

Paraćin 13th December 2013

National Convention on the EU - Working Group "Environment"**Theme: Local Energy Action Planning in Serbia: high expectations and modest results**

Session WG "Environment" National Convention on the European Union will be held on Friday 13th December 2013 starting at 11:00 am in the conference room of Holcim (Popovac bb, Paraćin).

Theme of session will be "Local Energy Action Planning in Serbia: high expectations and modest results ", which will be discussed by:

- Dimitrije Lilić, Ministry of Energy, Development and the Environmental Protection
- Miodrag Gluščević, the Standing Conference of Towns and Municipalities
- Nikola Vujovic, Vrbas municipality
- Goran Vasic, ECOREC,
- Vladimir Janković, UNECOOP

Internal expert of the working group is Aleksandar Macura, independent expert, and the moderator of the meeting Ivan Knežević, deputy Secretary General of the European Movement in Serbia.

European Movement in Serbia, in cooperation with the Belgrade Open School, the Centre for development of civil society PROTECTA and UNECOOP organization, with the support of the Embassy Royal Norwegian Embassy in Belgrade carries out the project "I know how to act" (KnowHow2Act) in order to improve and increase the participation of civil society in decision-making in the field of environmental protection at the local level in the process of European integration. An important segment within this project is the organization of meetings of the National Convention on EU - Working Group "Environment". Meetings of NC on EU will be themed, dedicated to the participation of civil companies in the EU accession negotiations, the chapters relating to the environmental protection and energy, the areas of financing systems of environmental protection, climate changes, energy efficiency, renewable energy, water management and cross-border cooperation. The aim of the session is to adopt the suggestions and recommendations that will be in a short proposal for practical policy (policy paper) distributed to decision-makers. So far, one session of the working group was organized, with the theme of (In)ability of CSO Participation in the Negotiation Process with the European Union, in the Field of Environmental Protection (Negotiation Chapter 27) –

the Importance of Participation and Barriers, while in the upcoming months will be organized two more sessions , one in Nis and one in Belgrade.

