

Dear GA Members, since the first number of the ExCo News has been very well appreciated, keep sending your comments. A small addition in this number: highlighted are areas in which we need more help/collaboration from you. Please let us know what you think by emailing either: elisa.vignaga@efaep.org; simon.pascoe@efaep.org or coordinator@efaep.org.

★ **Simon (Project Officer)/Daniel (Leonardo intern):**

- Green Week arrangements (coordination with EFCA, design and printing of stand and materials);
- Setting up a new agreement with Havas Media to support their tender response to design and implement a sustainable consumption campaign (part of www.generationawake.eu presented to the recent GA side event)
- [May 2013 newsflash – issue 23](#)
- Coordination of call for quotes on the basis of a specification for a **new integrated ENEP website and professional networking portal**.
- Simon attended the [ECO INNOVATION funding information day](#) – will send through video stream link. Deadline for applications is [5th September at 1700!](#)
- Daniel attended “a Green Week fringe debate, hosted by the *Representation of Lower---Saxony at the EU on 14th May, between* air research experts from the ‘Leibniz Institute for Tropospheric Research (TROPOS)’ in Germany and the European commission. TROPOS has published evidence on the dangers of black carbon particles in cities and argued that the Commission has yet to consider better integrating black carbon into its current air quality standards.

★ **Jason (Coordinator):**

- Preparation of the artwork for the Green Week stand
- Work on the membership survey questions
- Helping with information needed for the website redevelopment process
- Preparing for the next ENEP Bulletin
- The usual banking, meeting minutes, etc. ealing with the day to day administration of ENEP (e.g. replying to messages on the website from possible new members; moderating messages on the Platform; preparing material for ExCo meetings and GAs).

★ **Jan Karel (President) and Herman Jan (New Treasurer):**

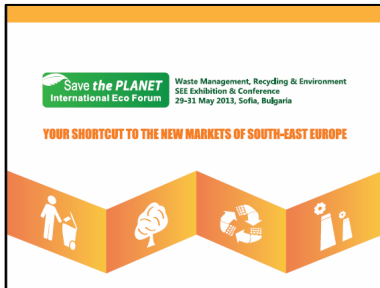
- are starting to detail/redevelop the business plan;
- are also revising the questionnaire that is now almost ready to be sent to the Member Associations. **Once the Survey is shared with the GA members, the ExCo invite all of you to pass this with as many members as possible in your Association. This will help to shape the future direction of ENEP. We will ask the GA members to share this with their respective ExCo and to fill it in with them.**
Herman will contact some member associations the coming month to remind them to pay their contribution to ENEP.
- Are working with website design firms and with AIAT on redevelopment of the ENEP website, short-term Platform maintenance and potential integration of Platform functions and the new website.

★ **Elisa (General Secretary):**

- Elisa wrote the welcoming speech for the SEE Forum;
- Shared job offers in field such as: Climate Change, Renewable energy, Hydrological Research, Climate modeling/data analysis, Human interaction with environments;
- Helped AIAT, AISA and AIN with the organization of the Rome GA in October 2013. The side event has already been set and it will be on European Funding. Speaker have been invited and Simon (our PO) will be one of them;

- Carried on promoting the possible collaboration with REA in the field of infrastructure of water and waste water, solid waste management, flood protection, contaminated sites and Infrastructure of roads, railways, fluvial navigation, aerial transportation;
- Elisa is looking to start a series of Webinar: Heiko Smith will kick off the series beginning of July talking about **Industrial Waste Management to Reduce Disposal Costs**. If you want to suggest a topic for a Webinar or a Speaker please contact me at: elisa.vignaga@efaep.org. Elisa is keen on getting started with a new Graduate and a Water Working Group: can you help?
- Is keeping up to date the ENEP facebook page: [here](#). We have 55 likes!;
- In charge of the ExCo Newsletter.

★ Kristof (Vice President):



- Attended the **Save The Planet** International Environmental Conference & Exhibition on Waste Management & Recycling, 28-31 May 2013, Sofia, Bulgaria (organized by Via Expo).

ENEP cooperation: Via Expo invited ENEP a couple of months ago to help in the organization of the South East Europe Eco Forum on Waste Management & Recycling. Together with Via Expo, ENEP selected 4 speakers that accompanied the ENEP Vice President last week to Sofia, Bulgaria.

On Wednesday 28 May, Mss. Anne Vandeputte, Project Manager International Affairs of OVAM, the Flemish Waste Agency, had the honor to moderate the afternoon session on Waste Administration, and also gave a smart exposé on the Flemish situation regarding waste separation, collection and recycling.

On Thursday 29 May, Mr. Kristof De Smet, VP of ENEP was the moderator of the morning session on Waste Collection & Separation. The session hosted two other ENEP-speakers: Mr. Jan Van Dijk, Head of Waste Section of VVM, the Dutch Association of Environmental Professionals, who explained to the public the instrument of waste recycling centers in The Netherlands, and Mr. Giulio Gardu from AIAT, the Italian Association of Environmental & Planning Engineers, who gave an interesting presentation on the actual transition process the island of Sardinia experienced on waste collection and recycling.

The last ENEP-speaker, Mr. Heiko Smith from VDI, the German Association of Environmental Engineers, gave a presentation during the afternoon session on Thursday. He presented a case study on industrial waste management in order to produce the overall disposal costs.

ENEP actively participated during the course of the conference in all debates and network activities, and was able to leave its mark behind, while presenting some best practices from all over Europe, and making it clear to all participants that Europe still has a long way to go within the field of waste management & recycling. The overall message that ENEP wanted to leave behind it that each Member State should realize that being a part of the European Union contains the opportunity to share knowledge, experiences and knowhow amongst each other in order to make the actual transition process towards a more sustainable world more feasible.

- During the **Save The Planet** International Conference in Sofia, Kristof was able to set up initial contact with the Bulgarian Association of Municipal Environmental Experts (BAMEE) looking for a new Member Association in South East Europe.
- Represented the Executive Committee in the negotiation process with **HAVAS Media** (France), which resulted in the contractual agreement providing expert support during the EU-tender process to design and implement a sustainable consumption campaign.

UPCOMING EVENTS: October GA, Rome, 17th-18th October 2013: Position as Vice President and President will be renewed. Please start circulating this information to your Association.