

ANNEX VI FINAL NARRATIVE REPORT

- This report must be completed and signed by the Contact person
- The information provided below must correspond to the financial information that appears in the financial report.
- Please complete the report using a typewriter or computer (*you can find this form at the following address <Specify>*).
- Please expand the paragraphs as necessary.
- *Please refer to the Special Conditions of your grant contract and send one copy of the report to each address mentioned*
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- Unless otherwise specified, the answer to all questions must cover the reporting period as specified in point 1.6
- Please do not forget to attach to this report the proof of the transfers of ownership referred to in Article 7.3 of the General conditions.

1. Description

1.1. Name of beneficiary of grant contract:

EKO LIBURNIA, Association for development of ecotourism, organic agriculture and environmental protection

1.2. Name and title of the Contact person:

Ranko Tadic, Project Manager

1.3. Name of partners in the Action:

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1.4. Title of the Action:

SUCCESS – SUPPORT TO CITIZEN PARTICIPATION IN MUNICIPAL ENVIRONMENTAL PLANNING AND DECISION-MAKING

1.5. Contract number:

101366

1.6. Start date and end date of the reporting period¹:

1st May 2005 - 31st October 2006 with requested extension of duration until **31st May 2007** (see Mid-term NARRATIVE REPORT, section A. Contractual Compliance)

1.7. Target country(ies) or region(s):

Croatia, Primorsko-Goranska County (PGC)

1.8. Final beneficiaries &/or target groups² (if different) (including numbers of women and men):

¹ The entire implementation period of the Action

environmental planning and decision making stakeholders (representatives of local government, business community, NGOs) from six towns/municipalities from Primorsko-Goranska County (Fuzine, Krk, Mali Losinj, Rijeka, Vrbnik and Vrbovsko), as well as from Molve municipality from Koprivnica-Krizevci County, where SUCCESS local workshops were held and Aarhus Convention action plans started with implementation;

local population of the same towns/municipalities which through the Project activities got sound access to information and justice in environmental matters (mostly through six info-points), and

numerous individuals requesting their right to know and to justice through information contained in project bulletins "Sova".

1.9. Country (ies) in which the activities take place (if different from 1.7):

2. Assessment of implementation of Action activities

2.1. Activities and results

SECOND PROJECT YEAR (MAY 2006 – MAY 2007)

EXECUTION ACTIVITY 5 – HOLDING OF FIVE LOCAL AARHUS CONVENTION WORKSHOPS IN SELECTED PROJECT TOWNS/MUNICIPALITIES (CONTINUATION, JANUARY-MAY 2007)

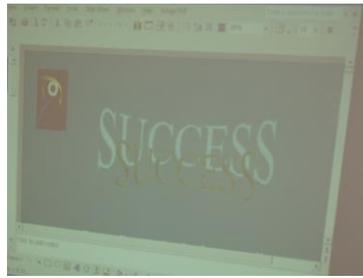
After holding of general workshop representing introduction of the basic legal and practical aspects of the Aarhus Convention implementation, Project envisaged holding of six local workshops in selected towns/municipalities. These local trainings are focused on more practical implications of Aarhus Convention implementation. Three pillars of the Convention are presented to local sustainable development stake-holders (representatives of all target groups being local authorities, civil society members and business sector), after which Aarhus Convention implementation on local level is defined. Also, each town/municipality should choose one (the most important) environmental issue/problem through which Convention implementation (especially on public participation in resolving the problem) will be tested.

Since general workshop was postponed from November 2005 to February 2006, this activity commenced in March 2006. During first Project year two local workshops were held – one in Fuzine municipality (Highlands sub region) on 21st March 2006, and another in Vrbnik municipality (Islands sub region) on 11th April 2006, while remaining four workshops were shifted into the second Project year (see Mid-term NARRATIVE REPORT).

Workshops were held as follows:

Third workshop in Vrbovsko was agreed between PM and mayor of Vrbovsko in 2006. Workshop in Vrbovsko (Highlands sub region) was held in the afternoon on 30th January 2007 from 15,30-18,30 (attachments 1). It took place in Vrbovsko Municipality premises and was attended by three members of the Project team (PM, PMA2(d), PMA3) and ten local participants, being two representatives of the town government; one representative of "Croatian Forests" company; three primary school representatives; tourism office representative; two local NGOs representatives; and project REGINA/SUCCESS info-point coordinator. The whole workshop programme was covered by Ms. Nensi Tatar, "Novi List" journalist.

² "Target groups" are the groups/entities who will be directly positively affected by the project at the Project Purpose level, and "final beneficiaries" are those who will benefit from the project in the long term at the level of the society or sector at large.



Workshop resulted in Vrbovsko township Aarhus Convention action plan with emphasis on solving of highway pollution and inappropriate sewage problems within the township, to be implemented in collaboration with Eko Liburnia and REGINA/SUCCESS info-point in Vrbovsko.

Workshop was hosted by Town of Vrbovsko (venue) while refreshments to participants were provided by Eko Liburnia.

Fourth workshop in Krk was agreed between PM and mayor of Krk during meeting in Krk on 31st January 2007. Workshop in Krk (Islands sub region), was held in the afternoon on 28th February 2007 from 14,45-17,45 (attachments 2). It took place in Krk Municipality premises and was attended by three members of the Project team (PM, PMA1, PMA3) and eight local participants, being two representatives of the town government; two representatives of municipal company “Veglia” responsible for tourism; manager of the “Croatian Forests” company in Krk; one primary school representative; and local NGO “Drobnica” representative.

Workshop resulted in Krk township Aarhus Convention action plan with emphasis on solving of alochtonous game problems (damage to agriculture and sheep growing) within the township, to be implemented in collaboration with Eko Liburnia and REGINA/SUCCESS info-point in Krk. Workshop was entirely hosted by the Town of Krk (venue & refreshments).

Fifth workshop in Mali Losinj was organised as a result of collaboration between two NGOs: sheep growers association "Lesa" Mali Losinj and Eko Liburnia. Workshop in Mali Losinj (Islands sub region), was held in the morning on 21st April 2007 from 10,15-13,30 (attachments 3).



Workshop took place in “Dom kulture” premises in Mali Losinj and was attended by the Project Manager and twenty-eight local participants, being mostly members of “Lesa” association and two representatives of the local Veterinary station. On behalf of the township government workshop was opened by Mr. Gari Capelli, mayor of Mali Losinj.

Workshop resulted in Mali Losinj township Aarhus Convention action plan with emphasis on organic production within the township, to be implemented in collaboration with Eko Liburnia.

Same day in the afternoon (17,00-20,00) “Lesa” has organised seminar on sheep production as part of the “First days of the islands lamb” programme. Project manager participated as lecturer with presentation on organic sheep growing. Both programmes were hosted by the Town of Mali Losinj and association “Lesa” (venue & refreshments).

Sixth workshop in Molve (Koprivnica-Krizevci County) was not originally planned but was decided on special request from the mayor of Molve who appreciated SUCCESS project activities. Workshop was held in the afternoon on 28th April 2007 from 16,45-20,00 (attachments 4). It was attended by the Project Manager and thirty-six local participants, being representatives of the municipal government and students from the municipality.



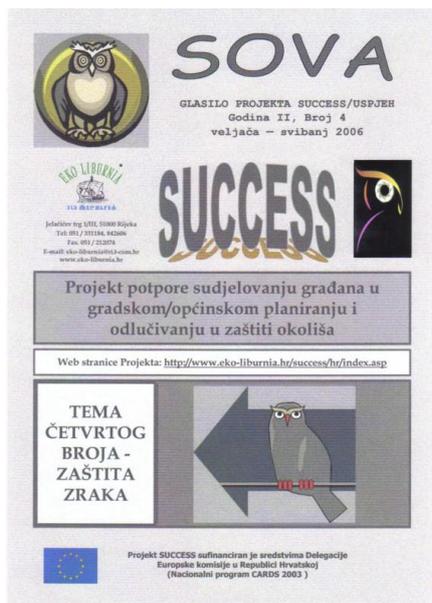
On behalf of the municipality government workshop was opened by Mr. Ivan Kolar, mayor of Molve. On request from the hosts Project Manager prepared special presentation titled “Sustainable Development of the Molve Municipality” (attachment 5). Workshop resulted in Molve municipality Aarhus Convention action plan with emphasis on development of environmentally friendly activities as main municipal employer for young people, to be implemented in collaboration with Eko Liburnia and members of the BioAlpsAdria network from five countries (Austria, Italy, Slovenia, Hungary and Croatia). Workshop was entirely hosted by the Molve Municipality (venue & refreshments).

Seventh workshop in Rijeka was organised as a result of collaboration between RDA PORIN and Eko Liburnia. Workshop in Rijeka was held in the morning on 3rd May 2007 from 10,15-13,30 (attachments 6). This date has been chosen because it is at the same time the “Day of journalists and freedom of media” and the “Day of liberation of Rijeka”.

Workshop took place in RDA PORIN premises and was attended by two members of the Project team (PM, PMA3) and six local participants being representatives of the RDA PORIN.

To conclude, this whole activity was held with delay, but provided expected results (six local Aarhus Convention action plans started with implementation).

EXECUTION ACTIVITY 7 – FOURTH ISSUE OF THE SUCCESS BULLETIN “SOVA” (CONTINUATION, MAY 2006)



Working materials for the **fourth issue** of the SUCCESS bulletin **SOVA** were prepared by PMA1 and PMA2(c) and sent by e-mail to the Project office in May 2006. Final version was edited and completed by PM the same month (attachment 7).

Printed and electronic copies of the fourth issue of bulletin were distributed within the Project area by PMA3 and PA as planned and made available on Project web-site in April 2006

Fourth issue of **SOVA** bulletin has 36 pages and contains articles on:

- # special topic no.4 - **protection of air**;
- # air quality in Croatia;
- # list of Croatian and international laws on protection of air;
- # air quality in PGC; and
- # overview of completed activities on **SUCCESS** and **REGINA** projects, as well as on other Eko Liburnia on-going projects.

Activity was held with three-month delay, but provided expected results (both hard and electronic copies produced and distributed).

Execution Activity 8 – Second evaluation & selection of Project info-points (continuation, September 2006)

This activity represents final activity of the first Project year. It was envisaged that, based on findings and results of the general and local workshops, Project team will select six Project info-points for the last phase of the Project, as well as for the Project follow up.

Contacts with Project area towns/municipalities have shown that neither one of them is interested in establishment of **SUCCESS** info-point since selection criteria was based on town/municipality willingness to provide premises and utilities for the info-point, as well as the adequate person for the info-point co-ordinator job. Furthermore, **SUCCESS** project in its budget does not envisage any info-points operation financial back-up.

At the same time, six similar info-points are to be established in 2007 as part of the complementary **REGINA** project implementation. Towns/municipalities` arguments were that it would be too much to establish additional six **SUCCESS** info-points, especially taking into account that Eko Liburnia is implementing both projects.

In approved **SUCCESS** project proposal it was clearly stated that **SUCCESS** is directly linked to the complementary project »**REGINA** - Introduction and Implementation of the Sustainable Regional Rural Development Model Based on Certified "Green" Entrepreneurship« in which Eko Liburnia is partner to the Regional Development Agency **PORIN**. It was also expected that **REGINA** implementation will start six months before the **SUCCESS** one (in December 2004), which did not happen due to the rather peculiar administrative reasons (contractual change of **PORIN** from entrepreneurial incubator into regional development agency) and **REGINA** commenced just one month before **SUCCESS** – in April 2005.

Taking all the above mentioned into consideration and after consultation with **REGINA** project partner **PORIN**, Eko Liburnia had to accept quite reasonable arguments of towns/municipalities. Therefore, it was decided that **SUCCESS** and **REGINA** info-points will be merged providing two different kinds of services to beneficiaries using the same info-points. This decision, however, means that implementation of **SUCCESS** project must be prolonged from seven-eight months pending establishment of **REGINA** info-points in 2007.

Finally, at the joint REGINA/SUCCESS project team meeting, held in Rijeka on 8th September 2006, six info-points locations (two per sub region) were selected, as follows:

Littoral sub region	2	Highlands sub region	2	Islands sub region	2
1. Klana		3. Delnice		5. Krk	
2. Novi Vinodolski		4. Vrbovsko		6. Rab	



Activity was held as planned and provided expected results (location for six info-points selected, two per sub region) but with delay - decision on selection of info-points had to be postponed into second Project year depending on REGINA project outcomes.

PREPARATION ACTIVITY 5 – DEVELOPMENT OF CURRICULA FOR PROJECT INFO-POINTS' WORKSHOP (OCTOBER-NOVEMBER 2006)

Based on results and findings of the activities in the 1st year of the Project curricula for the co-ordinators of the info-points was developed by the Project Manager in 2006 (attachments 8).

Curricula comprises lectures necessary for carrying out of basic Aarhus Convention implementation on the municipal level and is aimed to SUCCESS info-points` coordinators and municipal environmental decision-makers.

EXECUTION ACTIVITY 9 – HOLDING OF WORKSHOP FOR PROJECT INFO-POINTS CO-ORDINATORS (DECEMBER 2006)

REGINA and SUCCESS project teams envisaged that two co-ordinators will be trained for each info-point. Basic training for selected staff was provided by the two projects in a form of a two-day workshop carried out in PORIN head office in Rijeka from 4th-5th December 2006.

Workshop agenda was as follows:

Monday, 4th December 2006

Time	Topic	Lecturer
09,45-10,00	Welcome coffee	

10,00-10,15	Presentation of REGINA project	Ranko Tadic, Eko Liburnia
10,15-10,35	Presentation of RDA PORIN	Doris Susic, PORIN
10,35-10,55	Presentation of NGO Eko Liburnia	Ranko Tadic, Eko Liburnia
10,55-11,15	Programmes for SMEs support in Croatia	Bruno Radojica, MELE
11,15-11,30	Programmes for SMEs support in PGC	Mladen Brajan, PGC
11,30-12,30	Presentations of town/municipalities – info-points	Towns/municipalities represent.
12,30-14,00	Lunch	
14,00-14,30	Basics of certified “green” entrepreneurship	Ranko Tadic, Eko Liburnia
14,30-15,00	Organic agriculture and food production	Ranko Tadic, Eko Liburnia
15,00-15,30	Certification of organic products (HR & EU)	Ranko Tadic, Eko Liburnia
15,30-16,00	Certified forms of tourism	Kristina Badurina, Eko Liburnia
16,00-16,45	Other certified “green” economic activities	Ranko Tadic, Eko Liburnia
16,45-17,45	Presentation of SUCCESS project & Aarhus Convention and its implementation at local level	Ranko Tadic, Eko Liburnia
17,45-18,00	Discussion and conclusions of the first day	
18,00	Dinner	

Tuesday, 5th December 2006

Time	Topic	Lecturer
09,45-10,00	Welcome coffee	
10,00-10,30	Entrepreneurial processes	Doris Susic, PORIN
10,30-11,00	Establishment of companies and crafts	Anita Klanac, PORIN
11,00-11,30	Rural development programmes in Croatia	Karmen Sinkovic, MAFWM
11,30-12,00	Business plan preparation	Doris Susic, PORIN
12,00-12,30	Coffee break	
12,30-13,30	Regional development planning	Doris Susic, PORIN
13,30-14,00	Collaboration for development - example of clusters	Doris Susic, PORIN
14,00-15,30	Lunch	
15,30-16,30	EU funding – example of PORIN projects	Doris Susic, PORIN
16,30-17,00	Foreign investments – example of ICPR	Darko Jardas, PORIN
17,00-17,30	Entrepreneurial info-point – example of PIC	Ivana Pavlek, PORIN
17,30-18,00	Entrepreneurial info-point – example of PINS	Stela Mulc, PINS
18,00-18,15	Discussion and conclusions of workshop	

Two-day workshop was attended by 25 participants:

six members of the Project team, four of them lecturers (PM/EGE1, ESME, EGE2, PA/ASME1, ASME2 and AGE);

representative of the Ministry of Economy, Labour and Entrepreneurship – MELE (lecturer);

representative of the Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Water Management – MAFWP (lecturer);

representative of the Primorsko-Goranska County – PGC (lecturer);

two lecturers from PORIN and one from PINS;

mayor of the Town of Vrbovsko and vice-mayor of the Town of Delnice;

representatives of towns of Rijeka and Crikvenica;

seven selected info-points coordinators from Delnice (1), Klana (1), Krk (2), Vinodolska (1) and Vrbovsko (2); and

two participants from Municipality of Kostrena.

Project team also invited representatives of the Ministry of the Sea, Tourism, Transport and Development and Ministry of Foreign Affairs and European Integrations as lecturers but without success. Concerning Project info-points, only Rab representatives excused themselves.

Activity was held with delay but provided expected results (info-points' coordinators trained).

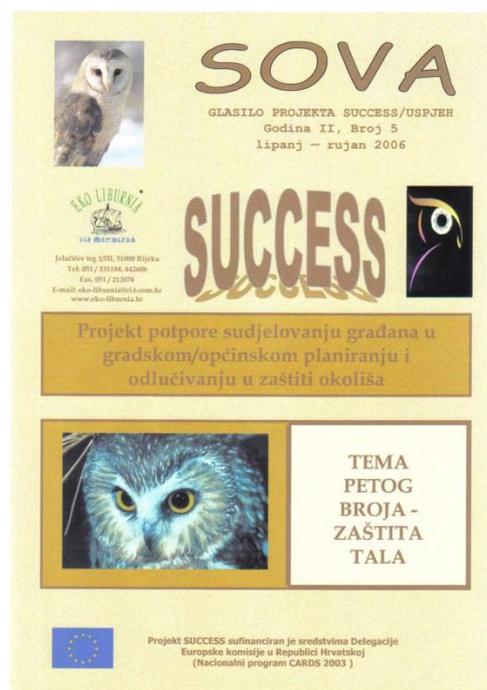
EXECUTION ACTIVITY 10 – FIFTH ISSUE OF THE SUCCESS BULLETIN “SOVA” (SEPTEMBER 2006)

Working materials for the **fifth issue** of the SUCCESS bulletin **SOVA** were prepared and edited by PM in September 2006 (attachment 9).

Printed and electronic copies of the fifth issue of bulletin were distributed within the Project area by PMA3 and PA as planned.

Fifth issue of **SOVA** bulletin has 36 pages and contains articles on:

- # special topic no.4 - **protection of soil**;
- # soil quality in Croatia;
- # list of Croatian and international laws on protection of soil;
- # soil quality in PGC;
- # overview of organic agriculture in Croatia and the EU; and
- # overview of completed activities on SUCCESS and REGINA projects, as well as on other Eko Liburnia on-going projects.



Activity was held with three-month delay, but provided expected results (both hard and electronic copies produced and distributed).

Execution Activity 11 – SUCCESS info-points in operation (from May 2007)

Joint REGINA/SUCCESS Project team sent letter of interest with small questionnaire attached to six selected towns/municipalities in October 2006. Based on positive response to this letter it was expected that info-points will start with operation after holding of info-points' co-ordinators workshop, i.e. in January 2007.

However, due to the rather long administrative procedures on towns/municipalities' side (securing premises and funds for its operation in its budget), info-points started with operation after signing of agreement with the RDA PORIN from May 2007, as follows:

1. REGINA/SUCCESS info-point **Vrbovsko**, opened on 17th May 2007
Info-point coordinator: Mr. Tomislav Heski
2. REGINA/SUCCESS info-point **Rab**, opened on 21st May 2007
Info-point coordinator: Mr. Kruno Matić
3. REGINA/SUCCESS info-point **Novi Vinodolski**, opened on 28th May 2007
Info-point coordinator: Ms. Ivona Brljacic

4. REGINA/SUCCESS info-point **Klana**, opened on 18th June 2007

Info-point coordinator: Ms. Zeljka Sarcevic

5. REGINA/SUCCESS info-point **Delnice**, opened on 26th June 2007

Info-point coordinators: Ms. Lidija Mihajlovic, Ms. Martina Petrakovic and Ms. Zeljka Lukic

6. REGINA/SUCCESS info-point **Krk**, to be opened after premises reconstruction in July/August 2007

Info-point coordinator: Mr. Sasa Grgantov

Article 4 of the agreements signed between RDA PORIN and six towns/municipalities envisages that REGINA info-points will also serve as SUCCESS info-points. For that matter Eko Liburnia is responsible for constant provision of information on environment and Aarhus Convention action plans implementation.

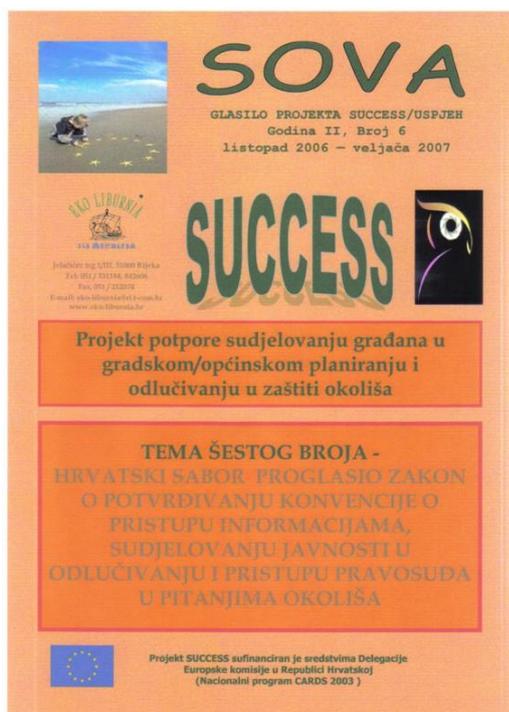
As planned REGINA project provided necessary IT equipment and furniture for all six info-points in value of EUR 2,000.00 each. According to agreement between RDA PORIN and six towns/municipalities salary of the info-point coordinators will be paid 50:50 %, while towns/municipalities will cover costs of utilities in its full amount for the first year of operation.

During first months of info-points` operation Project partners and associates will provide necessary assistance to info-points coordinators through holding of lectures and workshops developed by the Project aimed to local entrepreneurs.

On 26th June 2007 in RDA PORIN premises **second workshop for info-points' co-ordinators** was held.

This activity started with much delay but provided expected results (**5 info-points** opened and operational, **one info-point** approved, to become operational in July/August 2007).

EXECUTION ACTIVITY 12 – THIRD EVALUATION & FINAL SUCCESS REPORT PRESENTATION



Final project report is published in the **sixth** issue of the SUCCESS bulletin **SOVA**.

Sixth issue was prepared by the PM (attachment 10).

Main article of the sixth issue of **SOVA** bulletin is historical passing of the Croatian law (December 2006) on UN/ECE Convention on Access to Information, Public Participation in Decision-Making and Access to Justice in Environmental Matters, known as the Aarhus convention.

This issue, like the previous ones, is also giving brief overview of completed activities on **SUCCESS** and **REGINA** projects, as well as on other Eko Liburnia on-going projects.

- 2.2. What is your assessment of the results of the Action? Include observations on the extent to which foreseen specific objective and overall objectives were met and whether the Action has had any unforeseen positive or negative results. (please quantify where possible; refer to Logframe Indicators).

Overall objective of the SUCCESS project was to promote and improve environmental protection and sustainable management of natural resources on the local level through establishment of the sound partnership process between municipal governance and the general public based on the three pillars of the UN/ECE Convention on Access to Information, Public Participation in Decision-Making and Access to Justice in Environmental Matters, known as the Aarhus convention.

Taking into account that implementation of the Project has shown that Aarhus convention was completely unknown within Project region, Project had positive results in eleven towns/municipalities which at least responded to its initiative.

Specific objective of SUCCESS was to establish a mechanism for public participation in planning and decision making on environmental management issues in six selected municipalities of Primorsko-Goranska County (CPG).

This objective was achieved through:

- (a) regular dissemination of environmental information to the general public through Project "Sova" bulletins, web-site, and telephone contacts;
- (b) integration of Aarhus convention principles in formal local environmental decision making processes in six towns/municipalities (Fuzine, Vrbnik, Vrbovsko, Krk, Mali Losinj and Molve) through commencing of Aarhus Convention action plans with emphasis on different environment problems; and
- (c) constant monitoring on public participation processes and provision of legal advice to public stakeholders interested in environmental issues organised by the project.

Judging by the expected results, presented in the SUCCESS project Logical Framework, it can be stated that foreseen specific objective and overall objectives were met, i.e. the Action had foreseen positive results, as follows:

35 towns/municipalities from Primorsko-Goranska County contacted **6** of them actively involved in project activities through holding of local workshops. Additionally, municipality Molve from Koprivnica-Krizevci County also included successfully into Project activities.

15 participants attended **general Aarhus Convention workshop**, being representatives of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and European Integration; Primorsko-Goranska County; Regional Development Agency PORIN; towns of Cabar, Kraljevica, Novi Vinodolski and Rijeka, and municipalities of Fuzine, Punat, Vrbnik and Vinodolska-Bribir.

100 participants (on average 14.3 per workshop) attended seven **local Aarhus Convention workshops**, being representatives of all target groups (local authorities, civil society members and business sector) and actively participated in commencing of implementation of the local Aarhus Convention action plans.

6 REGINA/SUCCESS info-points with trained personnel established.

- 2.3. What has been the outcome on both the final beneficiaries &/or target group (if different) and the situation in the target country or target region which the Action addressed?

SUCCESS HAD two principal target groups:

environmental planning and decision making stakeholders in six selected TOWNS/MUNICIPALITIES OF THE PGC (representatives of local government, business community, NGOs); and

local population of the same municipalities who will through the Project activities, mostly through six info-points, get their sound access to information and justice in environmental matters.

Estimated number of direct and indirect beneficiaries (according to Project proposal):	Achieved number of direct and indirect beneficiaries:
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 35 towns/municipalities (local self-government, businessmen, NGOs) to be inquired - 18 participants of the general project workshop - 150-180 participants of 6 local workshops - 12 info-points co-ordinators to be trained - hundreds of individuals requesting their right to know and to justice 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 35 towns/municipalities inquired, 6 included in Project activities - 15 participants attended THE workshop - 100 participants attended 7 local workshops - 13 info-points co-ordinators trained during two project workshops (December 2006 and June 2007) - project distributed over 500 copies of the SOVA bulletin

SUCCESS team was of the opinion that proper environmental protection; management of natural resources and environmental planning and decision-making cannot be achieved without strong involvement of the local population. In other words these activities simply cannot be directed from the national and/or regional centres. However, to achieve real local sustainable development it is necessary that every inhabitant have normal and free access to information and employment, which, unfortunately, is not the case at the present.

For that reason SUCCESS established Project info-points in six municipalities of PGC in order to assist full implementation of the principles of Aarhus Convention, as well as to assist local population and their sustainable development stakeholders in creation and implementation of their own Local Agenda 21 processes

SUCCESS actions were absolutely relevant to the selected target groups because they provided:

- # constant and stable access to information through six info-points;
- # informal education and training on Aarhus Convention principles and their successful implementation (implementation of the local Aarhus Convention action plans);
- # regular technical, social and legal advisory services for general public through bulletins and web-site.

In project proposal it was stated that technical and management capacities of target groups, being stakeholders in environmental planning and decision making in towns/municipalities, with exception of the big town like Rijeka and possibly some of the other eight pre-1990s seats of the larger municipalities, is rather weak.

After SUCCESS project implementation it can be stated that mayor impact is beginning of the process of changing of initial unfavourable situation of its target groups:

- # Aarhus Convention and sustainable development principles are now better known within the Project region;
- # knowledge on economic value of the clean environment starts to exist in the region, and
- # stronger public participation in development decisions in project towns/municipalities is expected in the near future.

Although technical and management capacities of target groups are still rather weak, mostly due to the fact that within the Project region only Town of Rijeka is employing professionals to work on environmental issues, it can be stated that Project has succeeded in improving of these capacities through the regular dissemination of environmental information (web site, workshops, bulletins).

Concerning citizens SUCCESS is slowly improving their capacities and negative way of thinking (“nothing can be done”).

- 2.4. Please list all publications (and no. of copies) produced during the Action on whatever format, amongst others containing new approaches, innovative ways of communicating... (please enclose a copy of each item, except if you have already done so in the past).

As planned Project produced:

- # First issue of the SUCCESS bulletin "SOVA", main topic Aarhus Convention – sent with Mid-term report
- # Aarhus Convention workshops' curricula – sent with Mid-term report
- # Second issue of the SUCCESS bulletin "SOVA", main topic protection of environment and nature - sent with Mid-term report
- # Third issue of the SUCCESS bulletin "SOVA", main topic protection of water, sea and islands – sent with Mid-term report
- # Fourth issue of the SUCCESS bulletin "SOVA", main topic protection of air – attachment 7 to Final report
- # Curricula for info-points co-ordinators` workshop – attachment 8 to Final report
- # Fifth issue of the SUCCESS bulletin "SOVA", main topic protection of soil – attachment 9 to Final report
- # Sixth issue of the SUCCESS bulletin "SOVA", main topic passing of the Croatian law on Aarhus convention – attachment 10 to Final report

All project publications were distributed **free of charge** (in form of CD) to all workshops` participants, as well as to other interested individuals by the Project partners and Project created info-points.

- 2.5. Please list all contracts (works, supplies, services) above 5000€ awarded for the implementation of the action since the last interim report if any or during the reporting period, giving for each contract the amount, the award procedure followed and the name of the contractor.

SUCCESS project did not have any procurement above 5,000 €.

- 2.6. Describe if the Action will continue after the support from the European Community has ended. Are there any follow up activities envisaged? What will ensure the sustainability of the Action?

Work carried out by SUCCESS project will continue after the support from the European Commission has ended through regular operation of six Project created info-points in different parts of Primorsko-Goranska County (two in littoral apart from Rijeka, two in highlands and two on the islands). Info-points are in full operation from May-July 2007 and co-financed by RDA PORIN and six selected towns/municipalities.

Sustainability of the action is ensured through official collaboration established between the two Project partners and local governments of the six selected towns/municipalities.

- 2.7. Has the Action promoted gender equality, disabilities...? If yes, please explain³

SUCCESS action was promoting equality of all people.

- 2.8. How and by whom have the activities been monitored/evaluated? Please summarise the results of the feedback received, including from the beneficiaries.

³ To refer to EC Guidelines on gender equality, disabilities...

All SUCCESS activities were easily measurable, therefore it is not difficult to evaluate them both internally and externally. After every semester Project team had its periodic internal evaluation resulting in concrete actions.

External evaluation is done by project beneficiaries themselves:

- # towns/municipalities through organising local Aarhus Convention implementation workshops;
- # workshops` participants collaborating with a Project team in preparation and implementation of local Aarhus Convention action plans;
- # readers of SOVA bulletins;
- # visitors of the Project web site; and
- # citizens contacting the Project office asking for information and assistance.

2.9. What has your organisation/partner learned from the Action and how has this learning been utilised and disseminated?

For many years Eko Liburnia was mostly involved in sustainable development projects with emphasis on promotion of environmentally-friendly economic activities such as organic agriculture and food production, ecotourism, other forms of certified “green” entrepreneurship and renewable energy sources. With SUCCESS Eko Liburnia has opened a new challenging frontier dealing with legal issues of environmental protection for the first time.

Moreover, with SOVA bulletin Eko Liburnia started with regular publishing activities and decided to keep it after termination of the Project.

3. Partners and other Co-operation

3.1. How do you assess the relationship between the formal partners of this Action (i.e. those partners which have signed a partnership statement)? Please specify for each partner organisation

Eko Liburnia is implementing SUCCESS project without official partners. However, due to the fact that at the same time (April 2005 – March 2007) it was implementing complementary EU CARDS project REGINA with RDA PORIN Ltd. as lead partner, some kind of unofficial partnership on SUCCESS exists. Three members of the SUCCESS project team (PM, PMA3 and PA) are members of the REGINA project team as well. For that matter REGINA local workshops were used to inform citizens of Project area about both SUCCESS project and Aarhus Convention, as well as to directly distribute printed copies of SOVA bulletins.

Eko Liburnia also cooperates on SUCCESS implementation with AGRIBIOCERT Omisalj, REGINA project stakeholder for Islands sub region. AGRIBIOCERT allowed PM as its employee to participate in the Project and co-financed the Project.

3.2. Is the partnership to continue? If so, how? If not, why?

SUCCESS and REGINA projects` established partnership will continue through regular operation of six REGINA/SUCCESS info-points after both projects officially terminate, as well as through envisaged cooperation on new similar projects.

3.3. How would you assess the relationship between your organisation and State authorities in the Action countries? How has this relationship affected the Action?

During the first year Eko Liburnia was not able to establish satisfactory relationship with state authorities on SUCCESS project implementation. For example, for regional workshop held in Rijeka in February 2006 Project invited representatives of all Croatian ministries relevant to Project implementation: Ministry of Environment and Physical Planning (MEPP); Ministry of Agriculture,

Forestry and Water Management (MAFWM); Ministry of Culture, Department for Protection of Nature (MC-DPN); Ministry of Sea, Tourism, Transport and Development (MSTTD); Ministry of Justice (MJ); and Ministry of Foreign Affairs and European Integration (MFAEI). At the end only representative of MFAEI participated. However, this weak response has not influenced the Project.

3.4. Where applicable, describe your relationship with any other organisations involved in implementing the Action:

- Associate(s) (if any)
- Sub-contractor(s) (if any)
- Final Beneficiaries and Target groups
- Other third parties involved.

3.5. Where applicable, outline any links you have developed with other actions

In January 2007 Town of Rijeka have accepted project titled SOVA and financed it with 6.000,00 kuna. Project is logical continuation of SUCCESS producing two bulletins titled "SOVICA" dealing with Aarhus Convention in more popular way suitable for children.

3.6. If your organisation has received previous EC grants in view of strengthening the same target group, in how far has this Action been able to build upon/complement the previous one(s)? (List all previous relevant EC grants).

3.7. How do you evaluate co-operation with the services of the Contracting Authority?

Co-operation with the services of the Contracting Authority was satisfactory but rather formal. For Project partners it was rather disappointing that representatives of the Contracting Authority never took part in any of the numerous public Project activities.

4. Visibility

How is the visibility of the EU contribution being ensured in the Action?

In all oral and written Project presentations and documents, including every single page of SOVA bulletins and workshops proceedings, EU significant contribution to the Project was regularly stated, which can be clearly seen from the attachments to this report.

Project partners do not have any objection that this report is published on EuropeAid Co-operation Office website?

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