation of The Netherlands and the Ministry for the Environment, Land and Sea of Italy (IMELS) is proud to announce the Course for Sustainability and Action for representatives of national governments, cities and local communities, associations of towns and municipalities, NGOs, regional and local development agencies from Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Croatia, Czech Republic, Hungary, Macedonia, Montenegro, Poland, Serbia, and Slovakia and Kosovo/a (territory under interim UN administration).

In a world challenged by growing economic and environmental crises, sustainable development is the approach most likely to provide a balance between the environmental, economic and social needs of humanity nowadays. We are inviting mid-level professionals with a working knowledge of English to apply for this exciting training opportunity and broaden their existing knowledge with important information and practical skills that will help them work towards sustainable development in a more efficient and concrete manner.

This course will be comprised of **three segments**. The **first segment** will be held in Budva, Montenegro from 24 to 31 May, 2009 and will serve as an introduction to sustainable development and relevant policies in the domains of environment, economy and society. The **second segment** will be held in Venice, Italy September 27 to October 2, 2009 and will focus on sustainable governance tools. Available practices, success stories and sustainable development tools will be the core of this training offered together with the Venice International University (VIU) and other partners. The closing, **third segment** will provide hands-on information on how companies in Italy, Slovenia and Hungary put principles of sustainable development in practice. Closing of this unique training opportunity will be held at the REC zero-emission Conference Center in Szentendre, Hungary from 3 to 7 October, 2009. Potential participants have an opportunity to shape the second and the third segment of this course by opting for preferred topics from the list provided in the application form. A draft course agenda is attached.

Successful applications will include a completed application form (attached), a brief resume with the description of key responsibilities (Curriculum Vitae), a brief statement of interest (maximum 450 words) as well as a brief letter of support from the applicant's supervisor. Deadline for applications is 05 April, 2009.

For all forms and additional information please visit www.localsustainableaction.org or contact Ms. Tamara Nikolic at localsustainability@rec.org.

With kind regards,

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