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- ECNC-European Centre for Nature Conservation (Coordination)
- EUCC-the Coastal Union
- Eurosite
- Focus Group: intergovernmental organisations, individual experts, stakeholder organizations from South-East Europe and the Black Sea Area
- Steering Committee: Committee of Experts on the establishment of PEEN

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## ECNC programme:

SEENET –South and East  
European Ecological  
Network



*a programme as part of the  
Pan-European Ecological Network*

## The programme

The programme aims to facilitate the establishment of the Pan-European Ecological Network (PEEN) in South-East Europe and the Black Sea area, and to ensure that interests and considerations specific to these regions are taken into account in international policy processes dealing with PEEN. This programme will adopt an integrative approach, aimed at involving all relevant stakeholder groups and specifically including non-governmental stakeholders. The focus will be on:

- promoting the concept of PEEN among relevant actors and in relevant forums,
- initiating capacity building for ecological networks
- stimulating involvement of the region in international processes
- support to organizations from the region in successfully applying for funding for projects in support of ecological networks and PEEN.

ECNC-European Centre for Nature Conservation, who coordinates this programme is one of the leading organizations on the establishment of PEEN.

## Target groups

The primary target groups benefiting from this programme will include national authorities and NGOs in the region with a focus on Croatia, Serbia, Bulgaria, Romania, Turkey, Russian Federation and Ukraine, as well as owners and managers of protected areas in these countries.

The target groups will benefit from the programme by:

- increased access to information on development in research, policy and funding concerning PEEN and ecological networks in general via the SEENET website;
- trainings/seminars addressing funding and stakeholder involvement/cross-sector cooperation;
- resources to attend international meetings and events;
- higher profile of the region in international forums and policy processes;
- being part of a coordinated network of experts and policy makers.

## Policy relevance

Several initiatives exist on different scales aiming at establishing ecological networks that cover parts or the entirety of South East Europe and the Black Sea Area. These include – inter alia - the Work Programme on Protected Areas and Ecological Networks under the Convention on Biological Diversity, the Bern Conventions Emerald Network, the EU's Natura 2000 and national or regional initiatives such as the Croatian National Ecological Network.

This programme aims to create a framework for increased synergy and cooperation between these initiatives, and thus increase the chances of meeting the Kyiv targets on establishing a Pan-European Ecological Network and ensuring European implementation of the CBD work programme.

In addition the programme will act as a clearing-house on information about policy processes and expertise concerning ecological networks for international, national and regional actors.

## Time frame

The programme will last for 24 months (2006-2008).