

REPORT FROM EnE17, BELGRADE, SERBIA - Incentive professionals and young people

The 13th Regional Conference “Environment to Europe - EnE17” was held on 5th June 2017 in Belgrade (Serbia) to address issues related to **Climate Change Education for Sustainable Development**. Traditionally, this Conference was organized by professional association “**Environmental Ambassadors for Sustainable Development**” and **Chamber of Commerce and Industry of Serbia**. Conference was **UN WED** event and **ESDW** (European Sustainable Development Week) event. **Panel on Climate Change Education for Sustainable Development** was also held as the part of the Conference. The Panel was attended by top local and foreign experts in the field of education, climate change and the environment: **PhD Vladimir Djurdjevic**, Faculty of Physics, University of Belgrade; **PhD Aleksandar Jovovic**, Faculty of Mechanical Engineering, University of Belgrade; **Prim. mr sci. med. Branislava Matic**, Head of Unit for Human Ecology and School Hygiene at Institute of Public health of Serbia “Dr Milan Jovanovic Batut”; **Nataša Djokic**, Head of Department for planning projects at City of Belgrade, Secretariat for Environmental Protection; **MSc Izabel Airas**, Advisor for circular economy, Center for Circular Economy, the Chamber of Commerce and Industry of Serbia; **PhD Anđelka Mihajlov**, UN expert, consultant and scientist, member of the Government of the Republic of Serbia Negotiating Team for the Accession of the Republic of Serbia to the EU, responsible for climate changes in Chapter 27.



Panel on Climate Change Education for Sustainable Development

EnE17 was opened with introductory speeches by **Goran Trivan**, Secretary for Environmental Protection of the City of Belgrade **with strong and clear message where it is and how it should develop the sector of environment and climate change in the Republic of Serbia**, **Päivi Alatalo**, Deputy Head of the Mission, Embassy of Finland, Belgrade, **Stanojla Mandic**, Deputy Commissioner for Information of Public Importance and Personal Data Protection of the Republic

of Serbia, **Zoran Vujovic**, Vicepresident, Chamber of Commerce and Industry of Serbia, **PhD Mirjana Drenovak Ivanovic**, Faculty of Law, University of Belgrade and member of the Government of the Republic of Serbia Negotiating Team for the Accession of the Republic of Serbia to the EU, responsible for specific sectors of Chapter 27, **MSc Dusan Stokic**, Co-organizer of the EnE17 Conference, Director of the Centre for Environmental Protection, Standards and Technical Regulation, the Chamber of Commerce and Industry of Serbia and **PhD Dunja Prokic**, the EnE17 Conference Chair person, Environmental Ambassador for Sustainable Development. Conference was attended by representatives from government and non-government sectors, international organizations, scientific and educational institutions.



Goran Trivan, Secretary for Environmental Protection of the City of Belgrade

Conference participants (about 100 registered participants) were unique in that: **education on climate change is very important in order to be able to mitigate the consequences of climate change and to adapt to them. Key role should have educational institutions to prepare and implement multidisciplinary programs tailored to different educational institutions and different age categories. For education on climate change requires professionals who will work with young people, so young people are prepared to make the right decisions in the future. Participants in the discussion have tried to provide answers to questions on how to be more effective in environmental protection and responsive to nature.**

The Conference awarded prizes for the best **Young Reporters for the Environment (YRE)**, who took part in the competition, "**Saving resources, do not throw, recycle!**" The competition is organized in the framework of **the International Young Reporters for the Environment**, implemented in Serbia by a professional association "**Environmental Ambassadors for Sustainable Development**" with **RECAN Foundation** support. Prizes are awarded **MSc Aleksandra Mladenovic**, Environmental Ambassadors for Sustainable Development president, **MSc Milena Tabasevic**, coordinator of the Young Reporters for the Environment in Serbia and Jelena Kis, manager of the RECAN Foundation for recycling beverage cans.

More information about event: <http://ambassadors-env.com/>.



EnE17 participants