

Some considerations for an environment concept for the next general assembly in Novi Sad

1. *Institutionalization of the concept:* The concept should be adopted by the governing board of CEC. It should be started and be communicated as early as possible. It should be made visible for CEC delegates. It is recommended to name a person responsible for the concept working closely with the Assembly coordinator.

The concept should include the following:

2. *Travelling:* as environmentally friendly as possible – not much room for actual changes will be there. Alternative: use compensation schemes, preferably into an own small project.
3. *Running of the hotel (accommodation and rooms for meeting):* CEC should share with the directors of the hotels the environmental concept and inform them about the wishes of CEC. Can be done something to save energy, save water, reduce waste? Is there separation of waste in the hotel – can it be used in Serbia at all? At least paper waste and plastic waste should be separated. CEC should offer assistance to the hotel considering environmental management –if the people there are interested in it. Helpful is a check-up of procurement in general (cleaning!) and of the energy-system
4. *Catering:* At least one vegetarian dish (if not vegetarian food!), no small plastic packages for nutter, marmalade, honey etc., preferable regional and seasonal food, if possible from ecological production.
5. *Fair trade coffee:* at least for the conference during the time of the assembly, better would be if the hotel could change coffee completely and permanently to fair trade coffee. To check if there other fair trade products in Serbia, as e.g. tea, orange juice etc.?
6. *Paper and copying:* reduce paper consumption as much as possible, use double-sided printing, use recycled paper also in copying machines; minimize handouts,
7. *Presents and gifts:* Presents can easily „transport“ the environmental management idea and make it visible!

A proposal:

- The concept should be prepared for an adoption by the CEC Governing Board at the upcoming meeting in November
- To appoint as a person responsible for environmental concept Prof.Hans Diefenbacher, leader of the ECEN working group on eco-management

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