

COMMUNICATION ON ENGAGEMENT (COE)

Hrvatska udruga stručnjaka zaštite prirode i okoliša (Croatian Association of Professionals in Nature and Environment Protection, HUSZPO)



HUSZPO

HRVATSKA UDRUGA STRUČNJAKA
ZAŠTITE PRIRODE I OKOLIŠA

Period covered by this Communication on Engagement 2014-2015

From: January 2014

To: December 2015

Part I. Statement of Continued Support by the Chief Executive or Equivalent

To our stakeholders:

I am pleased to confirm that Croatian Association of Professionals in Nature and Environmental Protection (Hrvatska udruga stručnjaka zaštite prirode i okoliša) reaffirms its support to the United Nations Global Compact and its Ten Principles in the areas of Human Rights, Labour, Environment and Anti-Corruption. This is our Communication on Engagement with the United Nations Global Compact. We welcome feedback on its contents.

In this Communication of Engagement, we describe the actions that our organization has taken to support the UN Global Compact and its Principles as suggested for an organization like ours. We also commit to sharing this information with our stakeholders using our primary channels of communication.

Sincerely yours,

Marta Brkić,

President of Croatian Association of Professionals in Nature and Environment Protection



Part II. Description of Actions

HUSZPO is a non-governmental and non-profit organization, founded in 2004 by respected legal entities and individuals, all practitioners in the fields of environmental and nature protection. Nowadays, the Organization membership consists of about 50 companies and several individual expert members. The purpose of HUSZPO is to advance professional knowledge and services in environmental and nature protection, promote and harmonize professional interests, promote professional ethics and strengthen cooperation with relevant national and international organizations and associations.

One of the HUSZPO' activities is to exchange the knowledge and to initiate qualitative debates on recent and themes regarding environmental and nature protection sector, and sustainable development and energy efficiency.

During 2014 and 2015 HUSZPO has implemented projects, co-financed by Environmental protection and Energy Efficiency Fund of Republic of Croatia, regarding organization of lectures, round tables and forums on various themes related to environmental and nature protection, and energy efficiency

In period for November 2013 until the end of June 2015., HUSZPO has implemented project named: *Cycle of forums with topics from the area of environmental and nature protection and energy efficiency sector: current problems and possible solutions – 2nd part*. Following forums/ lectures have been held within this project:

1. Climate and energy framework of EU for period from 2020.-2030.
2. Areas of NATURA 2000 network – changes in protection implementation after Republic of Croatia joined EU
3. Forum: Waste management centres – Where are we? What is the goal?
4. River basins management plans – problems and perspectives
5. Introduction to Strategy and Action plan for nature protection in Republic of Croatia

As lecturers/ speakers' experts involved in each of the topics have been engaged. They are mainly employees of relevant state bodies (ministries, state institutes), privately or state owned companies, public companies, NGOs.

During the period from November 2013 to December 2015., HUSZPO also organized a *Cycle of round tables with regards to waste management issues*. This project has also been partially co-financed by Environmental protection and Energy Efficiency Fund of Republic of Croatia.

Themes of the round tables were the following:

- Calculations of public services costs for collection of municipal waste
- Primary recycling usage
- Waste management centres
- Biodegradable municipal waste

All together nine round tables were held. They were organized all around Croatia (Zagreb, Županja, Zadar, Pula, Poreč) in order to enable broader number of interested persons to participate.



In September 2015., HUSZPO organized Second Regional Conference on Impact Assessment, under the auspices of the President of the Republic of Croatia, the Ministry of Environmental and Nature Protection and the Environmental Protection and Energy Efficiency Fund of the Republic of Croatia. The Conference was held in Novi Vinodolski, Croatia. The First Regional Conference was held under the auspices of the Ministry of Environmental and Nature Protection in September 2013, in Zadar, Croatia.

Both conferences were extremely successful. At each, more than 100 expert presentations were given and several round tables with diverse topic held. Each conference had more than 300 participants – practitioners, scientists, public authority representatives, representatives of the local and regional governments, non-governmental organizations, public relations experts, members of the media and investors from Croatia, the region and beyond.

Given the interdisciplinary nature, and the breadth of the topic, Conferences topics were divided into five sections:

- Strategic Environmental Impact Assessment (SEA)
- Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA)
- Nature protection and sustainable use of natural resources
- Public participation
- Environmental protection and project financing.



Throughout implementation of all mentioned activities, organized and implemented by HUSZPO, following goals were achieved:

- Exchange of experience of active participants and definition of exact problems they face to
- Establishment of dialogues with representatives of national governance, regional/ local units and NGOs, as well as with representatives of entrepreneurship sector
- Initiation of qualitative discussion about recent questions and problems
- Collection of qualitative information usefull for preparation of sub-legal acts

Part III. Measurement of Outcomes

All participants of forums, lectures, round tables and conferences were informed about HUSZPO activities via e-mail communication and through official web site of HUSZPO.

Conferences were well attended; more than 300 participants were present on each Conference. Also on all lectures/ round tables/ forums held during *Cycle of forums with topics from the area of environmental and nature protection and energy efficiency sector: current problems and possible solutions – 2nd part* and *Cycle of round tables with regards to waste management issues*, more than 400 persons have participated.

