

**GLOBALIZATION, SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT AND TRADE
POLICY ISSUES, ADVOCACY SKILLS AND NEEDS OF CENTRAL AND
EASTERN EUROPE NGOs**

Regional Capacity-Building Seminar, Prague, 21-24 May, 2006

Preliminary Programme

Sunday, 21 May 2006

Arrival and Accommodation of Participants

ECONOMIC GLOBALIZATION AND SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT
General Literacy

15.30 – 18.00 Gender Economic Literacy Workshop

Facilitator: Jivka Marinova, Gender Education, Research and Technologies Foundation (GERT), Sofia

18.30 – 21.00 Welcome Dinner and Opening

•**Economic Globalization and Free Trade** - general “key-note” introduction about the concept, history, empirical evidence and political context, development, social, environmental, gender impacts of free trade

Speaker: Peter Wahl, World Economy, Ecology and Development (WEED), Germany

•**Free Trade Alternatives and Alter-globalization Movement** - brief introduction to localisation, cooperation and community as well as what and how is done by trade and (alter)globalization NGOs globally and on EU level

Speakers: Charly Poppe, Friends of the Earth Europe, Brussels, Eduard Gombár, Constantine Philosopher University, Slovakia

21.00 – 23.00 Informal Discussion and Networking

Monday, 22 May 2006

GLOBALISATION AND TRADE POLICY ISSUES
Knowledge-Building and Experience-Sharing

8.00 – 8.30 Registration

Global Trade Issues - State of the Game after WTO Hong Kong Ministerial in 2005 and Geneva Negotiations in 2006

8.30 – 9.30 **Introduction to main challenges in current international trade policy** (World Trade Organization - history, functioning, negotiations, overview of main issues with emphasis on issues not further covered in more detail – Singapore Issues, Rules, Genetically Modified Organisms, Economic Partnership Agreements and other Regional Trade Agreements etc.)

Speaker: Carin Smaller, Institute for Agricultural and Trade Policy (IATP),

Geneva

Discussants: Martin Koehler, Greens-EFA, Brussels, Mariano Iossa, Action Aid, Brussels

9.15 – 9.30

Plenary discussion

Moderator: Petr Lebeda, Glopolis, Czech Republic

Three Key Themes – Agri, Services and NAMA

9.30 – 10.45

Trade and Agriculture

Speaker: Carin Smaller, Institute for Agricultural and Trade Policy (IATP), Geneva

Moderator: Petr Lebeda, Glopolis, Czech Republic

Discussants: Gerard Choplin, Coordination Paysanne Européenne - CPE, Brussels, Martin Koehler, Greens-EFA, Brussels

10.45 – 11.15

Coffee Break

11.15 – 12.30

Trade and Industrial Goods

Speaker: Mariano Iossa, Action Aid, Brussels

Moderator: Roman Havlíček, FoE Slovakia-CEPA, Slovakia

Discussants: Carin Smaller, Institute for Agricultural and Trade Policy (IATP), Geneva, Charly Poppe, Friends of the Earth Europe, Brussels

12.30 – 13.45

Trade and Services

Speaker: Christina Deckwirth, University of Marburg, Germany

Moderator: Gábor Scheiring, Védegylet – Protect the Future, Hungary

Discussants: Werner Raza, AK Wien, Austria, Carin Smaller, Institute for Agricultural and Trade Policy (IATP), Geneva

13.45 – 14.45

Lunch

National and Local Issues in the CEE Region
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14.45 – 17.45

Brief Case Study Presentations of the most relevant and actual (corporate/free trade) globalization-related problems in the CEE Region

Moderator: Jiří Silný, Ecumenical Academy Prague, Czech Republic (tbc)

Agriculture

- Györgyi Ujszászi, Védegylet - Protect the Future, Hungary: Unfair Prices for Farmers in Hungary
- Narine Solomonyan, AAIL, Armenia: Agricultural Policy Reform in Armenia

Services

- Roman Havlíček, CEPA-Friends of the Earth, Slovakia: Privatization of Water Services in Slovakia
- Gábor Scheiring, Védegylet - Protect the Future, Hungary: Privatization of Public Services in Hungary
- Peter Mihok, CEE BankWatch, Slovakia: Privatization of Public Transport Services in Slovakia

16.15 – 16.35

Coffee Break

Textiles and Raw Materials

- Christina Harlanova, IRBF, Bulgaria: Textile Sweatshops in Bulgaria
- Octavian Rusu, FDCE, Romania: Privatization of Mining Sector in Romania

19.00 – 21.00 **Dinner and Cultural/Free/Coordination Evening**

Tuesday, 23 May 2006

TRADE POLICY-MAKING AND ADVOCACY
Knowledge- and Skills-Building

Introduction to EU Trade Policy Institutions and Structures

9.00 – 10.00 EU – European Commission and DG-Trade, Council of the EU and Committee 133, European Parliament and INTA Committee, national trade policy-making and civil society
Speaker: Charly Poppe, Friends of the Earth Europe, Brussels

10.00 - 10.15 **Coffee Break**

EU Trade Policy Workshops

10.15 - 11.30 **Workshop 1 – Trade in Agriculture and EU Common Agricultural Policy**
Facilitator: Gerard Choplin, Coordination Paysanne Européenne - CPE, Brussels/Carin Smaller, Institute for Agricultural and Trade Policy (IATP)

Workshop 2 – Trade in Services and EU Common Trade Policy
Facilitator: Werner Raza, AK Wien, Austria/Martin Koehler, Greens-EFA, Brussels

Workshop 3 – Trade in Industrial Goods and EU Common Trade Policy
Facilitator: Mariano Iossa, Action Aid, Brussels/Charly Poppe, Friends of the Earth Europe, Brussels

11.30 - 12.45 **Lunch**

12.45 - 14.20 **3 Workshops Continued**

14.20 - 14.35 **Coffee Break**

NGO Skills for Policy Work

14.35 – 15.20 **Intro to NGO Advocacy – Influencing Policy-Makers** – brief introduction into advocacy and NGO policy work – how to go about setting your NGO agenda, and building proper strategy to influence policy-makers
Speaker: Mariano Iossa, Action Aid, Brussels

15.20 - 15.40 **Coffee Break**

15.40 – 17.00 **Workshop 1 – How to Monitor and Analyze Economic Policy, How to Frame Your Message**
NGO Research and monitoring skills, genres of analytical and policy documents

(open letters, statements, memoranda, policy briefs, issue and policy papers etc.)
Facilitator: Peter Wahl, World Economy, Ecology and Development (WEED), Germany

Workshop 2 – How to Deliver Your Message, Communicate with Policy-Makers

Techniques of presenting issues to policy-makers, of dialogue, mailing, lobbying
Facilitator: Martin Koehler, Greens-EFA, Brussels

Workshop 3 – How to Organize, Coordinate and Network for Your Policy Work

National and Europe-wide NGO coordination, mobilization, campaigning and networking

Facilitator: Charly Poppe, Friends of the Earth Europe, Brussels

18.00 – 21.00 **Dinner and Coordination/Farewell Evening**

Wednesday, 24 May 2006

ECONOMIC GLOBALIZATION POLICY IN CEE – ALTERNATIVES , NGO
CAPACITIES AND COOPERATION
Synthesis and Conclusions

Local and Global Alternatives - Workshops

9.00 – 10.00 **Workshop 1: Fair Trade in the Czech Republic and CEE – Achievements and Challenges**

Facilitators: Šárka Špačková and Pavel Chmelař, Association for Fair Trade and Development Education, Czech Republic

Workshop 2: Corporate Social Responsibility in the Czech Republic and CEE – Achievements and Challenges

Facilitator: Pavel Franc, Environmental Law Service - Global Alliance for Responsibility, Democracy and Equity (GARDE), Czech Republic

Workshop 3: EU, International Taxes and Other Regulatory Instruments for Economic Globalization

Facilitator: Peter Wahl, World Economy, Ecology and Development (WEED), Germany

Workshop 4: EU Trade and Development Policy Coherence

Facilitator: Ester Asín Martínez, CONCORD, Brussels (tbc)

10.00 – 10.20 **Coffee break**

10.20 – 12.00 **4 Workshops Continued**

12.00 – 13.15 **Lunch**

Regional and European Cooperation – NGO Capacities and Needs

13.15 - 14.30 **EU-15 vs. New Members States/CEE – Bridges and Differences**

Syntheses of previous discussions and workshops, common issues and different attitudes. Panel Discussion in Plenary.

Rapporteurs/Discussants: Pavel Chmelař, Association for Fair Trade and Development Education, Czech Republic/Gábor Scheiring, Vedégylet, Hungary/Roman Havlíček, CEPA-FoE Slovakia /Charly Poppe, Friends of the Earth Europe, Brussels

Moderator: Juraj Zamkovský, CEPA-FoE Slovakia (tbc)

14.30 – 15.00 **Coffee break**

15.00 – 15.30 **Conclusions – NGO Needs for Regional and European Cooperation in Policy Work on Economic Globalization**

Concluding debate on what capacities need to be built, what kind of cooperation makes sense, and who can do what as a follow-up

Moderator: S2B/Glopolis

Departure of Participants