



COURSE FOR SUSTAINABILITY

STRATEGIES, METHODOLOGIES, POLICIES AND ACTIONS FOR CENTRAL AND EASTERN EUROPE

Session 5B

Policy and Governance

May 22 - 28, 2005

Location: Venice International University, San Servolo Island, Italy

Objectives

- Learn about the notion of good governance at local, national and international level.
- Examine political commitments on sustainable development.
- Develop understanding of planning tools at European, national and regional level.
- Provide an overview on social aspects of SD and the holistic approach to SD policy making.
- Exemplify legal approach and economic instruments for SD.
- Discussing challenges and opportunities for sustainable governance.

Outputs

- Participants will become familiar with the concept good governance (introduced with the resolution 2000/64 of the UN Commission on Human Rights) and the key aspects characterising it: transparency, responsibility, accountability, participation, responsiveness.
- Participants will learn how to make use of strategic environmental assessment, environmental and social auditing as planning tools for sustainable development.
- Participants will be able to deal with SD policies at economical and legal level.
- Participants will gain a broad knowledge of different aspects of SD and good governance, will become familiar with different sustainable management instruments and strategies, will be able to interact with the different stakeholders involved in the development planning process.

Course Agenda

Theme: Good Governance and Sustainable Development

Workshop: Alumni Monitoring and Follow-up (Robert Atkinson, REC and Todd Schenk, REC)

Lecture: Are the Measures Necessary to Achieve Sustainable Development Politically Deliverable in a Democratic soCiety? (Brendan Howlin, Deputy Leader of the Labour Party, Republic of Ireland)

Lecture: Good Governance at the International/National Level (Stephen Stec, REC and Alexios Antypas, Central European University)

Workshop: Good Governance at the International/National Level - Role play (Part 1) (Stephen Stec, REC and Alexios Antypas, CEU)

Themes: Environmental Assessment: a Sustainable Development Tool

Lecture: Strategic Environmental Assessment at the National Planning Level (Simona Kosikova Sulcova, REC)

Lecture: SEA at the Regional Planning Level (Simona Kosikova Sulcova, REC)

Lecture: Environmental and social auditing in Europe (Gabriella Chiellino, E-Ambiente)

Theme: Social aspects of Sustainable Development

Lecture: Social aspects of SD (Luigi Pellizzoni, University of Trieste)

Workshop: Good Governance at the International/National Level - Role play (Part 2) (Stephen Stec, REC and Alexios Antypas, CEU)

Theme: Policy Challenges to Sustainable Development

Lecture: European Legal Approach to SD (Massimiliano Montini, University of Siena)

Lecture: Integrated Environmental Management in EU (Massimiliano Montini, University of Siena)

Lecture: Indicators for Sustainable Development (Alexios Antypas, CEU)

Theme: Conclusion

Lecture: Facilitating a Holistic Approach to Sustainable Development Policy-Making at the National Level (Annika Lindblom, Senior Adviser, Sustainable Development, Ministry of the Environment, Finland)

Panel Discussion: Sustainable Development: Challenges and Opportunities for Government (Tom Garvey, Moderator; Miklos Persanyi, Minister for Environment and Water, Hungary; Timo Makela, European Commission; Eva Smith, Swedish Environmental Protection Agency; Ignazio Musu, Venice International University; Corrado Clini, Ministry for the Environment and Territory of Italy)

Closing Ceremony