CAN EECCA organizational development

1.1 Organizational structure

CAN EECCA is coordinated by 2 people: Nastassia Bekish from Green Network (Belarus) and Iryna Stavchuk from National Ecological Centre of Ukraine.

The board consists of Aleksey Kokorin (WWF Russia), Vladimir Slivyak (Ecodefence), Elina Doszhanova (Ecoforum Kazakhstan), Amalia Hambartsumyan (Armenia) and Yaroslav Bekish (Green Network).

Since September 2016 CAN EECCA team is also strengthened Regional Campaigns Communications Officer, Tatiana Shauro, based in Russia.

Since June 2016 CAN EECCA has part-time communication assistant Olha Boiko, based in National Ecological Centre of Ukraine.

1.2 CAN EECCA General Assembly

CAN EECCA General Assembly as such did not happen in 2016.

In February 2017 there was CAN EECCA secretariat coordination meeting to set priorities and plan activities for 2017.

1.3 Network members

Currently the node is composed of 32 NGOs throughout the EECCA region:

1. Eco Club Lore (ECL) Armenia
2. Khazer NGO Armenia
3. EcoTeam Armenia
4. Tapan Armenia
5. Centre for public information and monitoring Climate Change and Development NGO Armenia
6. Alliance Azerbaijan
7. Centre for Environmental Solutions Belarus
8. Green Network Belarus
9. Ecopartnership Belarus
10. Ecoproject Belarus
11. Ecovision Georgia
12 Greens Movement of Georgia  Georgia 
13 Green Alternative  Georgia 
14 World Experience for Georgia  Georgia 
15 Gamarjoba  Georgia 
16 Socio-Ecological Fund  Kazakhstan 
17 BIOM  Kyrgyzstan 
18 UNISON  Kyrgyzstan 
19 Gutta-Club  Moldova 
20 Renasteria Rurala  Moldova 
21 WWF Russia  Russia 
22 Greenpeace Russia  Russia 
23 Center for Environmental Initiatives  Russia 
24 Russian Socio-Ecological Union  Russia 
25 Friends of the Baltics  Russia 
26 International Socio-Ecological Union  Russia 
27 Ecodefence  Russia 
28 Ural Ecological Union  Russia 
29 Buryatsk regional union on Baikal  Russia 
30 ETAS  Russia 
31 Little Earth  Tajikistan 
32 Youth Ecological centre of Tajikistan  Tajikistan 
33 National Ecological Centre of Ukraine (NECU)  Ukraine 
34 Environment-People-Law  Ukraine 
35 EcoClub  Ukraine 
36 Legal Analytics  Ukraine 
37 Ukrainian Youth Climate Association (UYCA)  Ukraine 
38 Our home - Manyava  Ukraine 

1.4 Participation at CAN-I SCAM meeting

CAN EECCA co-coordinator Iryna Stavchuk took part at the CAN International Strategic Planning session. CAN EECCA representative Maria Storchylo took part at the annual meeting of CAN-I node coordinators to share the situation in the node, brainstorm with other nodes how the network can become stronger and more effective in its activities and learn from other node coordinators around the world.
Capacity building of the network members

2.1 Regional meeting on 100% Renewable Energy campaign.

In 2016 NECU organized a regional meeting for CAN EECCA members and other organizations particularly interested in work on promotion of renewable energy. This event was cofinanced with Norwegian Friends of the Earth. It was attended by 20 Ukrainian CSO representatives, 20 EECCA representatives from 10 countries, 2 CAN-International representatives and Norwegian Friends of the Earth representative. There were 4 new organizations, which previously were not part of CAN EECCA.

The program (https://drive.google.com/file/d/0B0NSt8V8pWtwUV9vN1kyVWNhc0k/view?usp=sharing) included sessions on the state of RE in the world and in EECCA region, best examples of state policies to support development of RE, analysis of the RE policies in EECCA countries, discussion of the CAN-I 100% campaign and how it could be supported in the region, planning media campaign for RE of CAN EECCA. It also included excursion to the passive house outside Kiev and private hospital, which is fully operating on RE to learn how RE is already working in practice.
National and international climate policy work

3.1 CAN EECCA coordination at UNFCCC meetings

CAN EECCA secretariat organized regular meetings of CAN EECCA members during UNFCCC negotiations to share information, updates from negotiation meetings and coordinate media and other activities.

CAN EECCA secretariat translated into Russian language and distributed CAN International policy document towards COP 22.

3.2 Members’ activities and main areas of work

In Ukraine the focus was on public participation in development of the Energy strategy by 2035, ensuring the necessary trajectory on transition towards 100% renewables.

Ukrainian and Belarus NGOs together with Heinrich Boell foundation are working on alternative Energy scenarios, which would show how the countries might move to 100% renewable energy by 2050. The reports are expected in summer/autumn 2017.

Russia, Ukraine and Tajikistan are running anticoal campaigns to show environmental and social impacts on coal mining and burning.

In 3 cities – Kyiv (Ukraine), Mogilev (Belarus) and Saint Petersburg (Russia) - there are ongoing campaigns “Cities for life”, coordinated by 350.

In 6 countries there are running climate change adaptation projects together with Red Cross: Ukraine, Belarus, Moldova, Georgia, Armenia, Azerbaijan.

With partial financial support of CAN International in 2016 CAN EECCA supported 3 projects on renewable energy, which will be implemented in 2017:
1. Transferring 2 Georgian mountain monasteries to 100%RE.
2. Transferring a village in Russia to 100%RE;
3. Media project on promotion of renewable energy in Belarus. Port Mone Trio musical band is recording an album using only renewables and promoting green energy among the wide audience.

A number NGOs throughout the region are working in the area of education, many of them are members of the SPARE group (http://spareworld.org/). Also a number of NGOs are working in the area of practical climate change mitigation and adaptation projects, especially in Caucasus and Central Asia.
In 5 countries there are national climate change networks: in Russia, in Ukraine, in Belarus, in Tajikistan and in Kyrgyzstan.

3.3 Serving as a CSO observer to the Clean Technology Fund of World Bank.

Head of NECU climate department and CAN EECCA co-coordinator continues to serve as a CSO observer to the Clean Technology Fund, which includes monitoring projects under consideration, contacting relevant organizations in countries with projects under consideration, participation at the CTF board meetings twice per year.

Media and awareness raising

4.1. Development of media strategy for the network.

In February 2017 CAN EECCA secretariat finalized the draft media strategy for the network for 2017, which will be further discussed and approved by the network.

4.2. Regular news update for CAN EECCA members, experts and decision makers

In 2016 CAN EECCA restarted the weekly news digest. It includes both international as well as regional news on climate change related issues with the focus on positive solutions, policy examples, research and trends. The important English news are translated into Russian language. The subscribers to the list are members of UNFCCC delegations, experts, journalists. By the end of 2016 the number of subscribers has reached 450 people.

CAN EECCA secretariat also revived the Facebook page and steadily increase the number of audience.

With the help of the CAN-I Regionals Campaigns Communications Officer CAN EECCA developed a database of the regional experts on climate and energy. It was sent to the CAN-I Communications Coordinator to widen the media expert base and give a regional background to the international media space. Also, regional media list was created and is regularly updated.
CAN is a global network of more than 1200 international and national NGOs working together to prevent the catastrophic impacts of climate change.

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