

BUND, Friends of the Earth Germany (FoE) in cooperation with Hnutí Duha, CEE Bankwatch and T&E is currently preparing the conference

„The European Advantage: How NGOs can benefit from recent European Legislation in their work for sustainable Transport Infrastructure“

in Prague, Czech Republic on November 23rd/24th 2005.

What is this conference about?

The conference wants to be a forum for exchange and discussion on the following two questions:
How can EU environmental and transparency legislation be utilised for NGO work on sustainable infrastructure and transport policy?
What do NGOs need to maximise their capacities to make use of the existing instruments?

Who is this conference for?

The conference is addressed at NGO activists and experts predominantly working in the field of sustainable transport who are looking for new ideas and new angles for their lobbying and campaigning work.

Why should NGO activists attend?

The conference gives NGO activists a platform to exchange about successful and not so successful tools and strategies of their work for sustainable transport and work for one day together on some of the hottest subjects in transport at the moment. It will provide participants with concrete new ideas, instruments and contacts which can improve the local NGO transport work as well as strengthen the European NGO cooperation.

November 23rd, 2005

9:00–9:30 Arrival, Coffee and Hello
9:30–9:45 Welcome by Host Milan Simonovsky (Czech Minister of Transport) and Chair Martin Rocholl (Friends of the Earth Europe)

Introduction: European Infrastructure Policies, Programmes and Financing – What's the big Deal?

9:45–10:25 Policy: Infrastructure, Growth and the Internal Market: EU Transport and Infrastructure Policy
Markus Liechti T & E, Brüssel
10:25–11:05 Finances: European Instruments for Financing and Charging for Infrastructure
Joachim Schneider, DG TREN
11:05–11:45 Monitoring: Impacts of EU Infrastructure programmes
Werner Rothengatter, IWW Karlsruhe
11:45–12:00 Break

Instruments for influencing Infrastructure Programmes: How to take part in the big Deal?

12:00–12:20 Directives in Practice: Consequences of SEA and EIA for infrastructure programmes – Are there any?
Andrzej Kassenberg, Institute for Sustainable Development, Warsaw
12:20–12:40 Cities beyond noise and dust: Consequences of EU-directives on urban transport policies and infrastructure planning
Axel Friedrich, German EPA
12:40–13:00 Citizens of Aarhus: Limits and Possibilities of public participation in Infrastructure programmes
Zuzana Drhova, Green Circle, Prague
13:00–13:20 Getting Creative in influencing infrastructure
Richard Mergner, BUND
13:30–14:45 Lunchbreak

Workshops

14:45 –17:15 The workshops rely mainly on the input and active participation of the conference participants. They are aimed at collecting and exchanging good and bad practice information in the relevant fields from all the participant's countries and developing strategies for future NGO work.

Workshop 1:

SEA- & EIA-Directives in Practice
Chair: Anelia Stefanova (CEE Bankwatch Network)
The workshop is introduced by two 10 minute Input statements from NGO-experts and/or professionals with experience in implementing the EIA-and SEA directives.

Workshop 2:

Cities beyond noise and dust
Chair: Tilmann Heuser (BUND)
The workshop is introduced by two 10 minute Input statements from NGO-experts and/or professionals with experience in implementing the relevant European directives.

Workshop 3:

Citizens of Aarhus
Chair: Birgit Georgi (UBA, German EPA)
The workshop is introduced by two 10 minute Input statements from NGO-experts and/or professionals with experience in implementing the relevant European directives.
Coffee and Cake Break

17:15–17:45

Plenary

17:45–19:00

Summary of Workshop results
Conclusions by Chair; Programme and open questions for the 2nd Day

19:30

Evening get-together
in a local restaurant

November 24th, 2005

Future NGO strategies in dealing with unsustainable Infrastructure policies and programmes

9:00– 14:30

Open Space Day
to address all aspects of strategizing, networking and maximising NGO capacities that have arisen in the workshops on the first day. Be prepared to be surprised...

14:30– 16:00

Plenary
Results from Open Space
Wrap-up of Conference by Chair

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Organisation:

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I will arrive on November ____, 2005 and leave on
 November ____, 2005.

Accommodation:

- I will find my own accommodation.
- I would like to reserve accommodation in a dorm
 (arranged by the organisers)
 - One night
 - Two nights

Other arrangements (not funded):

- I will join dinner on the 22nd
- I will join dinner on the 23rd

Limited funds for travel/accomodation reimbursement are
 available for participants from new EU-member states and
 accession countries. Should you need such reimbursement
 please contact us by November 8th the latest.

- I would like to apply for travel reimbursement.

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*Feel free to forward this announcement to other persons
 interested. There will be no conference fee.*

Conference Venue:
 Ministry of Transport (Ministerstvo dopravy)
 nábřeží Ludvíka Svobody 1222/12
 Praha 1
 Metro: Florenc, Line C (red)



The European Advantage

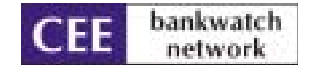
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