



**Conference on  
Financing Eco-innovation in South Eastern Europe**  
*Mechanisms, opportunities and challenges*

**Monday, April 27, 2009**  
**Hotel "Dubrovnik", Zagreb**

*Tentative Agenda*

**Morning Sessions:**

08:30–09:00 **Registration**

09:00–09:30 **Introduction and Welcome**

- Mr. Nikola Ruzinski, State Secretary for Environment, Ministry of Environmental Protection, Physical Planning and Construction of the Republic of Croatia
- Mr. Igor Raguzin, Head of the Department for Renewables and Energy Efficiency, Ministry of Economy, Labour and Entrepreneurship of the Republic of Croatia
- Ms. Irena Brnada, Director, REC Country Office Croatia

09:30–11:30

**SESSION I: Eco-innovation – Definitions, Drivers, Barriers and Regional Mechanisms**

*Chair: Mr. Raymond Van Ermen*

- Introductory Remarks on the Scope and Focus of the Conference — *Mr. Dusan Sevic, REC*
- Financing Eco-innovation: Approaches and Challenges — *Mr. Raymond Van Ermen, European Partners for the Environment (EPE)*
- Environmental Policies and Legislation and Their Impact on Eco-innovations: Lessons from CEE Countries — *Mr. Ruslan Zhechkov, REC*
- EU and Regional Mechanisms for Financing Eco-innovation — *Mr. Dusan Sevic, REC*
- EBRD Regional Sustainable Energy Financing Programmes: WEBSCLEF and WEBDDEF – *Ms. Danica Maljkovic, Energy Institute Hrvoje Pozar (EIHP)*

**11:30–11:40 Coffee break**

11:40–13:30

**SESSION II: Experiences of EU Member States**

*Chair: Mr. Mr. Gottfried Lamers*

- The Austrian Approach towards Financing Eco-innovation — *Mr. Gottfried Lamers, Federal Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and the Environment, Austria*
- Social Housing Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy Measures in Hungary — *Mr. Adrian Balaci, Global Environmental Social Business (GESB)*
- Experience of Financing a Zero-Emissions Building in Hungary — *Mr. Zsolt Bauer, REC*

**13:30–14:30 Lunch**



**Afternoon Sessions:**

**14:30–17:00**

**SESSION III: Experiences of SEE Countries**

*Chair: Mr. Dusan Sevic, REC*

- Initial Findings of the REC Study on Financing Eco-innovation in SEE Countries — *Mr. Dusan Sevic, REC*
- Renewable Energy Sources and Energy Efficiency Policy in Croatia — *Mr. Balabusic, Ministry of Economy, Labour and Entrepreneurship of Croatia*
- The Year of Energy Efficiency in Montenegro — *Mr. Igor Kovacevic, Ministry for Economic Development, Montenegro*
- Research and Development in the Field of Energy Efficiency: Experiences and Results of the Serbian Energy Efficiency Programme — *Prof. Dr. Simeon Oka, Ministry of Science of the Republic of Serbia*

**(15:40–16:00) Coffee break**

- UNDP Project for Supporting Small Hydropower in Montenegro — *Mr. Ivan Boskovic, UNDP*
- The Role of the Serbian Energy Efficiency Agency (SEEA) – *Mr. Dimitrije Lilic, SEEA*
- Experience of a Croatian Electricity Company (HEP) in the Renewable Energy Sector — *Dr. Zoran Stanic, HEP-Obnovljivi izvori energije d.o.o.*
- Development and Financing of Innovative Biomass Power Technology in Serbia — *Mr. Dragoljub Dakic, Research Institute Laboratory for Thermal Engineering and Energy, Institute Vinca*

**17:00–17:30**

**SESSION IV: Discussion on Improving Financing Mechanisms for Eco-innovation in SEE**

*Chair: Mr. Ruslan Zhechkov, REC*

**17:30–18:00** Conclusions and close of the conference. Farewell cocktail.