

Dear NGO Representatives,

Ecological Society Endemit is building a Network comprised of civil society organisations (CSO) that pursue the common purpose of sustainable development in the general public interest. The main goal of this networking is surveying and assessing CSO / ecological economics collaboration in the Balkans, as well as civil society trends, in order to strategise for future research initiatives between CSOs and ecological economists in the region. We are aiming to disseminate and exchange knowledge of newest trends in environmental protection. This network would be part of activities conducted within the project called **“CSO Engagement with Ecological Economics”** supported by European Commission.

We kindly ask you to join our network and participate in collecting data and share experiences regarding examples of ecological economics in practice represented in your countries. This is one of the first steps in overall process of applying ecological economics knowledge and tools in order to solve environmental problems of greatest importance. Result of this project and its network is creation of an ecological economics guidelines and tools which will be applicable in our countries in order to improve state of the environment and manage our natural resources and local communities in a sustainable manner.

Our starting point is recognition of priorities and facts, at first, through survey.

This network will include all leading Balkan CSOs with the final aim to improve access to expertise, informations and practical methods for applying ecological economics as a “science of sustainability” to their work. All this will be possible with significant help of important Institutes (Universitat Autònoma de Barcelona, ICTA) and NGOs already dealing with this contemporary science.

As a part of the network, your organization becomes potential partner-collaborator on this project and we will contact all short listed candidates. This membership also creates conditions for participation in future projects planned as final purpose of this particular project in diverse field of ecological economics.

Replaying to this message your organisation will automatically become part of our network and you will agree to share information related to ecological economics in your country/area. Additionally, as a network member you will receive further information that will elucidate some facts regarding project goals and potential results.

If you are interested, please respond on this proposal as soon as possible - deadline is 31.05.2008.

You can find us on [www.endemit.org.yu](http://www.endemit.org.yu) and do not hesitate to contact us.

Please find attached project summary.

Kind regards,

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