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**Mr. Carlo Clini**  
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Dear Mr. Clini, Dear Carlo,

On February 8 (3.00-5.00 p.m. followed by a drinks reception) we organise – together with the Hungarian Embassy in London – a workshop at the Embassy: **Finishing the Copenhagen business – why the involvement of Central and Eastern Europe is crucial?** The event aims to build on the precious momentum of Copenhagen and explore potentials and needs of the Central and Eastern European region.

With this e-mail I am pleased to invite you to our workshop. I would be grateful if you could accept our invitation and provide your valuable contribution. Please find below the planned programme.

Kind regards

Mária Szigeti Bonifert

**Finishing the Copenhagen business - Why the involvement of Central and Eastern Europe is crucial?**  
Workshop  
Monday 8 February 2010  
Embassy of the Republic of Hungary, 27 Park Lane, London SW1X 9RU

<p><b>Programme</b></p> <p>14.30 Coffee and registration</p> <p>15.00 Opening address by H.E. Borbála Czobor, Ambassador</p> <p>15.15 Presentations Mr. Nick Mabey, EAC Policy Director Mr. James Zilinszky, Vice-Chair of the Parliamentary Committee for Climate Change &amp; Energy Mrs. Irina Jovanović Mr. Andrew W. Mitchell, Central Europe Programme, REC Ms. Mária Szigeti Bonifert, REC Executive Director Dr. Gábor West, UNEP, Director of the UNEP Regional Office for Europe Ms. Piiglitte Selimoglu, EPPD, Vice-Chair</p> <p>16.15 Open Debate &amp; Conclusions</p> <p>17.30 Drinks reception</p>	<p>Over a hundred heads of states took part in the 15th Conference of the Parties to the UN Framework Convention on Climate Change in Copenhagen. The values agreement demonstrated that one of the most urgent concerns – especially climate change – are high on the national agendas. Most governments realise by now that – with the support of citizens, local governments and the business sector – they need to work out a complex, credible, flexible and adaptable system to manage the transition from a fossil fuel based to a low carbon economy. Building on regional solutions, we can take real steps to build resilient communities able and willing to become sustainable.</p> <p>Though far from sustainable as yet, the Central and Eastern European region still offers valuable opportunities to speed and further environmental transition, and holds much of the EU's natural environmental capital.</p> <p>During this workshop, the potentials and requirements of Central and Eastern European involvement in the global climate solution will be explored.</p>
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The event is free of charge for all interested persons. We request you kindly register at [www.rec.org](http://www.rec.org) for financial and practical reasons in advance of the event.

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