



Training for Lithuanian consumer protection NGOs

13th February, 2008

Report

Summary:

NGOs play an important part in the democratic society. They can act as the mediators between different stakeholders and can represent the interests of the society. NGOs are dealing with consumers protection issues or with environmental issues. Therefore it is an important issue for NGOs to know how to work with public, how better to plan our activities and what are the risks related to chemicals in consumer goods.

Baltic Environmental Forum Lithuania organised training for NGOs on “**Consumers information on risks and control of chemicals in consumer goods**”.

Place of the training: Hotel “Holiday Inn”, Vilnius

Date of the training: 13th February, 2008

Contents of the presentations:

Baltic Environmental Forum Lithuania organised a discussion with presentations on how to approach the general public, what methods can be used for informing them and what are the possibilities for receiving information for the NGOs, how to organise a campaign and plan lobbying activities. There were also additional presentations on chemicals in daily goods and on nanotechnologies that are more and more used in production of different products.

Trainers:

Goda Kuliesyte – chemicals and environmental expert, Baltic Environmental Forum
Sergej Suzdalev – nano-technology expert, Baltic Environmental Forum

Target group: representatives from Lithuanian consumer protection and environmental NGOs.

Participants:

There were 19 participants taking part at the training representing mainly consumer protection and environmental NGOs. But there were also some representatives from state authorities related with consumer and representatives from educational institutions.

Proceeding and evaluation of the training:

There were presentations and discussions after the presentations held. The participants were interested in the presentations and there were many discussions afterwards. There were many discussions on collaboration held, as it became clear that there are so many consumer organisations but no cooperation among them.

The participants found the training interesting and useful for their further work and they most of them indicated that it will contribute for their further work, future projects and in every day life.

Most valuable topics were: Danish experience in assessing hazardous chemicals in toys among the institutions, nanotechnologies and practical examples of chemicals in daily goods.

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