

Welcome to the third edition of the Environmental Partnership Newsletter! This issue focuses on our involvement in special international events for the environment: **Green Week** and **Earth Day**, as well as reporting on some granted projects for this year.

HIGHLIGHTS

The **Prague International Marathon** joint our initiative "Adopt a Tree". It has been a great success as 180 trees were adopted by runners.

The **Green Week**, organized by DG Environment in Brussels, looked at all aspects of climate change and in particular at the human factor this year.

The Environmental Partnership was involved in three stands at the exhibition presenting its various projects (see details below).

The Central European Heritage Award and the Laurance S. Rockefeller Greenway Award of 2005 was already announced in May. The awards will be given to the best implemented projects.

The award ceremony will be held on the occasion of the upcoming **Annual Meeting** of the Environmental Partnership on **15th September in Brno**.

Both awards are funded thanks to the generous support from the Rockefeller Brothers Fund and the EU, DG Environment grant.

GREEN WEEK

Green Week, which took place on **31st May – 3rd June**, promotes a "thinking aloud" of issues surrounding our environment, bringing together local, regional and national decision-makers, businesses, non-governmental organisations and the general public.

The Environmental Partnership had a stand at the Brussels event to introduce its practical pilot projects on energy efficiency to be elaborated later this year with Philips Lighting as a supporting partner.

Another stand presented the School for Sustainable Development Program, that has been successfully run in the UK (by Groundwork UK), in the Czech Republic and Poland (by the Environmental Partnership Foundations) with the support of Toyota's fund for Europe.

The Polish Environmental Partnership presented two projects within the Clean Business Programme. The first one, entitled "**Integrated environment management for Polish small and medium-sized enterprises through Environment Manager Internet tool**" is co-financed by the LIFE Environment Programme. In 2004, the Clean Business Programme was awarded Poland's first ever LIFE-Environment grant by the European Commission.

Below are presented retrofit solutions that assure both the same amount of light as well as the same light effect that significantly reduce the energy consumption

Energy cost in Euro/kWhr
 To be filled in: current wattage of lamps that need to be changed
 number of lamps to be changed

Retrofit	nr of changes	Fields to be filled in		Initial investment required per lamp type
		current wattage	number of lamps to be changed	
Light bulb to Energy Saver	1	30	100	3285 Euro
Light bulb to Energy Saver	2	40	200	
Light bulb to Energy Saver	3	100	150	
Halogen to Energy Saving Halogen	1	50	100	1605 Euro
Halogen to Energy Saving Halogen	2	35	200	
Incandescent Reflector R63 to Energy Saving Halogen	1	60	100	1683 Euro
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Insert energy cost in Euro/kWhr: €0,08

Money required to be invested in particular energy saving solution

The goal of the 3-year project is to work with 250 Clean Business companies to develop an Internet tool designed to help companies make better use of their own resources and expertise - to improve their environmental performance.

PEPF's second project presented at Green Week exhibition was its "**Integrated approach to wood waste combustion for heat production in Poland**". The project goal is to reduce greenhouse gas emissions in the energy sector by reducing barriers to the development of the market for biomass energy in Poland.

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EARTH DAY

Earth Day originated in America in 1970, when Senator Gaylord Nelson marketed a special day which would raise awareness of the Earth and our environment. Since then, Earth Day has spread all over the globe, celebrated on the 22nd April as it originally was. As with Green Week, our members administered successful events around this international day.

EARTH DAY IN ROMANIA

In Romania two major clean-up activities were planned: in the central parks of Miercurea Ciuc, and along the 50 kms long route of the Mineral Water Trail. Municipalities and companies volunteered to clean the river bed of the Olt River and the parallel National Road. The main event of the Earth Day activities was the opening of the Mineral Water Museum. The REPF funded the museum's construction and exhibition, which now represents the central piece of the Mineral Water Trail. More on: www.epce.ro



GREENWAYS IN HUNGARY

The HEPF will support 4 Greenways projects in 2005 within the Toyota grant program. The successful projects will be started near the Danube Bend, near Sopron in the West, as well as in Zselic, South West Hungary. The grants amount to approx. EUR14.500 in total. All projects aim to encourage local community involvement and the improvement of the necessary infrastructure of the future Greenway routes. More on: www.okotars.hu

EARTH DAY IN THE CZECH REPUBLIC

The CEPF organized several successful events for Earth Day, including a Concert for Trees, a public collection, and a tree planting event at the Castle near Brno. Over 6000 people attended the planting event. Such events are integral to the CEPF's "Tree of Life" program, which aims to make people more aware of their environment through trees. More on: www.nadacepartnerstvi.cz

EARTH DAY ACTIVITIES IN POLAND

One of the major events was a teleconference on "Building Greenways through community initiatives" organized by the PEPF and US Consulate in Krakow. With reference to practical experience from the Amber Trail Greenway in Poland, and the Ohio region in the USA, the teleconference discussed issues such as how Greenways can contribute to the development of tourism and conservation of natural and cultural heritage. Contact zareba@epce.org.pl or see www.ecn.cz/greenways

GREENWAYS IN SLOVAKIA

In May 2005, the SEPF in partnership with Toyota awarded 4 grants in the total amount of 618.000 SKK (approx. 16.000 EUR) within the Greenways 2005 program.

Greenways for recreation and sports and for everyday transport to school or work will be developed in Bratislava, Martin, Prešov and the area between Banská Bystrica and Zvolen. The total length of the supported trials will reach 60 km. Projects will be completed by the opening ceremonies at the end of March 2006.

LATEST NEWS ON THE TATRA FUND

The majority of grants will support private land owners who manage 48% of the High Tatra National Park, as no resources from other donors or governmental institutions have been accessible to them so far. They will spend the money on reviving areas of the Park through activities such as planting trees and building education trails. More details: www.ekopolis.sk

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