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**Candidates Nominated for the Elections of Regional Representatives for Europe**  
Pursuant to the call that was sent out to all accredited organisations to nominate candidates for elections for the FIVE regions: Africa, West Asia, Asia Pacific and Europe, Latin America and the Caribbean; that had not carried out elections.

Ser. No	Name and Organisation of nominated Candidate	Name and Organisation of the nominator	Short Bio of the Nominated Candidate (as submitted by the nominators)
1.	Janis Brizga - European Environmental Bureau (EEB)	Jeremy Wates, Secretary General, European Environmental Bureau (EEB)	Janis Brizga has 18 years of experience in working on a broad range of environmental issues in the Baltics, in networks across Europe and the UNECE region as well as at international level. His focus areas are sustainable development and sustainable consumption governance. He has represented various NGOs at international level, including UNEA and in UNECE processes. Janis Brizga is Head of the Board of the Latvian environmental organisation Green Liberty. Previously, he was chair of ANPED (The Northern Alliance for Sustainability), an NGO network covering the UNECE region, and he worked as the Director of the Environmental Policy Programme at WWF-Latvia and as the Executive Director of the Latvian office of the Coalition Clean Baltic. He holds a Ph.D. in Environmental Science and a Master of Social Science in Public Administration from the University of Latvia. He speaks Latvian, Russian and English. Janis Brizga is a member of the Global Research Forum on Sustainable Consumption and Production as well as of the Emerging Leaders in Environmental and Energy Policy Network (ELEEP). He is a member of the board of the European Environmental Bureau (EEB), Europe's largest federation of citizens' environmental organisations. With his long-standing experience in a broad range of environmental work throughout the European region, his participation in regional and international environmental processes and his extensive pan-European network in the environmental field, we believe that Janis Brizga



			would not only be a well-qualified and knowledgeable, but also a committed Regional Representative.
2.	<b>Sascha Gabizon</b> - Women Engage for a Common Future	Anke Stock, Senior Specialist Gender and Rights	Sascha Gabizon is an expert on international environmental policy processes and has been in the past chair of the UNEP Major Group and Stakeholder Facilitating Committee. She is still an active member of the Women’s Major Group but has recently been elected into a new role of the Women’s Major Group, to develop and facilitate the European regional activities. In that regional role, she has coordinated input for the UNEP report „Towards a Pollution Free Planet“, for the GEO-6 report, and for the Ministerial Outcome document of UNEA-3. In the previous years, Sascha was one of the key coordinators for the GGEO of UNEP, and co-authored the chapter on gender and energy. Sascha’s main expertise is on Environmental Health and on the Sustainable Development process (Agenda 2030), which are both key for the upcoming UNEA. She can link the UNEA-3 to regional European process on Chemicals, Waste, Environmental Health, Climate and Water & Sanitation. Sascha has shown to be a capable and motivating facilitator for civil society engagement in UNEP’s processes and we can highly recommend her.
3.	<b>Stephen Stec</b> - Central European University	Stephen Stec, adjunct professor - Central European University	Stephen Stec has been a representative in the Science and Technology Major Group of Central European University since its accreditation. A noted expert in fields related to Rio Principle 10, he is well equipped to serve as a Regional Representative because of his involvement as an expert and rapporteur in the review of UNEP’s Stakeholder Engagement Policy. From that work he has gained broad insight into the state of the art of stakeholder engagement in international organizations, and can therefore help to forcefully advocate for more meaningful and more influential engagement of Major Groups and Stakeholders in UNEP processes. Also, as a lawyer he is adept at understanding the role of a representative and advocate, which is a key aspect of the Regional Representative’s responsibilities. Finally, he has participated in different roles in both UNEAs and in preparatory



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			processes and has good professional relationships with a broad range of UNEP stakeholders. He is a permanent resident of Hungary.
4.	<b>Botnaru Petru</b> - Terra-1530	Zuleanu Lucian, expert - Terra-1530	<p>Petru Botnaru, Freelance Journalist (34 years of professional experience in the field of Media Relations), Republic of Moldova/Romania; Executive Director NGO "Terra-1530"; Editor ADEVARUL (The Truth). At the International Awards for Liveable Communities (October 22-30, 2011, Seoul, Korea), NGO "Terra-1530" has won the 3rd place in the Bursary Awards section, presenting the projects implemented in Vorniceni village (headquarters). <a href="http://www.livcomawards.com/2011-awards/winners.htm">http://www.livcomawards.com/2011-awards/winners.htm</a> 2. In 2003, an exceptional situation has been declared in the Vorniceni village, Republic of Moldova, because at the "Ion Inculet" lyceum was identified 75 cases of Hepatitis A. This situation motivated the first step was of solving the problem: creating The Moldovan Network of Rural Volunteering Centers for Water (MNRVCW). The MNRVCW will make an important contribution to the achievement of the Millennium Development Goals, to all of which water plays a crucial role. The MNRVCW Mission aims at expanding its activities including other villages, countries on local, regional, national, European and International level. Therefore, NGO "TERRA-1530", Regional Youth Council, Association for Youth Promotion "XXI Century" is asking you to spread the word that we are looking for partners in our efforts to expand our activities, including, for example, volunteer's exchange. Role: ensuring transparency; exchange of experience. <a href="https://www.facebook.com/petru.botnaru.7">https://www.facebook.com/petru.botnaru.7</a> <a href="https://petrubotnaru.wordpress.com/">https://petrubotnaru.wordpress.com/</a> <a href="http://terra1530.md/eng/proiecte/proiecte1.htm">http://terra1530.md/eng/proiecte/proiecte1.htm</a></p>
5.	<b>Michel Prieur</b> - Centre International de Droit Comparé de l'Environnement (CIDCE)	Michel Prieur president of the centre international de droit comparé de l'environnement,	Emeritus professor of environmental law; For more than 40 years I followed and worked in environmental issue at european and international level; as president of an International NGO with special ECOSOC consultative status I participate with my team to all UN international meetings, see



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			<p><a href="http://www.cidce.org">www.cidce.org</a>; Former president of the European association of environmental law and former editor of the European environmental law review; member of the IUCN; I wish a more inclusive and participatory action between European ONG to give more output tu UNEP and UNEA job; strong links must be established with all regions to reinforce universalism in environmental protection</p>
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