

Institute for Environmental Policy

In collaboration with partnership non-governmental organisations Society for Sustainable Living in the Slovak Republic, Institute for Sustainable Development in Poland, Centre for Environmental Studies in Hungary

Would like to inform you about the forth-coming conference entitled

Transition

Prague

April 4. – 6. 2002

from Centrally Planned Economy to Sustainable Society?

(Visegrad Agenda 21)

This conference precedes the World Conference on Sustainable Development („Rio + 10“), to be held in September 2002 in Johannesburg. We consider it a very convenient opportunity for all Visegrad countries, united with the common Central European identity, to evaluate and present their benefits/failures in the field of sustainable development together.

Time schedule:

- 31. 1. 2002 The deadline for the submitting -- application forms
- 31. 1. 2002 The deadline for the submitting -- abstracts
- 16. 2. 2001 Second announcement – the detailed agenda of the conference, the outline of abstracts, the list of participants
- 28. 2. 2002 The deadline for submitting – final papers
- 30. 3. 2002 Publication of the conference proceedings
- 4.–6. 4. 2000 Conference „Transition from Centrally Planned Economy to Sustainable Society? (Visegrad Agenda 21)“
- September 2002 United Nations World Conference on Sustainable Development **Rio + 10**

Annexes:

1. Proposal for the thematic sections of the conference (themes corresponding with the chapters of Agenda 21)
2. Instructions to the abstract
3. Application form

Application form

Name, surname, title
 Name of the organisation
 Address of the organisation
 Phone
 E-mail
 The field of your work

I am concerned to attend the conference

Way of a participation (please, cross the answer):

	yes	no
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| a) collaboration of the thematic workshop | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| b) contribution to the workshop | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| c) contribution to the opening section | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| d) participation in the conference without any report | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |

The goal of the Visegrad conference is:

- ⊙ To evaluate the implementation of **Agenda 21** – the main document adopted at the **United Nations Conference on Environment and Development held in Rio de Janeiro in 1992** in the framework of Visegrad region
- ⊙ To specify new priorities of sustainable development in Visegrad region for the next decade
- ⊙ To develop wider collaboration and communication in CEE region

Tentative program of the conference:

- Day one Evaluation of the Agenda 21 implementation process.
(presentation of research of non-governmental sector and academic institutions, governmental report to the Agenda 21 implementation, benefits of local government and self-government – Local Agenda 21)
- Day two Thematic workshops – related to the particular chapters of Agenda 21
- Day three Presentation of – conclusions, discussion, preparation of communiqué for the Conference „Rio + 10“ in Johannesburg

Our goal is to cover all the chapters of Agenda 21. We would like to ask you, together with other organisations from the NGO sector, public administration, business groups and academic institutions, for co-operation, since we would like to utilize your experience and knowledge from your specific field.

We suggest you the following possible ways of participation in the conference:

- To arrange a specific workshop (relevant to the particular chapter of Agenda 21)
- Contribution to the workshop
- Contribution to the opening section
- Participation in the conference without any contribution
(the organizer does not pay the expenses).

Administrative instructions:

- ⊙ Current information about the conference and related activities are published at the web-site **www.rio10.org**;
- ⊙ Official languages of the conference are English and Czech;
- ⊙ The place of the conference will be specified at the end of the year 2001;
- ⊙ The conference fee (50 EURO) will be used for publication of the conference proceedings;
- ⊙ Travel, accommodation and boarding costs of the participants that will actively participate in the conference (they will either give a lecture or preside over a workshop) are reimbursed by the organizer.
- ⊙ The registration form is also available at Conference web side www.rio10.org

Participation:

If you are willing to participate in the conference, please, fill in the application form and send it to us (it is just for our information). If you are interested in presenting a report (in the framework of above-mentioned alternatives a), b), c) – please, send us the abstract, until January 31, 2001. Instructions could be found in the annex .

Annex 1

Proposal for the thematic sections of the conference „RIO + 10 – Transition from Centrally Planned Economy to Sustainable Society? (Visegrad Agenda 21)“

- Sustainable development in general (the principles, tools and indicators of sustainable development, integration of SD into decision-making, institutional, administrative, and financial conditions of SD implementation in the Czech Republic / Poland / Hungary / Slovak Republic)
- International cooperation in SD implementation
- Transition from the consumer patterns of life to the sustainable ones
- Dynamic of demographic growth, protection and support of human health
- Sustainable development of human settlements, Local Agenda 21
- Integrated approach to the land use
- Sustainable agriculture and rural landscape
- Environmental protection of atmosphere, water sources, land, forest
- Biodiversity preservation, protection of environment, SD in mountain areas
- Environment – friendly treatment of chemicals and waste
- SD in education

Annex 2

Instructions to the abstract

Send abstracts until the end of January:

- ⊙ by e-mail
- ⊙ or by fax
- ⊙ or by mail

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Annex 3

The Conference „RIO + 10 – Transition from Centrally Planned Economy to Sustainable Society? (Visegrad Agenda 21)“

*We would appreciate if you could e-mail us the English version of your abstract.
The size of the abstract should not exceed one page.*

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