

WHO WE ARE

- ★ The Regional Environmental Center for Central and Eastern Europe (REC) is an international organization established in 1990 with a mission "to assist in solving the environmental problems through the promotion of cooperation among stakeholders, the free exchange of information, and public participation in environmental decision-making", with a network in 17 countries in Central and South Eastern Europe, with a head office in Hungary. The REC fulfills this mission by promoting cooperation among governments, nongovernmental organisations, businesses and other environmental stakeholders, and by supporting the free exchange of information and public participation in environmental decision making. Today, the REC is legally based on a charter with over 30 signatories.

OUR EXPERIENCE

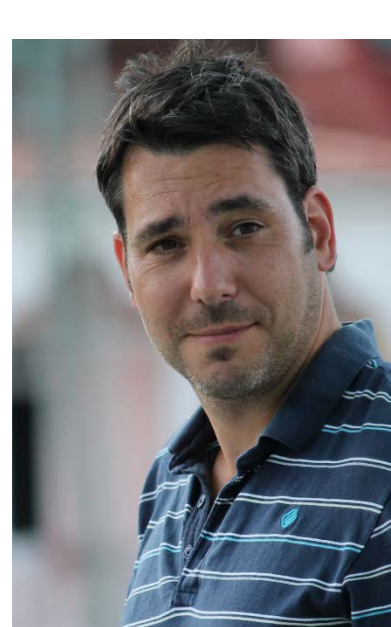
- ★ The REC actively participates in key global, regional and local processes and contributes to environmental and sustainability solutions within and beyond its country office network, transferring transitional knowledge and experience to countries and regions.
- ★ The REC implements a multi-stakeholder approach and maintains both the local in-country presence and a regional perspective while carrying out its activities. REC has extensive experience in the management of large, multi-country projects, including support to the development of analysis and evaluation of existing environmental policies, collecting and exchanging of good practices, capacity-building, awareness raising activities in the fields of environmental protection and sustainable development.
- ★ The REC works in various fields of sustainable development, bridging solutions and stakeholders of issues, such as environmental policy, climate change, biodiversity, green economy, renewable energy, environment and health, environmental information, law drafting, sectoral integration and waste management.



WHAT WE DO IN ESMERALDA

- ★ The REC is involved in several WPs under the ESMERALDA project: supporting the development and facilitation of stakeholder process throughout the project, providing input to the identification of case studies and organising one of the project workshops focusing on testing the methodology for multiple users at multiple scales.

WE ARE ALSO INVOLVED IN LIFE Kampinos Wetlands, Green Infrastructure Network



Tamás Kristóf Kállay

- ★ expert in the fields of sustainable resource use, agri-environment, spatial development, eco-innovation
- ★ focusing on policy analysis
- ★ member of the UNECE working group on green economy
- ★ project management



Réka Virág-Prokai

- ★ supporting the implementation of climate change, ecosystem services and green infrastructure related programs
- ★ focusing on local implementation, building capacities, facilitating the dialogue among different stakeholders and intersectoral cooperation
- ★ project management
- ★ previously planner analyst in the field of spatial planning



Zbigniew Szkop

- ★ expert in the field of ecosystem services evaluation
- ★ involved in the project "LIFE Kampinos Wetlands"
- ★ currently also doing PhD research on assessing, mapping and valuing ecosystem services provided by urban trees