

Education for Sustainable Development Program in Western Balkans

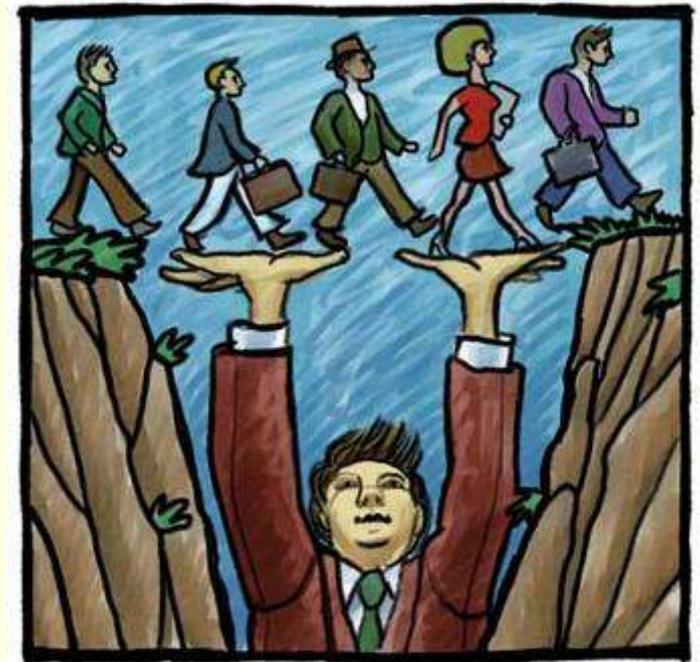
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REGIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL CENTER

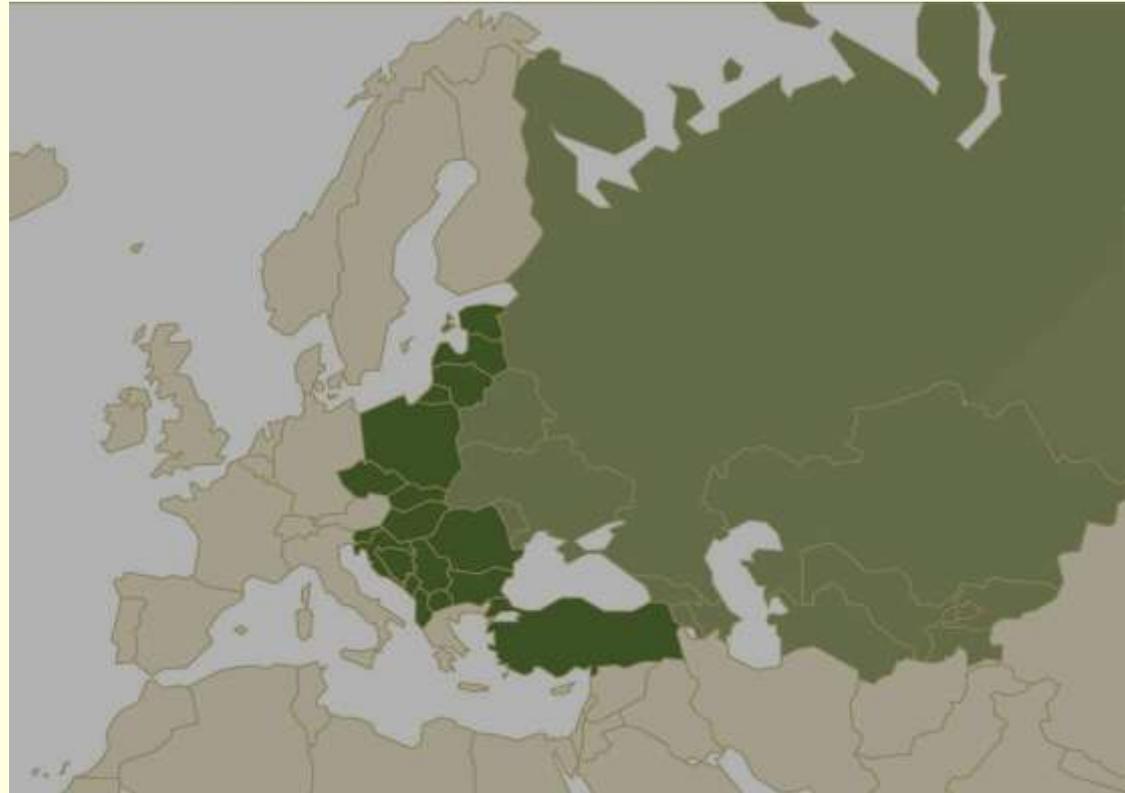
Regional Environmental Center (REC)

- “... is an international organisation with a mission to assist in solving environmental problems (...)”
 - The **REC** is legally based on a **charter signed by the governments of 29** countries and the EC
 - Multi-stakeholder International Board
 - **190 staff** (some 30 nationalities)
 - 100% project based organization (over **300 running projects**)
 - 10 – 12 million Euro annual turnover
 - **Offices in 17 countries**
 - Population served ~ 200 million
 - Operations beyond Central and Eastern Europe

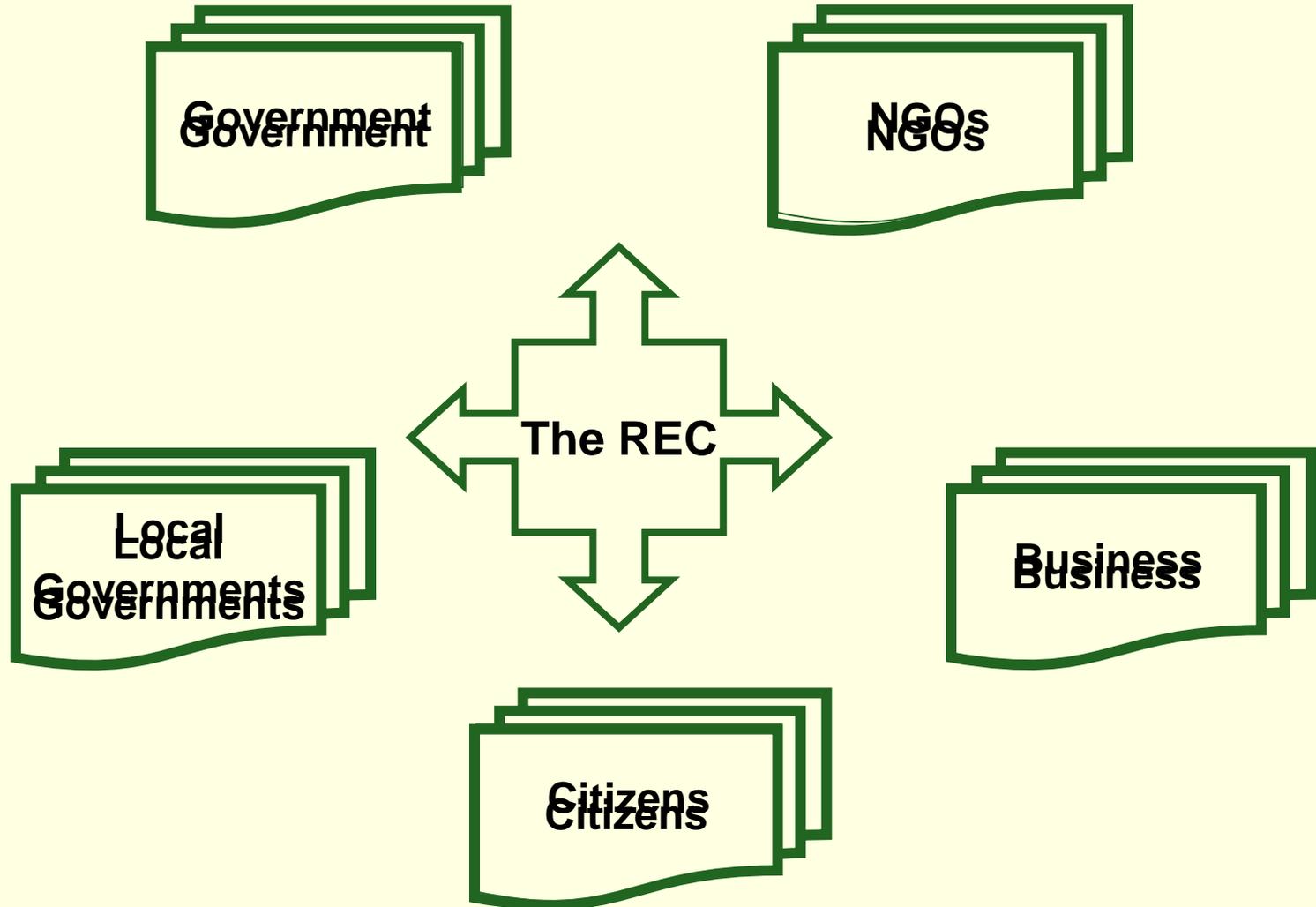


REC Beneficiaries

- **EU member states**
 - Bulgaria, Czech Republic, Estonia, Hungary, Latvia, Lithuania, Poland, Romania, Slovakia and Slovenia
- **South Eastern Europe**
 - EU candidates countries – Croatia and former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia
 - potential EU candidates- Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Montenegro, Serbia
- **Turkey**
- **Operation beyond the REC Country Office Network**
 - EECCA, Asia, Africa, Latin-America



REC bridges



REC Topic Areas

- Strengthening institutions for sustainable development

- **Local Initiatives**
- Law, Enforcement and Compliance
- Environmental Financing
- International Secretariats

- Capacity building of stakeholders and assisting partnerships

- **Courses for Sustainable Development**
- **Education**
- Civil Society Support
- Implementation of Aarhus Convention, PRTR Protocol and Related EU Directives
- Environmental Information

- Sustainable management and use of natural resources

- Biodiversity and Rural Development
- Water Management
- Sustainable Consumption and Production

- Integration of environmental concerns into the relevant sectors (such as energy, transport, etc)

- Environmental Assessment
- Climate Change
- Health and Environment



PROGRAM FOCUS

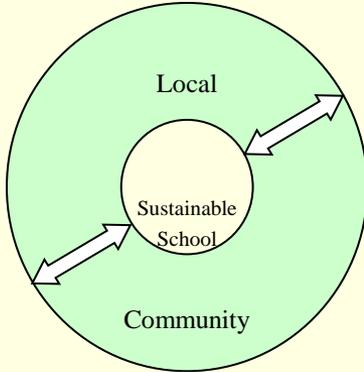
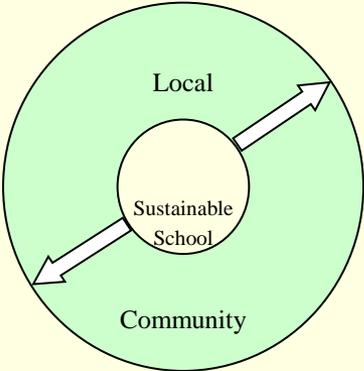
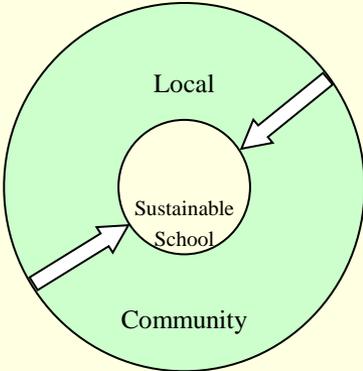
Supporting schools and communities to jointly work towards sustainable development

PROGRAM OBJECTIVE

ESD is an integral part of elementary education in Western Balkans and effective placement of schools in their communities to maximize potentials to reach sustainable development



School-community links in ESD



PROGRAM PURPOSE

“We see schools and communities as champions of progress in the Drina River Basin working together to make this area a modern and responsible environment based on cooperation and mutual understanding. This will ultimately lead our schools and communities to continuously plan and implement principles of sustainable development.”

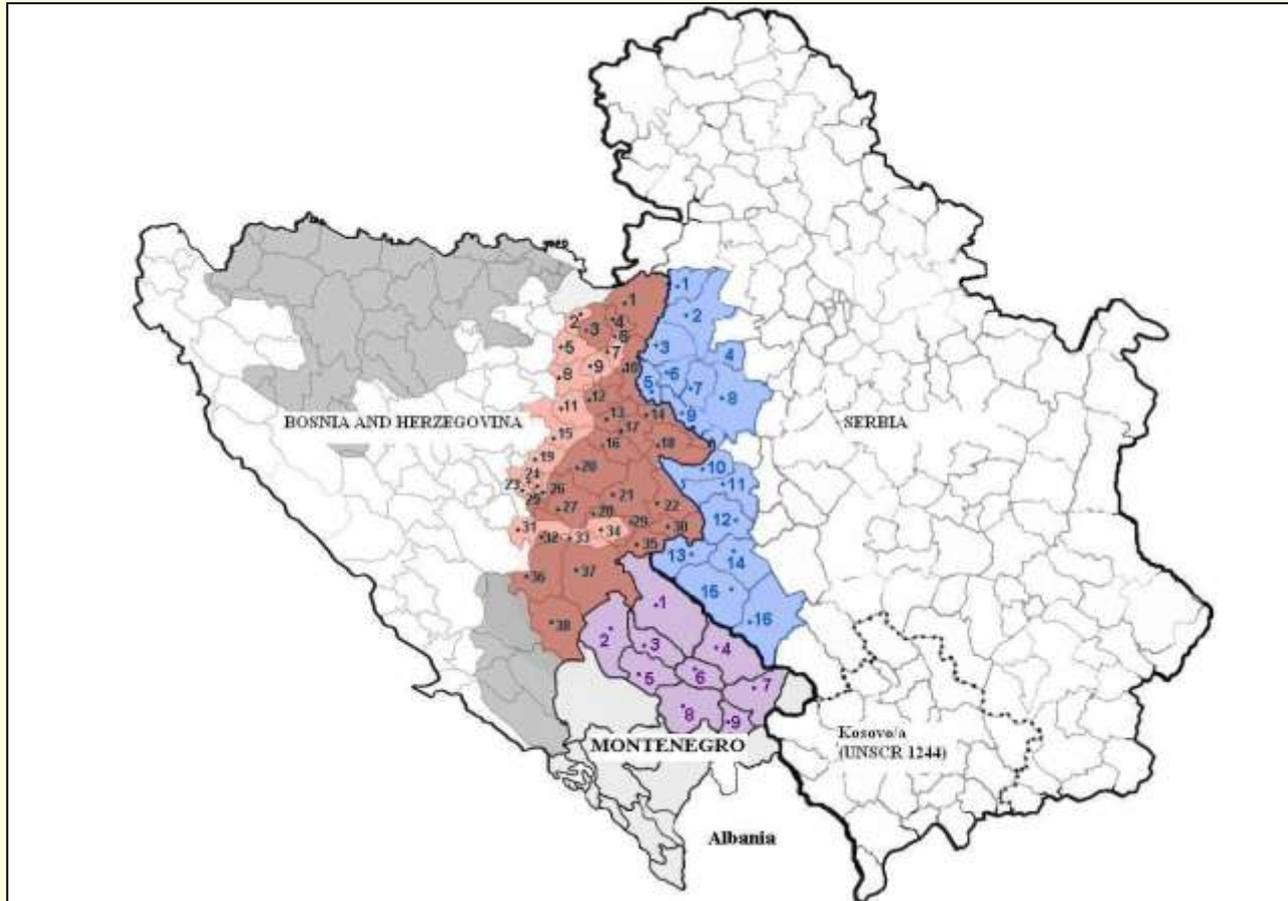


PROBLEMS

- **Strategic approach to ESD is needed**
- **Lack of coordinated approach**
- **Insufficient capacity of educators**
- **Environmental concerns are not an integral part of the curriculum**
- **Lack of instructional materials and inconsistency between curricula and materials**
- **Lack of institutional capacities and competencies of local administrations designated for sustainable development and environmental protection**



PROGRAM GEOGRAPHIC FOCUS







PROGRAM RESULTS/ACTIONS

- **Result 0: Inception Phase (program bodies; assessment studies; participatory planning; final programing)**
- **Result 1. Sustainable school concept developed and adopted in 80 percent of the target schools.**
- **Result 2. Communities work jointly with sustainable schools towards sustainable development.**
- **Result 3. Education system and local environmental governance in B&H, Montenegro and Serbia improved and benefiting from Sustainable School concept**



Thank you for your attention.

