



Eco Counselling Europe – a European Network of Eco-Counsellors

Aims and objectives of the association

- Eco-Counselling Europe supports the process of sustainable development at the level of citizens, municipalities and small and medium enterprises.
- Eco-Counselling Europe is an Europe-wide networking of organisations involved in preventive environmental protection.
- Eco-Counselling Europe was founded in 1991 as an European umbrella organisation for national eco-counselling organisations.
- Today associations of 8 countries are members of Eco-Counselling Europe, 13 countries have the status of observers.
- It's ambitious goals include the establishment of eco-counselling networks in the Central and Eastern European countries as well as in the Mediterranean.

Fields of Activities

- Exchange of Experiences, Support of Eco Counselling Networks, training and workshops
- Following the Agenda 21 (CSD-Process), especially Chapter 4, Consumption and Production, Chapter 28, Local Agenda 21
- Preventive Environmental Protection
- Awareness raising in sustainable consumption
- following the Environment for Europe Process (Aarhus-Convention)
- Eco Management (EMAS,ISO, Ecomapping ...)
- Green Public Procurement

Member associations

AUSTRIA : "die umweltberatung" www.umweltberatung.org



- Eco-Counselling Austria federates the federal organizations of Eco-Counselling in Austria
- EC Austria is serving citizens, companies and institutions by counselling and education for provisional environmental protection
- EC Austria's main activities are nationwide activities, regular journal, organising a trainee program for new eco-counsellor, production of educational tools...
- EC Austria has more than 800 members (there is three categories of members)
- 84 Eco-counsellors associated to EC Austria, 322 waste consultants organised in the second umbrella organization "VABOE"

BELGIUM – Belgian Association of Eco-Counsellors www.abece.be

- The Belgian Association of Eco-counsellors (ABECE) is a non profit association created in 1994
- ABECE acts as facilitator of environmental change and experiment agent of new management models (sustainability into day-to-day management of organisations; innovative tools)
- ABECE's main activities are delivering high skilled training and information to its 120 members



CZECH REPUBLIC - Czech Eco-counselling Network (STEP) www.step.cz

- Czech Eco-counselling network (STEP) was founded in 1997 and is the only network for eco-counselling offices in Czech Republic.
- STEP's main activities are education and trainings, publications, advice for new eco-counsellors, preparation of legislation...
- STEP is nowadays concentrating its activities on education and training for its members and the public.
- STEP has 15 members organizations and have three type of membership (a person could also become member)



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FRANCE -The French Association of Eco-counsellors (Association française des Eco-Counsellors –AsFEC-) www.asfec.org



- The French Association of Eco-counsellors (AsFEC), established in 1995, is a non-profit association which promote, represent and enrich the eco-counsellor job
- .AsFEC's main activities are development of the network of eco-counsellors by developing online tools (website, forum, dictionary of the french eco-counsellors, a knowledge database...), organizing of a yearly seminar...
- AsFEC has more than 80 members all trained in the Institut Eco-Conseil in Strasbourg (there is three categories of members)

GERMANY - Bundesverband für Umweltberatung e.V. German (bfub) Federal Association of Eco-Counselling www.umweltberatung.org



- BFUB is the Federal Association of Eco-Counsellors and was created in 1985
- German Federal Association of Eco-Counselling has about 600 members.
- Eco-counsellors in Germany were mostly working in local authorities until the end of the eighties, then a part of EC started free-lance carrier. Nowadays, EC are specialized in Energy, Construction or Local Agenda 21
- BFUB offers a label to Eco-Counsellors and Energy Counsellors

HUNGARY - the Hungarian Network of Eco-counselling Offices (Network) www.kothalo.hu



- the Network's mission is providing the citizens with objective environmental information, and by training environmental conscious approach and environmentally friendly attitudes
- Hungary, the number of Eco-Counsellors is estimated around 100 persons.
- the Network's main activities are coordination, development of the counselling offices, establishing databases, publishing the-matic brochures, organizing eco-counselling events and continuous training
- 19 members (NGO's) in 15 of the 19 counties of Hungary

ITALY – Unione Italiana Consulenti Ambientali (UNICA) www.consulentiambientali.it



- UNICA is a national association created in 2003 which offers many activities aimed to the qualification of environmental consultant profession
- UNICA's main activities are organizing trainings in many sectors (not only for its members)
- UNICA has 50 individual members (6 different memberships) and since 2005 also companies members

Luxembourg - Umweltberodung Lëtzebuerg (EBL) a.s.b.l. www.ebl.lu

- EBL has more than 30 individual members
- EBL provides trainings, newsletters, etc
- With the support of the Luxemburg Ministry of Environment, the association has been financing the implementation of various eco-counselling projects in eastern and central european member states like Romania, Bulgaria, etc



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