

WHO ARE OUR PARTNERS?

So far, we have co-operated mostly with other Slovenian environmental non-government organizations: Retina, Labeco, Umanotera, REC - Slovenia, Movement for Preservation of Forests, Slovenian Ecological Movement, Vitra as well as with Slovenian National Committee of WEC, Nuclear Experts Society, Slovenian Politologist Association. On the international level we make joint effort with Regional Environment Center from Budapest (REC), Greenpeace, Global 2000, OVE - Organization for Renewable Energy, EEA - Energy Economics Association and Green action from Croatia.. Furthermore we are cooperating with Ministry of Environment and Physical planning of RS, Agency for Energy Efficiency, Ministry of Economic Affairs of RS, Energy Restructuring Agency and with diverse energy companies.

WHAT ARE OUR CURRENT ACTIVITIES AND FUTURE PLANS?

We started the work on a new publication "Slovene Energy Policy and EU" with the purpose to illuminate the dilemmas of the Slovenian energy sector in the process of approximation to the EU. Together with Association of Small Hydro Power Plants and COGEN Slovenia we are establishing coalition for the law on independent Power producers (IPP) and we are organising expert workshop on role and status of IPP in energy sector.

We shall continue with regular monthly meetings and expert lectures and report about them on our Internet home page ([http://www.ljudmila.org/retina/rom/energ/\(Slovenski E forum\)\)](http://www.ljudmila.org/retina/rom/energ/(Slovenski E forum))).

We shall improve the contents of Internet offer in the framework of "Network for Sustainable Development". We shall contribute to the development of Slovenian biomass network Besides, we would like to establish a more stable partnership with similar organizations in Europe, especially in the neighbouring regions of Austria, Croatia, Hungary and Italy. Partnerships on sustainable development should be established between the local communities in the region of Alpe Adria in order to make room for bilateral or EU sponsored programmes, efficient use of energy and energy conservation in public and domestic sector and proper public participation.

WHO IS FINANCING US?

So far, the following international foundations have been the main sponsors of our programmes and activities: The Regional Environmental Centre for CCE from Budapest, Open Society Institute, Canadian Fund for Local Development, Austrian Environmental Fund etc., and also the Ministry of Environment and Physical Planning and the Ministry of Economics Affairs. Slovenian energy companies have also supported some of our projects. Last but not least, member fees are a small but very important source of our finances. We are constantly increasing our revenues from charges on our services and from selling our products.

WHO IS WHO IN SLOVENIAN E - FORUM

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SLOVENIAN E - FORUM

Society for energy economics and environment

is an environmental non-government organization established in 1993.

Our constituency is a mixture of the experts from the field of energy, computer-science, economy, geography, social sciences and architecture etc. and activists from the field of environmental protection and sustainable development.

We organize public and/or expert discussions and workshops on different energy related issues. We analyse energy policy documents, comments and make statements on energy policy. We make publications on sustainable energy paths, organize promotion campaigns and try to gain public support for sustainably oriented solutions. Also, we are a kind of think tank organization for environmental movement in Slovenia on the issues of energy policy, economic incentives in environmental protection and public participation in environmental decision making. Finally, we try to connect people, NGOs, experts, public officials and business in our own country and abroad to form joint incentives and programmes for sustainable development.

What brought us together was not only the consciousness about the importance of energy processes and their influence on the quality of human life and life of other living beings, but also the priority of solving practical problems over the ideological cleavages, as well as intellectual curiosity.

Greenpeace as well as nuclear energy supporting experts cooperate with us.

WHY SLOVENIAN E-FORUM ?

We are forum - a place for public discussion on important questions, concerning all of us as inhabitants of the blue planet. We follow the principle "think global - act local" and we discuss questions concern us in the role of citizens, consumers and tax-payers. We are neither a political party nor an environmental forum of a political party. "E", in our title does not only stand for energy, economy and ecology but also for ethics and education.

ENERGY CONCERNS US ALL

The influence of energy on environment in form of toxic gas emissions, radioactive and electromagnetic radiation and estetic degradation of landscapes has become generally known over the last few decades. The propotion between the level of used energy, gross domestic product and environmental quality became one of the main indicators of measurable life quality of life. On one hand, energy is a matter of highly specialized expert systems but on the other, it concerns us all, future generations as well as the nature. It is, therefore, to delicate matter to leave it exclusively to experts and/or political parties.

• Sustainable development

Our elementary mission is to take part in the creation of energy policy, so that it will be harmonised with sustainable development criteria. By preserving self-renewal capacities of local and global eco-systems, such a policy would contribute to a solid energy standard for all inhabitants. Besides it would create new jobs in the field of energy services, development of new technologies and utilization of renewable energy sources, effective use of energy and optimalization and mangement of the energy systems.

• Public, transparent, expert-supported and open decision making process

We believe that such a policy cannot be created without open, transparent and expert supported decision making processes. Therefore, one of Slovenian E-forum(s main endeavours is to prevent the energy policy to be only in hands of a narrow group of energy experts, politicians and large suppliers. producers. We are strongly convinced that in the future a priority shall be given to local communities, to renewable energy sources and to those who can make us feel nicely warm and give us light at the lowest possible use of energy. Being consumers, we all influence the nature and the market with our choices and actions. However, we cannot choose right unless we are aware of our choices and their concequences on local and global social and natural environment. That is why we need institutions which provide us with reliable information, give us proper advice and, of course, which we can trust.

Slovenian E-forum strives for friendly competition among institutions as well as for the bridges of confidence to be built between state institutions, market actors and civil organizations.

• Once again - therefore, who are we?

We are the organization of citizens gathered on the principle of individual membership. We do not take into consideration only interest of our members but of all citizen. We are a professional organization and our Expert Council is interdisciplinary. Its members enjoy the right to express different opinion in case they disagree with the statements or decisions of the majority. We are an activist organization. We are, therefore, trying to agitate public opinion with with promotional actions and organization of events. Desptite of profesional nature of our activities we have no ful-time employees.

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RESULTS OF OUR ACTIVITIES

1. Publications

Brochure of expert lectures "Energy Choices of Slovenia and Decsion Making Process" (1994), and a publication "Energy : Politics" (in co-production with the Journal for Criticism of Science, Imagination and New Anthropology , 1996) - an extensive publication on green politics, global energy trends, new approaches in energy planning, consumer (s culture and development of energy services market, energy policy arenas, renewable energy sources etc.

2. Expert lectures

23 lectures of domestic and foreign experts on a wide range of themes: communicon of NGOs with the industry and state; energy sector development strategy of Slovenia, valuation of elasticity of consumption of oil derivatives; the managment of power system in critical condition operation; reneweble options in Slovenia; energy conservation potential in Slovenia.

3. Expert discussions on:

- Strategy of Rational Use of Energy, October 1994
- Resolution of Strategy of Rational Use and Supply of Energy of Slovenia, December 1995
- Risks, Economics and Acceptance of Nuclear Power Plant Krško, January-March 1996
- Terms of Development of Communal Energy Systems, June 1997
- National Energy Programme, April 1997

4. Promotion campaigns

- Campaign "Communal Energy Systems - Bright People for Themselves, for Community and for the Blue Planet" (together with Green Action from Zagreb, Croatia) April-June 1996. Main sponsor: The Regional Environmental Centre for CEE, Budapest; Series of leaflets on communal energy systems, solar energy and biomass; a poster and a folder with text on technology, financing and management of communal energy systems, workshop with 54 participants from Austria, Croatia and Slovenia, outreach activities in local communities.
- Campaign "Energy Culture and Sustainable Development". July-October 1997. Main sponsors: Canadian Embassy, Budapest; Open Society Institute, Ljubljana. Questionnaire based research on energy culture in rural communities of Polhov Gradec and rni Vrh. Distribution of leaflets on solar energy and biomass; public discusion on energy conservation in local communities, lectures and discussions on greenhouse effect and Austrian expereince with the use of wood biomass, presentation of biological sewage facilities, presentation of the environmental education activities of the elementary public school of Polhov Gradec, exhibition of the posters, borchures and leaflets of the art group Mizz-art, Living Greens and other NGOs.

5. Documents on energy policy

- A chapter about sustainable energy in brochure "Agenda 21 for Slovenia", June 1995
- Standpoints to the resolution of Slovenian strategy of rational use and energy supply, Februar 1996
- Common statement of participants of the workshop Communal Energy Systems, June 1996
- Standpoints, opinions and remarks on National Energy Programme, June 1997
- Standpoints on National Climate Policy, February 1998

6. Other activities

We organized environmental NGO consultation of Ljubljana region within the framework of "Agenda 21 for Slovenia" (march 1995), we participated on many environmental NGO workshops in Slovenia and abroad, organized expert excursion to examine the use of renewable energy sources in Austria, prepared "energy home page" for "Sustainable Development Network" etc. We took part on Austrian-Slovenian-Croatian workshop on the possible co-operation in the use of renewable energy and energy efficiency technologies in February 1998. We organized couple of expert excursion in Austria, aimed at transferring the awareness and knowledge about the importance of local renewables and at promoting cross border co-operation in this area.