

ENVIRONMENT AND SECURITY INITIATIVE

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ENVIRONMENT AND SECURITY – TRANSFORMING RISKS INTO COOPERATION



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ENVIRONMENT AND SECURITY DIMENSIONS

Threat

environmental risks & problems
can **threaten** security

Damage

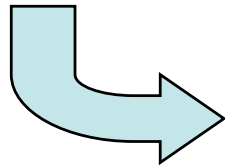
**the environment is
often forgotten
where 'hard security' matters**

Opportunity

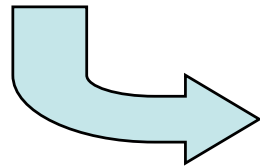
environmental **cooperation** and
management can **help improve** security
and soften conflicts

Action and Confidence Building

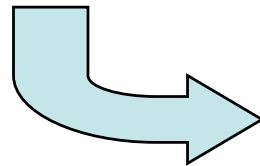
Stage 1: Regional assessments



Stage 2: National and regional consultations



Stage 3: Regional work programmes



Stage 4: Project implementation and lessons learned



ENVSEC Focus



1. Management of **shared natural resources**
2. Identification and reduction of **transboundary risks** from pollution and waste
3. Awareness-raising and strengthening capacities and **participatory mechanisms** on environment and security issues
4. Mainstreaming environmental considerations in **security policies** and promoting environmental cooperation in conflict areas

Project quick facts

- Duration:** end 2009-2011 (1st phase)
2010-2011 (2nd phase)
- Budget:** 160.000 EUR (Belgium) + 30.000 USD (Canada) - first
204,000 EURO (Finland) - second phase
- Geographic Focus:** South Eastern Europe only
(Albania, BiH, FYRoM, Montenegro, Serbia, Kos
(under UNSCR 1244/1999)
- Implemented by:** Regional Environment Centre (REC)
- Main activities:** Regional Forest Action Plan (Forest Law
Enforcement and Trade Action Plan);
capacity building;
setting up a network on illegal logging and

Drivers illegal logging

- **Poverty**
- **Commercial exploitation**
- **Failures of govts. and corruption**
- **Unclear controversial policies and legislation**
- **Weak institutional structures**
- **Inability to monitor**
- **Interest groups, power structure, status quo**

Consequences

- **Environment** : loss of biodiversity, deforestation, desertification
- **Society and economy**: revenue loss, corruption, crime, weakening of society fabric
- **Cross border**: tensions hindering sustainable development

Main Activities

1. SEE Regional Action Plan: focus on cross border aspects of illegal logging
2. Establishment of a informal network on illegal logging including environmental crimes aimed for better regional cooperation/ coordination
3. Capacity building: training and information exchange on environmental crime.

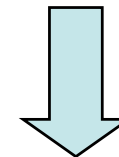
Illegal Logging and Environmental Crimes Network

- Coordination mechanism
- Regional platform for cooperation (SEE)
- Secretariat support
- Coherence with other instruments (WB, INECE)
- Focus on shared natural resource management and combating environmental crimes/ illegal logging

The illegal logging and environmental crimes network

- Members: national forest/ forest management authorities, police, customs (where relevant)
- Operations: training, networking, information exchange)

Further fundraising for the implementation



- Cooperation with partner organizations (e.g. INTERPOL, World Bank)