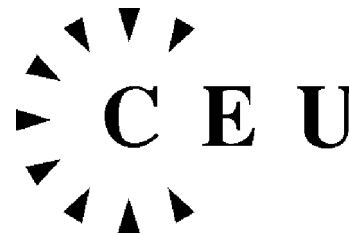




INVITATION
31 October 2007



**Environmental Partnership for Sustainable Development Association
&
Central European University**

invite you to their Open Forum

**„Grassroots movements and regional cooperation in Central Europe after
2000”**

31 October 2007 (Wednesday), 3 to 6 p.m. CEU Auditorium
(Budapest, Nádor u. 9. ground floor)

Invited panelists –the directors of 6 Environmental Partnership Foundations:

Lubomira Kolcheva – Fundacya Eko’Obshnost (Bulgaria)
Miroslav Kandrata – Nadace Partnerství (Czech Republic)
Veronika Móra – Ökotárs Alapítvány (Hungary)
Peter Medved – Nadacia Ekopolis (Slovakia)
Rafal Serafin – Fundacja dla Srodowiska (Poland)
László Potozky – Fundatia pentru Parteneriat (Romania)

Moderator: dr. Zoltán Illés, Associate Professor, CUE Department of Environmental
Sciences and Policy

The Environmental Partnership is a consortium of **six foundations** in Bulgaria, the Czech Republic, Hungary, Poland, Romania and Slovakia that are focused on mobilizing and empowering the people of the region to improve their environment, their local communities and societies. Since their establishment in 1991, the Environmental Partnership foundations have invested over USD 16 million in support of more than 5,000 individual projects and are currently the most significant private source of funding for community-based environmental initiatives in the region.

Forum themes:

- Whither grassroots movements in the New Member States? – the future opportunities and threats to the civic societies of Central Europe
- Can community organizing and NGOs make a difference in our countries? – the independence and public image of civil society
- Regional cooperation – a myth or the way forward? – grassroots vs. the political level

Forum language will be English

Participants have the possibility or indeed are encouraged to contribute!!

After the forum, participants will be invited to a small (organic) buffet in the premises.

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