

Darwin Initiative

Half Year Report (due 31 October each year)

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Project Title	Supporting the Development of Nature Conservation Education in Bulgaria
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Collaborator(s)	TIME Ecoprojects Foundation
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1. Outline progress over the last 6 months (April – September) against the agreed baseline timetable for the project (if your project has started less than 6 months ago, please report on the period since start up).

1. Policy Working Group

The WG Policy had 5 WG meetings. Minutes are available for these meetings. The WG -

- Developed and adopted the framework document for NCE in the context of ESD in Bulgaria. (see Attachment 1)
- Participated in the organization and execution of National Conference about Environmental education, funded by MATRA program and held on 27.05.2005. This was attended by the FSC and involved the launch of the framework document.
- Participated in the organization and execution of the National advisory body for Education for Sustainable development
- Participated in 9th Conference Environmental Education in Europe, Klaipeda, Lithuania 13-18 September 2005 for the promotion of the document.
- Developed a promotional poster about NCE in the context of ESD in Bulgaria and promoting of the Program for support Education for Sustainable Development in Bulgaria

2. Teacher Training Working Group

During the reporting period 4 WG meetings took place. The WG -

- Finalized Information pack for Teacher Training. (see attachment 2)
- Organized of teacher training workshop for October 2005
- Developed a questionnaire and selection procedure for teachers to be trained in workshop
- Program for the workshops developed and discussed with the project partners.
- Letters of invitation from behalf of Ministry of Education and Science developed and sent to the participants in the workshops

3. Education Materials Working Group

During the reporting period 5 WG meetings took place. Minutes of the meetings are available. The WG:

- Developed the content and design the Teachers book for Mandatory Selected Education Module “Environment” for 1st and 2nd grade.
- Developed materials consulted with project partners from FSC – James Hinson and Ken Webster
- Developed a questionnaire and selection procedure for teachers to be trained with the developed education materials coordinated and consulted with WG Teacher training

