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# About CEKOR and it's energy work

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## History of CEKOR

Established 27.12.1999 in Belgrade, Serbia

Is independent, not for profit and nongovernmental organization

Started activities and projects in 2001 godine

From April 2011, CEKOR has official address of Registration in Subotica, Vojvodina region

CEKOR has office in Subotica with technical equipment, 3 full-time employees, 2 part-time, 5 active members recruited on projects basis and 15 volunteers



## Our vision and aims

CEKOR's vision is socially and economically just society with equal opportunities for all citizens, while maintaining the environment and natural resources for future generations.

### Aims:

Promotion of transparency and public participation in environmental decision making

Raising public awareness about environmental protection and sustainable development

Promotion of sustainable energy and sustainable transport

Protection and preserving biodiversity





## Level and areas of work

CEKOR -one of the most recognized environmental organization in Serbia carrying work at the international, national, regional and local level,

Areas of work: promotion of renewable energy and energy efficiency, sustainable urban transport, waste, genetically modified organisms, environmental policy and monitoring of IFIs (International Financial Institutions) in Serbia.





## Memberships and networking in the CEE and SEE region

Member of CEE Bankwatch Network since 2004, [www.bankwatch.org](http://www.bankwatch.org)

CEKOR was involved in South East Europe Development Watch (SEEDW)  
- <http://seedw.org>

Member of INFORSE-EUROPE - <http://www.inforse.org>.

Member of GENET- <http://www.genet-info.org>

Member of SEE.NET -South East Europe Network for Energy and Transport

National level / BELLS (Balkan Environmental Life Leadership Standard),  
Natura 2000 network



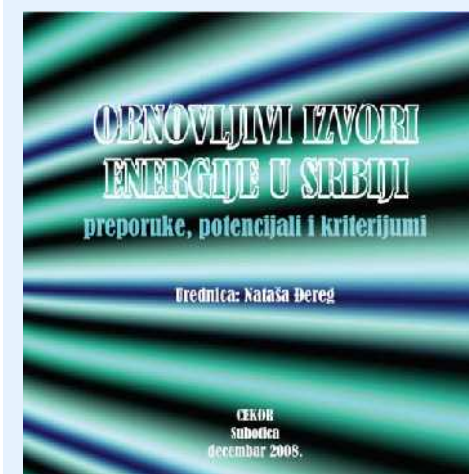
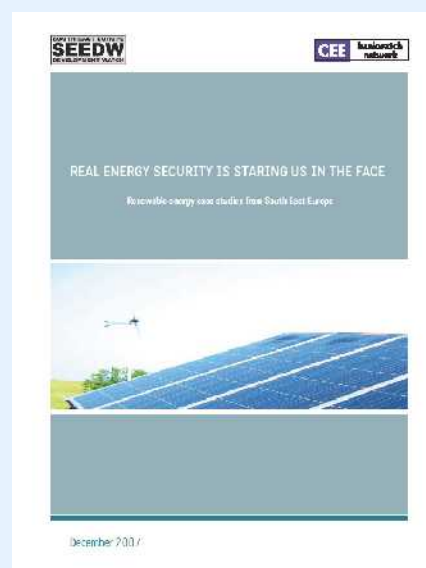
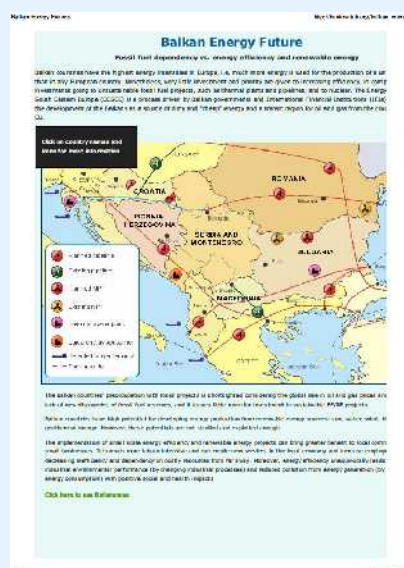
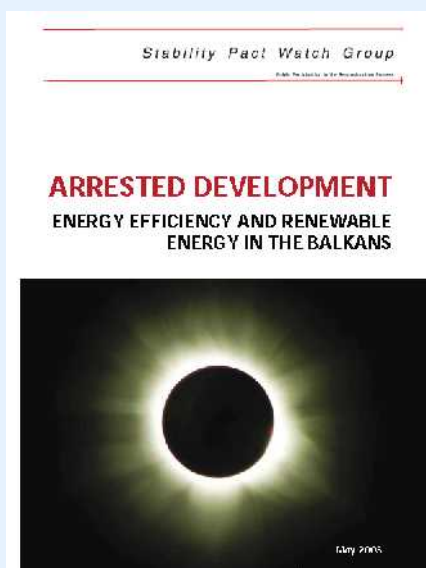
## Work with Bankwatch



CEKOR is CEE Bankwatch Network representative in Serbia since 2004

CEKOR is working on specific project campaigns, especially targeting big infrastructure projects in Serbia and in the SEE region (energy, transport, waste) with detrimental environmental and/or social impacts.

CEKOR is continuously working on promotion of RES and EE in Serbia, and monitoring implementation of relevant legislation.





## Work with Bankwatch

CEKOR is participating and organizing campaigns against large destructive energy projects in Balkans and elsewhere like BELENE NPP in Bulgaria

In 2011 CEKOR with CEE Bankwatch Network started campaign oriented on project of strategic importance for the region: Kolubara Coal Power Plant (Serbia) – with EBRD financing. (recent example of an international investment project that perpetuates Serbia's dependency on coal



CEKOR is also participating in various events related to the Transport and Energy Community, and monitor the developments around the Energy Community for SEE in order to advocate for prioritizing EE/RES and sustainable transport projects in the Balkan countries.



## Short briefing about background for Kolubara campaign

Build up of coal sector supported by IFIS (EBRD ) one of biggest dangers for future of Serbian energy sector, because Serbia producing 70% of electricity from coal power plants

Further development will lock Serbia for next 40 years in to fossil fuel dependency and macro/micro economical and environmental destabilization and structural instability for future decades.

Wide support from national NGOs In late August 2011 Fact Finding Mission to Kolubara mining complex



Kolubara mine



## Environment Forum

Since 2009 CEKOR (as one of the three environmental NGOs from Serbia) is participating in the "Environment Forum" project of the European Commission. Project aims to support NGOs in their active and constructive role in the enlargement process with focus on information exchange and improvement in transparency between NGOs and the Commission.

CEKOR is involved in organizing and attending preparatory country meetings, communication between NGOs, project team and the EC, as to provide concerns and interests of the NGOs and solely on the most important trends and issues in the EU enlargement process, for example through commenting the Country's Progress Reports and annual meetings.

CEKOR is also participating in RENA process and meetings.

NGOs from the SEE region for 2011 have selected energy & transport issues as the most important areas to be discussed during Annual meeting in September with European Commission.

The position of NGOs on English is available:

<http://www.cekor.org/pdf/ENVForum%202011%20-%20NGO%20Position%20Paper%20-%20Energy.pdf>



## Other Current Projects related to energy

From February 2011 CEKOR is official partner of the Government of Serbia as representative of CSO in the process of **IPA programming and monitoring of usage of IPA funds in environment & energy sector.**

As of recently CEKOR as a partner of NGO Center for Free Election and Democracy (CeSID), the Municipality of Vrbas and the Municipality of Kula in **IPA Support to Civil Society project „Inclusion of Civil Society Organizations in Energy and Climate Policy Making at Local level“** where CEKOR will in 2011 lead the process of preparation of the Guide for public participation in energy and climate policy making, implementation and monitoring

During 2010 Jefferson Institute in Belgrade (<http://www.jeffersoninst.org>) invited CEKOR to speak on the series of round tables regarding potentials and obstacles for RES and EE in Serbia and these sessions were covered in Serbian Economist magazine as thematic reports.

There is more, but....



**Thank you for your attention**

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