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Candidates Nominated for the Elections of Regional Facilitators

Pursuant to the call that was sent out to Europe Region accredited organizations to nominate candidates for elections for the Europe Region.

Serial 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.	Patrizia Heidegger- European Environmental Bureau (EEB) patrizia.heidegger@eeb.org	Janis Brizga, Chair European Environmental Bureau (EEB) janis@zalabriviba.lv	Patrizia is the Global policy unite coordinator at EEB, working with the global environmental policy development and coordinating European NGO involvement in global policy development.
2	Mansura Rasulzade Alliance for the Protection of Biodiversity mansurarasulzade@gmail.com	Madina Rza Alliance for the Protection of Biodiversity madinasays@gmail.com	Highly recommending both due to the high-level proficiency on the activity.
3	Rahim Afandiyev Alliance for the Protection of Biodiversity lcare4animals@noah-alliance.org	Madina Rza Alliance for the Protection of Biodiversity madinasays@gmail.com	Highly recommending both due to the high-level proficiency on the activity.



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4	<p>Sadig Hasanov</p> <p>Ecological Society Ruzgar</p> <p>h_sadiq@mail.ru</p>	<p>Islam Mustafayev, Chairman of Ecological Society</p> <p>Ecological Society Ruzgar</p> <p>ruzgar-1996@mail.ru</p>	<p>High quality specialist on Environmental protection. Experience in NGO-activities. Skills and knowledge on the management of International projects. Regarding educational and professional level</p>
5	<p>Hafiza Imanova</p> <p>Ecological Society Ruzgar</p> <p>hafizaimanova@yahoo.com</p>	<p>Islam Mustafayev, Chairman of Ecological Society</p> <p>Ecological Society Ruzgar</p> <p>ruzgar-1996@mail.ru</p>	<p>High quality specialist on Environmental protection. Experience in NGO-activities. Skills and knowledge on the management of International projects. Regarding educational and professional level.</p>
6	<p>Dr. Nadejda Komendantova</p> <p>komendan@iiasa.ac.at</p> <p>International Institute for Applied Systems Analysis (IIASA)</p>	<p>Dr. Albert van Jaarsveld, Director General and CEO</p> <p>International Institute for Applied Systems Analysis (IIASA)</p> <p>jaarsveld@iiasa.ac.at</p>	<p>Dr. Nadejda Komendantova joined International Institute for Applied Systems Analysis (IIASA) in 2008 and since then acquired a number of progressively responsible positions such as project leader, leader of governance in transition team and elected member of Internal Research Committee. She was also a senior research scholar at ETH Zurich until 2018. She is a principle investigator and a leader of several projects being supported by national ministries and the European Commission. Her most recent projects are: -“Linking climate change mitigation, energy security and regional development in climate and energy model regions in</p>



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			<p>Austria” (LINKS) project, which is supported by the Austrian Climate Research Program, - “MENA Sustainable ELECTricity Trajectories Energy for sustainable development in North Africa and the Middle East” (MENA-SELECT) supported by the German Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development (BMZ), - “CO-INFORM, Co-Creating Misinformation – Resilient Societies” project, which is supported by the European Commission. She coordinates and contributes to a number of cooperation projects with other international organizations such as Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe (OSCE), United Nations Industrial Development Organization (UNIDO), Organization for Cooperation and Development in Europe (OECD), International Anti-Corruption Academy (IACA) and others. Dr. Komendantova is a lead author of the draft of the strategy of industrial development of Kyrgyzstan for UNIDO, of the handbook on protection of electricity networks from natural hazards for OSCE, which was translated also into Russian and Arabic languages, contributed to a number of international reports on water-energy nexus, energy security and participatory governance. The work of Dr. Komendantova includes more than 80 publications, among them in the Global Corruption Report (Transparency International), the Global Assessment Report (GAR) report, input papers for the United Nation Office for Disaster Risk Reduction (UNISDR), the chapter on risk governance for the global report issues by</p>
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		<p>the Global Facility for Disaster Reduction and Recovery of the World Bank and contribution to the Global Renewable Energy Report (REN21) as well as a number of other peer-reviewed publications in such journals as Energy Policy, Natural Hazards, Renewable and Sustainable Energies Reviews, International Journal of Disaster Risk Reduction and others. Her work has also been granted awards from the Academic Council of the United Nations as well as the Julius Raab Foundation. She received a number of invitations to speak at high-level policy forums such as at the Directorate General for Research and Innovation of the European Commission, NATO, Energy Community Secretariat, Energy Charter Forum, UNECE and OSCE. Among qualifications of Dr. Komendantova are the following: - experience in the policy process (and science to policy) while being representative at OSCE for several years participating at the policy events such as ministerial meetings, preparatory meetings, regional meetings for the Mediterranean partners groups etc.; - experience in preparation of background documents for policy meetings (such as various background reports for OSCE and UNIDO) and giving presentations at the policy events with countries representatives (several presentations at OSCE); - experience in working and commenting on policy documents being member of renewable energy group (GERE) at UNECE; - more than 10 years of experience on environment issues being a reviewer to several IPCC reports nominated by the Austrian Ministry of</p>
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			<p>Environment (including the current one) and realising several projects on climate change mitigation and adaptation; - experience in presenting IIASA findings to national policy stakeholders (several talks at the policy bodies such as parliament and various ministries in Kyrgyzstan, Turkmenistan and Jordan) on industrial development strategy developed by IIASA; - focus of research on policy analysis and participatory governance and successfully acquired projects on this from European Commission and national ministries; - experience of providing presentations and talks at various policy forums (around 20 every year, the list of presentations can be provided).</p>
7	<p>Dr. Stephan Pietsch pietsch@iiasa.ac.at</p> <p>International Institute for Applied Systems Analysis (IIASA)</p>	<p>Dr. Albert van Jaarsveld, Director General and CEO</p> <p>International Institute for Applied Systems Analysis (IIASA)</p> <p>jaarsveld@iiasa.ac.at</p>	<p>Dr. Stephan Alexander Pietsch is a Senior Research Scholar at Ecosystems Services and Management Program of the International Institute for Applied Systems Analysis (IIASA). He received academic education in formal logic (BSc), biology (BSc), physiology and ecology of plants (MSc) at the University of Vienna and in biotechnology (PhD) at the University of Natural Resources and Life Sciences Vienna (BOKU), which provided the basis for his work in the interdisciplinary field of ecosystem modeling. He started this line of research in January 2000 at BOKU's Institute of Forest Growth Research, from where he switched to a faculty position at the Institute of Silviculture in December 2007. Parts of the research activities, involved stake holder engagement from private forestry companies and foresters associations, and integrating research results over the local, regional, federal and</p>



			<p>European scale (private forest companies, the Austrian Foresters Associations, Federal Ministry of Transport and Trade, H2020, etc.). Besides the continuing research activities in Europe, another research focus on tropical ecosystems emerged. In this context, he organized and conducted extended field work in tropical Africa to establish the data sets needed for modeling tropical ecosystems under different degrees of disturbance and/or degradation. After being granted the authorization to teach (venia docendi) in Ecosystem Modelling, Dr. Pietsch joined IIASA's Ecosystems Services and Management (ESM) Program in June 2014 to enforce ecosystem modelling capacity. Among qualifications of Dr. Pietsch is his connections within the European and African forestry sector, with well established outreach to Asia, the Caribbean and Central to South America.</p>
8	<p>Sophiko Akhobadze sophiko.akhobadze@rec-caucasus.org</p> <p>Regional Environmental Centre for the Caucasus (R.E.C)</p>	<p>Evgenia Mekhtieva, Head of Admin Unit evgenia.mekhtieva@rec-caucasus.org</p> <p>Regional Environmental Centre for the Caucasus (R.E.C)</p>	<p>Sophiko Akhobadze has a thorough understanding of UN Environment’s policy and has a proven track record of successful contacts with non-governmental organizations in the countries of Eastern Europe and Central Asia. As the regional director of the Regional Environmental Center for the Caucasus, since 2009, she has provided strategic planning, programme/vision development, advance of networking between CBD, UNFCCC and UNCCD focal points and other key stakeholders, managing contacts, cooperating with partners, mentoring topic area leaders, etc. From 2006-2012, Ms. Sophiko Akhobadze was member of standing committee of Ramsar convention</p>



			representing European Region, she is member of GEF SCO Network sine 2011 and founder and member of board of directors of the Black Sea NGO network. She has been chairing the UNCCD SCO panel from 2016-2018.
9	<p>Petru Botnaru</p> <p>terra1530@gmail.com</p> <p>Terra-1530</p>	<p>Lucian Zuleanu, expert</p> <p>Terra-1530</p>	<p>Petru Botnaru, Freelance Journalist; Executive Director of the NGO "Terra-1530"; Editor ADEVARUL (The Truth). https://www.kyivpost.com/author/petru-botnaru On December 14, 2012, the Vorniceni Village Council, Republic of Moldova, approved a decision(nr. 8/16) concerning changing the destination of a land area for the purpose of arranging of a square, this constituting one of the objectives of the Socio-Economic Development Strategy of Vorniceni village. The Decision of the Village Council to plant trees on the respective public plot was taken due to the mutual initiative of the local civil society and the "Terra-1530" NGO. From the very start more partners were committed to finding a solution for a community problem of global importance. For example, the forestation will constitute our response to the Global Warming phenomenon. https://www.facebook.com/groups/410323769049392</p>
10	<p>Nadina Danaila</p> <p>nadina.danaila@gmail.com</p> <p>Terra-1530</p>	<p>Lucian Zuleanu, expert</p> <p>Terra-1530</p> <p>zuleanulucian@gmail.com</p>	<p>Nadina Danila: Young European Ambassador; volunteer of the NGO "Terra-1530"; President Regional Youth Council. Experience - https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dmeQOOtJN2M https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Jzsr7OJznDc</p>



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