

# Regional Environmental Center

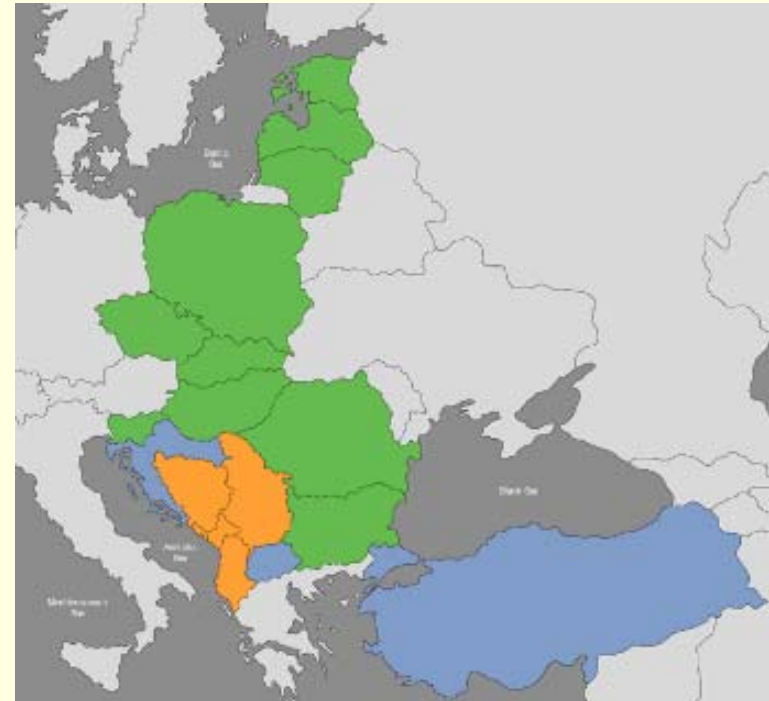
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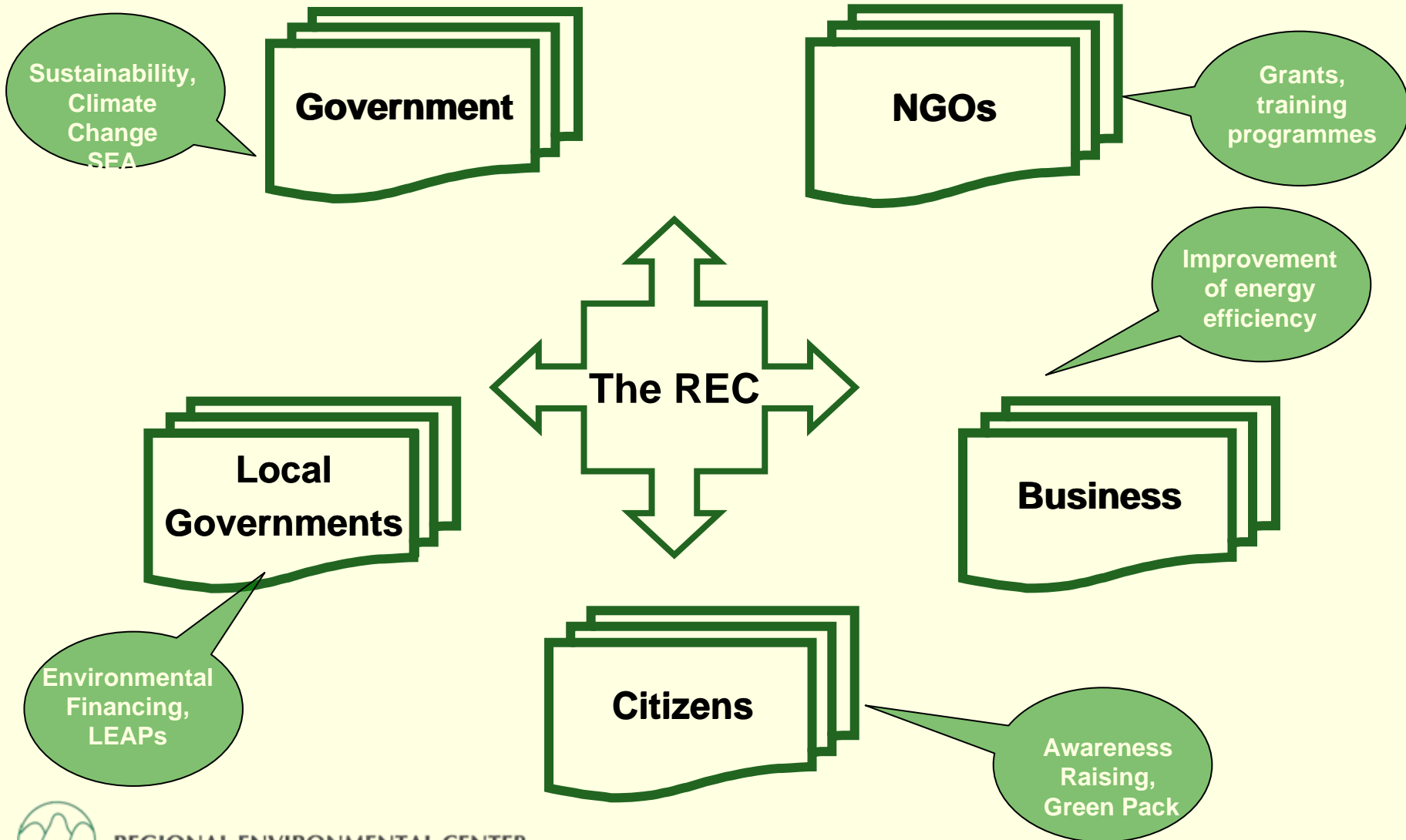
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# Regional Environmental Center (REC)

- “... is an international organisation with a mission to assist in solving environmental problems (...)”
  - The **REC’s Foundation Charter** was **signed** by Hungary, the EC, the US and the Netherlands on June 20 1990
  - The **REC** is legally based on a **charter signed by the governments** of 31 countries (from June 2010 - Sweden and UK) and the EC
  - Multi-stakeholder International Board
  - **190 staff** (some 30 nationalities)
  - 100% project based organization (over **300 running projects/year**)
  - 10 – 12 million Euro annual turnover
    - Japanese Special Fund (1993)
    - Italian Trust Fund (2001)
  - **Offices in 17 countries**
  - Population served ~ 200+ million
  - Operations beyond Central and Eastern Europe



# Bridging – Across Borders



# Main REC International Mandates

- **CIVITAS Initiative**
  - support the secretariat, acting as the initiative's central coordination hub and information request service
- **Danube–Black Sea (DABLAS) Task Force**
  - continue (together with DHV) to manage the Secretariat
- **Environment and Security Initiative (ENVSEC)**
  - Regional Desk Office for SEE
- **Belgrade Climate Change Initiative for SEE (BCCI)**
  - support through activities centred around a Sub-regional Virtual Climate Change Centre, hosted by the Republic of Serbia's Hydro-meteorological Service
- **Belgrade Initiative on Strategic Environmental Assessment**
  - The REC, UNECE and UNDP are members of the Joint Technical Secretariat (JTS), providing assistance in the practical use of strategic environmental assessment (SEA)



# Activities of the REC as per the strategic groups of beneficiaries of the REC

Main direction of work	Thematic areas	1	2	3	4	5
Governance for sustainability	Law Development, Enforcement and Compliance	•	•	•	•	•
	Local governance	•	•	•	•	
	Sustainable Development Academy	•	•	•		
	Educational tools	•	•	•	•	•
	Health and Environment	•	•	•	•	
	Participatory governance	•	•	•	•	
Green economy	Environmental Management	•	•	•		•
	Climate change and clean energy	•	•	•	•	
	Green transport	•	•	•	•	•
	Environmental financing	•	•			•
	Water management	•		•	•	•
	Biodiversity	•			•	

- 1 - EU countries
- 2 - EU candidates
- 3 - EU potential cand.
- 4 - Eastern partnership
- 5 - other regions



# Our Major SEA and EIA projects

- **Training Programmes for:**
  - UN/ECE SEA Protocol implementation (UNECE region)
  - Advanced EIA/SEA Trainings for SEE countries
  - SEA trainings in Russian Federation
  - SEA Trainings in 5 EECCA countries
  - EIA, SEA & IPPC trainings (Poland, Montenegro)
- **Pilot and Obligatory SEAs**
  - Inputs to 4 SEAs for Sectoral Programmes in Romania
  - 11 SEAs of Czech Strategies and Programmes
  - 3 SEAs in Russian Federation for Spatial Plans
- **Guidelines and Manuals:**
  - Inputs to Manual for the UN/ECE SEA Protocol
  - Handbook for SEA of Cohesion Policy 2007-2013
  - Guidelines for integrating CC issues in SEA (current)





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