

## SUSCOyouth FORUM 2014



The **Antall József Knowledge Centre** is organising the **SUSCO (Sustainability Conference) Budapest 2014** in cooperation with the Hungarian Ministry of Foreign Affairs and the Permanent Mission of Hungary to the United Nations in New York.

The conference takes place on **2 and 3 October 2014**. With the sustainability of the Water-Energy-Food (WEF) Nexus in focus, prominent experts and stakeholders of the field will elaborate on key challenges and actions of Central and Eastern Europe.



In agreement with Secretary General for Rio+20 **Sha Zukang's** statement during the closing remarks of the conference, we believe that the younger generation plays a key role in the process of transition to a green economy, as their acquisition and improvement of relevant skills will enable us to address different issues related to sustainable development.

By launching the **SUSCO Youth Forum 2014**, we wish to give the opportunity to the young individuals of Central and Eastern Europe to voice their opinion.

During the first day of the conference, young experts on sustainable development in general and water-, food- and energy-related fields in particular will discuss Investment in and Financing of a Water-Related SDG, **The Challenges of Food Security and Good Nutrition in CEE**, as well as Transformative Actions for a More Independent Use of Energy in CEE. The second day will revolve around the previously mentioned topics. Young individuals will thus have a chance to express their views on the topics at hand and compare their conclusions to those of key experts and stakeholders in the field.

With the inclusion of young individuals, we would like to facilitate their integration into the decision-making process. Toward this goal, after the discussion of the most urgent issues specific to our region during the three sub-sessions of the **Youth Forum**, we invite the participants for a roundtable discussion involving young experts on sustainable development. They will discuss possibilities of sustainability for the youth of the region, as well as suggest ideas as to how to better our lives through protecting the environment, ensuring equal opportunities for all and improving our well-being at the same time.

We hope that these discussions will encourage local youth to take a more active part in shaping the future of our region.

