

## **Invitation for NGOs to undertake researches on SCP**

### **Mapping Sustainable Consumption and Production in SEE and EECCA countries**

#### **Introduction**

Unsustainable patterns of production and consumption are a major cause of environmental problems, such as climate change, loss of natural resources, and environmental damage caused by emissions and waste.<sup>1</sup> Sustainable Consumption and Production (SCP) has become an issue now firmly on the policy agenda in Europe. The governments of Finland, Germany, Sweden, Switzerland, France and UK are leading thematic task forces within the 10-year framework of programmes for SCP. Fact finding exercises and analysis of consumption and production patterns and their effects on the environment have been carried out in Western Europe addressing different topics and with different geographical scopes (some locally and some nationally), etc.

In South East Europe (SEE), economic restructuring is resulting in rapid changes in production and consumption patterns and related environmental and social impacts. In Eastern Europe, Caucasus and Central Asia (EECCA), questions of sustainable use of resources and changing consumption and production patterns have gained interest mainly as an issue of Cleaner Production.

#### **Objectives of the mapping exercise**

The proposed report will provide detailed information on SCP related status (production and consumption patterns, environment status, inventory of policies/initiatives), analysis of policy relevant cross-sectoral SCP related issues, and hot-spots/case studies. Data for many SCP related issues is often not readily available in SEE and EECCA countries and the proposed mapping exercise will provide valuable information to address these increasingly important questions.

The objectives of the mapping exercise are to:

- Provide an overall picture of the current state of consumption and production in EECCA and SEE identifying the main consumption activities and economic sectors with high environmental and social impacts
- Provide information on on-going initiatives and success stories thereby contributing to the diffusion of best practices

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<sup>1</sup> European Commission (2004) Sustainable Consumption and Production in the European Union, (Ostend report) and EEA (2005) Household Consumption and the Environment.

- Highlight the links between consumption and production patterns, relevant policies and initiatives, and the environment, and human well-being

The report will cover following themes

1. Food
2. Building & Housing
3. Transport
4. Waste
5. Eco-efficient and cleaner production
6. Sustainable Public Procurement

### Case studies at cities

Case studies at city level will provide essential data and information not otherwise available showing the reality of the region. The studies will explore status and changes of the above topics related issues, innovative approach and initiatives undertaken, and highlight emerging problems.

NGOs in SEE and EECCA are invited to undertake such research on

- Food
- Building & Housing (energy/heating)
- Transport (urban transport)
- Waste

UNEP/EEA, in consultation with the NGOs undertaking the research, will develop the framework of the study.

It is expected that NGOs will carry out the study in September – mid-November (latest). UNEP/EEA will cover cost for the study (1,500 – 2,000 USD per case).

### Consultation at ANPED AGM (8 September 2006 Evening)

Consultation meeting (2-3 hours) for case studies will be held in Kiev.

If you are interested in, please contact:

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