

COMMUNICATION ON ENGAGEMENT (COE)

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



Period covered by this Communication on Engagement 2016-2017

From: January 2016

To: December 2017

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,



Nenad Mikulić, PhD,

President of Croatian Association of Professionals in Nature and Environmental 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 40 companies and 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 topics regarding environmental and nature protection sector, sustainable growth and energy efficiency.

During 2016 and 2017 HUSZPO had organized series of lectures, round tables and forums on various related topics:

1. Forum on 10 years of Natura 2000 Ecological Network in Croatia (July 2016)
2. Round table on Water management in the Context of Climate Change (Nov 2016)
3. Lecture on INSPIRE Directive in Environmental and Nature Protection (Apr 2017)

HUSZPO members have also actively participated in workshops within the project "Adaptation Strategy to Climate Change", where participants are informed about climate modelling and assessment of climate change impacts, methods of estimation of adjustment measures, existing solutions and adaptation technologies, especially in sectors:

- Tourism (Zagreb, Oct 2016)
- Forestry (Zagreb, Dec 2016)
- Fisheries (Split, Dec 2016)
- Energetics (Zagreb, Dec 2016)
- Natural Ecosystem and Biodiversity (Zagreb, Jan 2017)
- Hydrology and water and sea management (Zagreb, Jan 2017)

HUSZPO members participated in expert meetings:

1. Draft Strategy of Low-carbon Development of Republic of Croatia, period until 2030. and perspectives until 2050 (July 2017)
2. Challenges and opportunities related to Paris Agreement on Climate Change (June 2017).

Whether being an organizer or active participant of the above mentioned events, HUSZPO promotes, cooperates and networks stakeholders in different sectors: private, non-profit and public.



HUSZPO also participated and supported the realization of the UN campaign “17 global goals for sustainable growth” in the Republic of Croatia.

In Sep 2017, HUSZPO organized Third Regional Conference on Environmental Impact Assessment, under the auspices of the President of the Republic of Croatia, the Ministry of Environment and Energy of the Republic of Croatia, the Ministry of the Sea, Transport and Infrastructure of the Republic of Croatia, the Ministry of Regional Development and EU Funds of the Republic of Croatia, the Ministry of Economy, Entrepreneurship and Crafts, the Croatian Agency for Environment and Nature and the Croatian Chamber of Commerce. The Conference was held in Vodice, Croatia and for the third time gathered more than 300 participants from 22 countries delivering more than 100 expert presentations – 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 width 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.



Given the relevant topics of the Regional Conference's and awareness of its own environmental responsibility, the Regional Conference on EIA in 2017 continues to be the "carbon neutral" conference with compensated greenhouse gas emissions.

All financial resources for the realization of the Regional Conference are spent in a socially responsible way, supporting and including innovators and other non-profit organizations.

The most important counterparts for HUSZPO continue to be the Ministry of Environment and Energy of the Republic of Croatia, Environmental and Energy Efficiency Fund and Croatian Chamber of Commerce.

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
- 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 useful for preparation of sub-legal acts
- Promoting and enhancing cooperation between the countries of the region

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 the Conference on EIA and more than 100 participants in total at forums, lectures and round tables.