TRAINING COURSE ON ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE
Monday 2 March 2015 (9:30-17:00), Mundo B, Brussels

After 4 years of working on environmental justice, the Environmental Justice Organisations, Liabilities and Trade, or the EJOLT project, has accumulated extensive knowledge on tools, such as economic valuation, legal pathways, health and risk assessment and ecological debt and the ways to apply them in local environmental struggles. To share the lessons learned in EJOLT, we are inviting you for a training course and conference on environmental justice.

The aim of the training course is to strengthen the capacities of environmental justice organizations by sharing and learning how some of the tools could be applied in their campaign work and struggles, to facilitate exchanges among them to learn from each other’s experiences and build alliances between environmental justice organizations for joint future activities.

The training course will cover the following topics, mostly through interactive, expert supported working sessions:

• An introduction to environmental justice and the EJOLT project (by Leah Temper, Daniela del Bene and Beatriz Rodriguez-Labajos from Autonomous University of Barcelona)
• Shell environmental injustice in Niger delta: analysis of the case (by Goodwin Ojo from Friends of the Earth Nigeria, Beatriz Rodriguez-Labajos from Autonomous University of Barcelona, Marcelo Firpo Porto from Oswaldo Cruz Foundation, Brazil, and Angele Miguet from Documentation Centre on Environmental Conflicts, Italy)
• Shell environmental injustice in Niger delta: an interactive workshop, focusing on liability and valuation tools, health and risk assessment and legal tools (facilitated by Desislava Stoyanova from Za zemiata, Bulgaria, and Lidija Živčič, Focus, Slovenia)
• Ecological debt: a short introduction (by Rikard Warlenius from Lund University)
• Applying the environmental justice tools in practice on selected real-life cases (facilitated by Desislava Stoyanova from Za zemiata, Bulgaria, and Lidija Živčič, Focus, Slovenia)
• Joint future battles for environmental justice: a placard walk (by all participants)

The training course is designed for young or experienced activists from environmental justice organizations from all over Europe and from the rest of the world. The course will use various discussion formats, such as working in small groups and world café. The places for the training course are limited to 30. Organisers will cover the materials, lunch and refreshments for the course. Organizers will grant coverage of travel and accommodation costs for up to 15 participants.

Participation will call for active preparation prior to the course, but also interaction during and after the course. The training course will be followed by a conference on environmental justice, which is linked to the training course content-wise. However, both events can be attended independently too.

Please indicate your interest in participating in the training course by registering HERE no later than 5 February 2015. In the case of high interest, participants will be selected based on their strong motivation.
EJOLT is a global research project bringing science and society together to catalogue and analyse environmental justice, liabilities and trade.

During the project many reports and policy briefs were delivered, written by grass-roots activists in close cooperation with experts and academics. Real-life struggles by people protecting global commons are documented and solutions analysed and formulated in policy recommendations. EEBs role is giving sound and visibility to those struggles.

All this also resulted in an online Environmental Justice Atlas covering details of over 1250 environmental conflicts.

The GPS unit of the EEB is partner in the EJOLT program. After 4 years of work by around 100 people in over 30 countries we will hear what the international project on Environmental Justice, Liabilities and Trade has delivered to the world. We’ll zoom in on topics like mining and unburnable fuels – but we will also present cross cutting issues like those on the legal avenues for communities seeking environmental justice and alternative economic tools. A panel with MEPs, prosecutors and policy experts will look at how and where the knowledge from EJOLT can and should be used. Please make your registration HERE.

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About EJOLT

This atlas allows users to search and filter across 100 fields and to browse by commodity, company, country and type of conflict.

The resource library of the EJOLT project is full of reports, factsheets, briefings, video’s, podcasts, presentations, press releases, scientific papers, links and a glossary. Issues covered are:

Nuclear Energy, Oil and Gas and Climate Justice, Biomass and Land Conflicts, Mining and Ship Breaking, Environmental Health and Risk Assessment, Liabilities and Valuation, Law and Institutions, Consumption and Ecologically Unequal Exchange and Ecological Debt.

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