

COMMUNICATION ON ENGAGEMENT (COE)

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



Period covered by this Communication on Engagement 2018-2019

From: January 2018

To: December 2019

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

To our stakeholders:

I am pleased to confirm that Croatian Association of Experts 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 the Steering Committee of Croatian Association of Experts 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 35 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. Following is the description of action related to the engagement of companies in environmental issues as one of the Global Compact activity pillars.

During 2018 and 2019 HUSZPO had organized important events on climate change and related topics:

1. Round table on Climate change, strategic environmental assessment and physical plans (May 2018)
2. Workshops on strategic environmental assessment (June 2018) with participation of Croatia county representatives

In Sep 2019, HUSZPO organized Fourth Regional Conference on Environmental Impact Assessment, under the auspices of the President of the Republic of Croatia, Ministry of Environmental Protection and Energy of the Republic of Croatia, Ministry of Economy, Entrepreneurship and Crafts of the Republic of Croatia, Ministry of Agriculture of the Republic of Croatia, Ministry of the Sea, Transport and Infrastructure of the Republic of Croatia, Ministry of Construction and Physical Planning of the Republic of Croatia, and Croatian Chamber of Economy. The IV Regional Conference on EIA was held from 18-21 September 2019 at the Olympia Hotel in Vodice, Croatia. A total of 300 participants were brought together - representatives of state administration bodies, environmental practitioners, entrepreneurs and investors, and civil society organizations.

In addition to the traditional conference topics – Environmental Impact Assessment and Strategic Environmental Assessment, the Ecological Network Impact Assessment, this Conference had round tables presenting and discussing current issues “Renewable Energy Sources and Natura 2000” and

"Physical Planning and Environmental Procedures". The keynote speakers and moderators were recognized experts from the region who, based on their professional experience and views, set the tone and directed the discussion.



Given the relevant topics of the Regional Conference's and awareness of its own environmental responsibility, the Regional Conference on EIA in 2019 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 other non-profit organizations and activities.

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

- Engagement of environmental consulting companies in exchange of experience
- Establishment of dialogue of entrepreneurship sector with representatives of national

governance, regional/local units, academic sector and NGOs

- Collection of qualitative information useful for preparation of sub-legal acts in environmental protection issues
- Promoting and enhancing cooperation between the countries of the region

Part III. Measurement of Outcomes

All participants of workshops and round tables were informed about HUSZPO activities via e-mail communication, through official web site and social media of HUSZPO.

Events were well attended; around 300 participants were present on the Conference on EIA, and delivered 87 oral presentations and 7 posters, and 9 expert and scientific papers were published in the Conference Proceedings. As a result of carbon neutralization of the conference, one hundred metric tonnes (100T) of carbon credits were retired on September 3, 2019 generated by:

- Cikel Brazilian Amazon REDD APD Project Avoiding Planned Deforestation:
(Project website: <https://www.emaccount.com/app/public/dataroom/0993D9A2>)