

Bridging Partners, Regions, and Concepts...

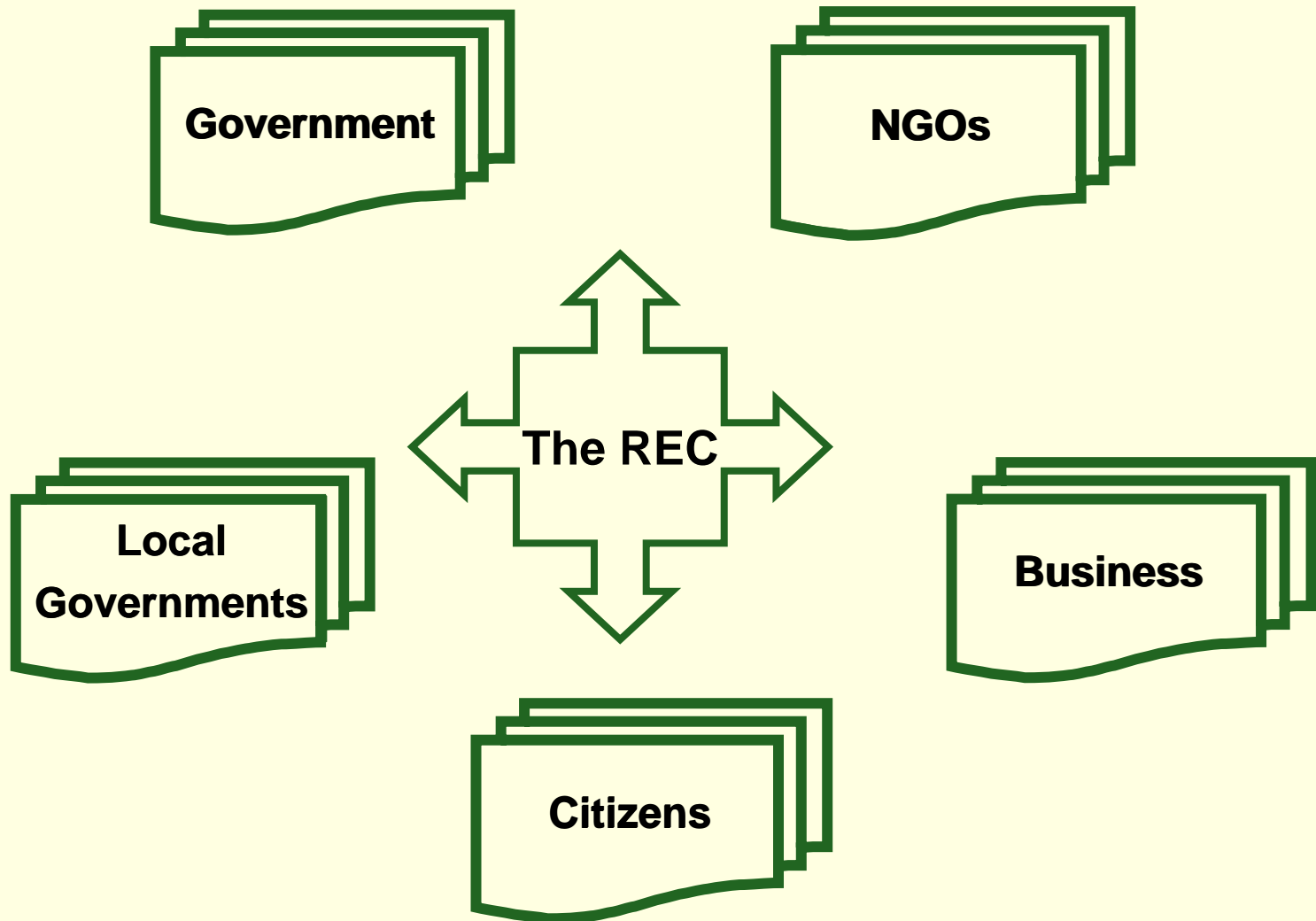
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Bridges – Across Borders



Pillars of Bridging

- geo-political *position*
 - mission, given and supported by Signatories
 - CO network
- *capital* from 13 years of existence
 - the know-how, goodwill, expert network and institution network
 - 3000 projects
- ministerial *mandates*
 - e.g.: Aarhus 1998 Environment for Europe Ministerial Conference
 - secretariat of the CEE sub-programme of the Task Force for Implementation of the Environmental Action Programme for CEE (EAP Task Force)



Sofia Initiative on Local Air Quality

SILAQ – as contribution to the implementation of the WSSD Partnership for Clean Fuels and Vehicles

- Launched at the Sofia 1995 Environment for Europe Ministerial Conference
 - Between 1995-1998 REC was contributing to its implementation, OECD EAP Task Force Secretariat
 - Between 1998-2003 REC in charge of SILAQ as secretariat of the CEE sub-programme of the EAP Task Force



SILAQ – Urban Air

- Cooperation model of SILAQ
 - Cooperation between interested CEE countries, east-east exchange
 - USA supporting the activities
 - Portable sampling equipment donated by USEPA to measure particulate matter (PM) 10, PM 2.5 and total suspended particulates, and other pollutants
 - The PM measurements unique for CEE urban areas and high risks zones, e.g.: Bulgaria Romania, Croatia, Hungary, Slovenia
 - Measures taken by the authorities to address the PM pollution respectively fulfil EU air quality requirements



SILAQ – Phasing Out Leaded Gasoline

- Project ensured a forum for exchange of expertise and experience in the development and implementation of
 - national programmes
 - specific measures for phasing out leaded gasoline
- A study has been completed on the needs of SEE countries
 - taking stock of the activities to date
 - establishing contacts
 - encourage countries



SILAQ - activities

Data collection

Exchange of experience ► regional workshops

Synthesis publications on status, policies, measures, results

Database on available technologies

Country analyses ► scenarios ► measures



SILAQ – Partnership

- SILAQ countries followed different approach ► exchange of ideas and information
 - Advanced CEE countries experience was shared with SEE countries in Sofia in 2001
 - Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, FYR Macedonia or Serbia and Montenegro needs assistance to develop policies and strategies to phase out leaded gasoline



SILAQ – Possible Future Activities

- Issues to be addressed:
 - Problems in the implementation of the new legislative requirements
 - Analyses of the best applicable technologies on cleaner motor fuels
 - Evaluation of economic mechanisms for ensuring an efficient investment process
 - Support for information dissemination on progress and available opportunities



SILAQ - Model

- **A good example of cooperation**
 - Established network of experts and institutions within the Initiative
 - Harmonisation of national legislations with EU is complete
 - Future challenge lie in the implementation of legal acts and regulation



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