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The REC was established in 1990 by the United States, the European Commission and Hungary. Today, the REC is legally based on a charter signed by the governments of 28 countries and the European Commission, and on an international agreement with the government of Hungary.

The REC has its head office in Szentendre, Hungary, and country offices and field offices in each of its 15 beneficiary countries which are: Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Bulgaria, Croatia, the Czech Republic, Estonia, Hungary, Latvia, Lithuania, FYR Macedonia, Poland, Romania, Serbia and Montenegro, Slovakia and Slovenia.

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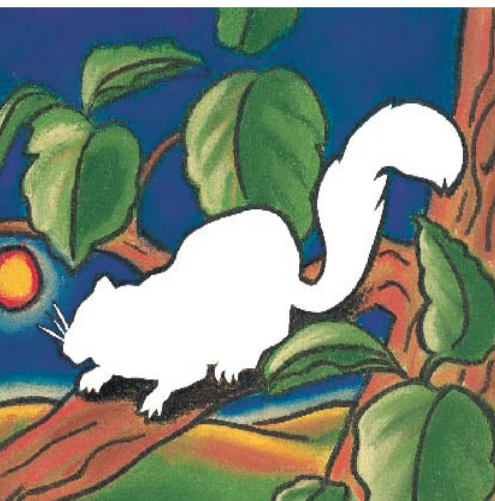
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A Salute to President George Bush A REC founding father



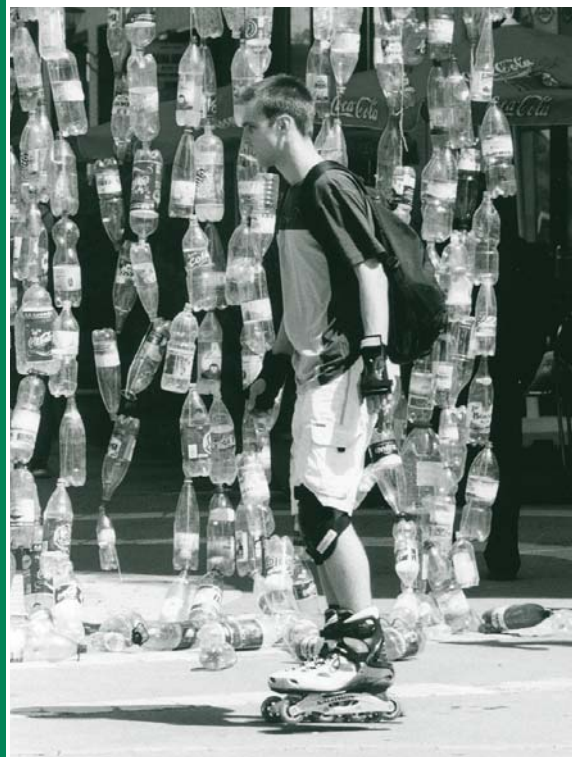
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Children in Baia Mare attend a protest against air pollution which was coordinated by a REC-supported NGO.



Dancing bottles sing for green shopping in Warsaw.



A clean-up crew restores an Albanian beach to its natural state.

Crews pick up poisoned fish after cyanide spills into the Tisza River in Baia Mare, Romania.



Grants disbursed by the REC supported groups in Poland and Romania that conducted public awareness campaigns about plastic waste and recycling.

An NGO partner in the Czech Republic draws attention to the suffering of Arctic polar bears to illustrate the wide-ranging effects of persistent organic pollutants.



A wild boar wades past a herd of deer in a flooded forest in the Danube Drava National Park.



An abandoned mine in Bosnia and Herzegovina poses an environmental challenge for local communities.



US President George Bush gives a speech in July 1989 at the then Karl Marx University of Economics in Budapest.



An endangered imperial eagle scans the horizon for prey.



Slovakian NGOs fight to protect the forest habitat of indigenous wolves.



REC staff gather together for the 2003 annual photo.



REC Executive Director Marta Sziget with Japan Special Fund Director Motoharu Yamazaki and Hungarian Minister of Environment and water Miklos Persanyi confer at a 2003 press conference on renewable energy.



US Ambassador to Hungary Peter Tufo pays a visit to the REC.



John Hontelez represents Friends of the Earth at the 1995 Sofia Ministerial Conference.



Officials gather in June 1998 at the Aarhus Ministerial Convention.

EU Commissioner for Environment Margot Wallstrom addresses NGOs at a November 2002 meeting in Brussels.



Officials from the REC and the Hungarian Ministry of Environment sign documents for the REC's international status in Sofia in October 1995.



Agreements gain approval at a 1998 ceremony in Bosnia and Herzegovina.

