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**1ST ANNUAL TRAINING SCHOOL
ON INTERNATIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL NEGOTIATION
AS A GOVERNANCE PROCESS**

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- ❖ **The European Cooperation in Science and Technology (COST) Action IS0802 Transformation of Global Environmental Governance (TGEG)
*Working Group 3 on Governance Architecture and Processes***

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THE THEORETICAL PLATFORM OF THE TRAINING SCHOOL

The philosophy of this Training School is to promote an approach to understanding international environmental negotiation as a process of governance. This is one of the core theoretical and research platforms of the MEPIELAN Centre of Panteion University. Associated with the preparation, constitution and evolution of conventional environmental regimes, international environmental negotiation needs to be understood in relation to the process of formation and operation of a conventional

environmental regime and within a horizontally developing international order. It is a *multilateral governance technique*, having a more normative and robust definitive structure (a structurally “heavy” process), *engineering* the preparation, pattern-establishment, control and management, by consensus-building and in perpetuity, of environmental regime relationships among States and relational Non-State actors, attaining the protection and promotion of international common interest. Unlike the well-known – but less theoretically developed – approaches to negotiation which relegate it into an abstract, general technique aimed at getting to an efficient and effective result called “an agreement”, the conceptualization of international negotiation as a multilateral governance technique is aimed at changing perspectives. It brings forward the *canvas of the process*, where, instead of looking at the uniform achievement, through a standard technique, of a “perfect” end-product reflecting a discrete relationship, we look at the process of multilateral governance of relationships on environmental issues punctuated in a sequence of evolving textual aspects of governance, operating contextually, with a view to protecting, advancing and promoting international common or communal interest as well as internal or domestic interests (e.g., social, economic, political and technological effectiveness and efficiency) *in association* and at all levels, vertical (international, national and local) and horizontal (state and non-state actors).

This 1st Training School will address the general theoretical platform of the international environmental negotiation as a governance process, and will then examine and compare the environmental negotiation process in relation to the development of selected topics in specific issue areas, including:

- the governance of water resources
- governance of maritime activities
- governance of genetic resources
- governance of climate change

Also, the “transgovernmentalization” of environmental governance and its contribution, through effective, efficient and equitable natural resource management, to peacemaking in a region of conflict will be addressed. Concerning this issue where the study area is the Middle East, the linkage between the environmental and political negotiation will be assessed, the contribution of transgovernmentalization of environmental governance at national and local levels to the building of trust and cooperation between parties in conflict will be reviewed, and the potential roles of international organizations, NGOs and the private sector in this regard will be assessed.

ABOUT THE ORGANIZATION OF THE TRAINING SCHOOL

Description and Objectives

The aim of the Training School is to convey an in-depth understanding of an interdisciplinary approach to international environmental negotiation as a governance process, and to give 25 participants and 20 observers the opportunity to be familiarized and trained on such an approach as well as on the international environmental negotiation of certain specific environmental issues of current importance. The course will equip participants with the analytical tools for the

conduct of such a negotiation, will foster group discussion and will prepare participants for negotiations on the specific environmental issues of the course. Simulation exercises will be conducted. Use of communication technologies will facilitate active discussions among participants beyond the duration of the Training School.

Teaching is organised across six themes:

- General training International Environmental Negotiation as a Governance Technique
- Negotiating Transgovernmentalization of Environmental Governance in the context of a Region in Conflict
- the Governance of Water
- Governance of Maritime Activities
- Governance of Genetic Resources
- Climate Change Governance

The courses of the Training School stem from the general theoretical and conceptual foci agreed by the Working Group 3 of the COST Action IS0802 TGEG and cover most of its issue-areas.

The teaching language will be English.

There will be 5 full teaching and training days, each divided into morning and afternoon sessions. Each session will be run by one or two designated lecturers, who will deliver a lecture on a well-defined topic. Prior to the Training School a comprehensive list of required readings and materials related to the lectures will be sent to participants along with a detailed day by day programme.

Social events will be organised

Duration: 5 days

Study mode: Full time

Start date: The training school will start on 23 November 2009

Course Venue

Institute of International Relations – MEPIELAN Centre, Hill Building, Hill Street, Plaka, Athens, Greece

Lecturers

The Faculty for the 1st Training School are all internationally recognized scholars and researchers and experts drawn from partner institutions in Europe and invited international experts

The Faculty of the Training School will include the following lecturers:

- Dr. **Steinar Andresen**, Fridtjof Nansen Institute (FNI), Norway
- Ms. **Valerie Brachya**, Environmental Policy Centre, Jerusalem Institute for Israel Studies, and Hebrew University, Israel
- Professor **Meinhard Doelle**, Dalhousie Law School, Dalhousie University, Halifax, Canada
- Dr. **Elli Louka**, MEPIELAN Centre/Panteion University of Athens, Greece
- Professor **Moira McConnell**, Dalhousie Law School, Dalhousie University, Halifax, Canada
- Profesor **Evangelos Raftopoulos**, MEPIELAN Centre/Panteion University of Athens, Greece
- Mr. **Mohammad Said Al Hmaid**, Chief of Party CHF International

Participants

The Training School will be primarily attended by researchers as well as by selected early stage national negotiators from across Europe, giving priority to the 13 European countries (universities, institutes, centres) which are Parties to the COST ACTION IS0802 TGEG (Austria, Belgium, Bulgaria, France, Germany, Greece, Lithuania, The Netherlands, Norway, Slovak Republic, Sweden, Switzerland, and United Kingdom). Selection will be limited to 25 persons.

The course will be also attended by 20 observers from Greek universities, institutes, centres, public and private sector, and NGOs.

Course Qualification

Participants will receive a Certificate of Attendance at the end of the Training School

Outcome of the Course

- A collection of analytic papers and simulation exercises for use in training courses on international environmental negotiation process to be published as a book produced by reputable publishers in the field. It will be widely disseminated among the academic community and decision makers.
- Outlines of the lectures will be included in an e-publication to be posted in the MEPIELAN Centre Website and in the COST ACTION IS0802 Website.

Application and Selection

Eligible candidates are requested to apply for this Training School by sending an e-mail to trainingschool2009@mepielan.gr with their *personal information* (name, organisation, address, contact information), *a short CV* (maximum two A4 pages, Times New Roman 12 pt) and *a motivation letter* (maximum one A4 page, Times New Roman 12 pt) highlighting their interests and the reasons for their participation. Their selection will depend on such information. Ph.D Students doing research on, or early stage national negotiators having specific experience of, any of the issues to be discussed in the Training School, are particularly encouraged to apply.

Closing Date for receipt of applications

31 August 2009

Other Important Dates

7 September 2009: Notification of Acceptance to Applicants (via e-mail)

14 September 2009: Selected Trainees must communicate formally their acceptance to the Summer School and send their proposed travel plan (if applicable)

Contact and further Information

Further enquiries should be sent to: trainingschool2009@mepielan.gr

Information about the Training School is also available in the website of MEPIELAN Centre: www.mepielan.gr as well as in the website for COST Action IS0802 (TGEG): www.glogov.org