

ENVSEC Initiative:

Development, security and environment

The Rio+20 conference will focus on two big themes: “a green economy within the context of sustainable development and poverty eradication”, and “the institutional framework for sustainable development”. In the Pan European region also the need to address the relation between security, development and environment has been stressed and environment and security issues were included in the Co-chair’s summary of the UNECE Regional Preparatory Meeting for the Rio+20 conference.

The ENVSEC partners acknowledge the interdependence of peace, security and sustainable development in line with the Principles 25 and 26 of the Rio Declaration, and the importance of regional cooperation in this respect. Natural resource scarcity and climate change may exacerbate existing tensions and pose risks for international peace and security. At the same time, shared natural resources, including transboundary waters and hazards can be seen as potential pathways for enhanced cooperation, dialogue and confidence building

The ENVSEC Initiative promotes regional cooperation and inter-agency coordination as means to address known and emerging challenges to sustainable development. Ecosystems and environmental problems ignore political boundaries and sectoral divides making it difficult—if not impossible—for countries or groups to address them unilaterally; instead, parties must work together to sustain and manage resources or mitigate negative impacts. Joint environmental monitoring programmes, international river basin management, transboundary cooperation for environmental protection, and regional marine and fishing agreements are all examples of how environmental initiatives can enhance cooperation between countries. The ENVSEC partnership is a model for for implementation of sustainable development goals by addressing environmental, social and economic issues as well as security risks through regional cooperation and dialogue.



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Our projects for sustainable development

Sustainable management in the Dniester River, Eastern Europe (2008-2013)

- Cross country cooperation for sustainable management of the Dniester River basin
- Increased level of involvement of project beneficiaries in joint environmental activities in the region

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A comprehensive study on glacial melting in Central Asia (2010-2012)

- Improved dialogue amongst hydro meteorological institutes in the regions
- Information sharing and awareness of implications of the glacial melting process

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Management and reduction of transboundary risks from hazardous activities in South-Eastern Europe (2009-2012)

- Increased information on the current state and possible remediation solutions of around 150 mining sites in South East Europe
- Improved safety of two non-active mining sites in Reps and Rreshen in Albania through remediation work done UNEP and UNDP

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Southern Caucasus regional cooperation for the implementation of the Aarhus Convention

- Raised awareness on environment and security issues in the region
- Increased access of the civil society to information on environmental issues

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MINISTER ANTTI RYTÖVUORI, MINISTRY FOR FOREIGN AFFAIRS OF FINLAND

“The ENVSEC Initiative is an excellent example of well functioning multi-agency cooperation, a joint effort that can provide an effective integrated response to environment and security challenges.”

CHRISTOPHE BOUVIER, ENVSEC CHAIR 2010

“Making joint decisions on the best course of action to deal with transboundary environmental issues can be a powerful tool” for easing tensions and easing tensions and strengthening security

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