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## Armenia

American University of Armenia

Environmental Conservation and Research Centre

[www.aua.am](http://www.aua.am)

[www.ecrc.am](http://www.ecrc.am)

### **Project themes of interest:**

Broadly we address issues of conservation and environment, deforestation, water and air quality, solid waste disposal with expertise in ornithology and terrestrial responses to climate change and increasing atmospheric CO<sub>2</sub>. We are interested in Armenia as a biodiversity hot spot and also as home to the native ancestors of domesticated crops.

### **Skills required from PECE members:**

We are looking for partners for joint projects and partners for applying jointly for funding. We would like to establish exchange programs with other Universities and set up the first environmental science degree program in Armenia. We would like to work with anybody who wants to make change in Armenia.

### **Project Concepts:**

- developing a long term white stork monitoring projects as a way to introduce science and conservation to villages. Also want to tie bird nesting habits to water quality. Could play an important role as a basis in bird flu studies and bird flu education
- exploring impacts of climate change and projects such as carbon credit sales and reforestation projects, soil carbon storage through ecosystem restoration.
- We are desperate to establish forest cover and forest loss rates from illegal logging.
- document and capitalize on Armenia's native ancestors of domesticated plants. There could be projects investigating wild herbs and developing them for greater use.
- We are anxious to work to protect Armenia's biodiversity.
- We would like water quality, air quality, municipal waste specialists, any environmental speciality to interact/ teach short classes to students (in English).

### **What organisation can offer:**

We are a small research Centre, funded by an endowment but with plans to grow significantly in the future. We can offer office space, secretarial assistance, computer use, GIS facilities, potential vehicles and field assistants and a primitive water quality laboratory. We can offer extensive field experience. We have an ornithologist and a butterfly and beetle specialist as well as a plant and animal ecologist with a speciality in climate change issues. We can help establish contacts with people in nearly all environmental areas in Armenia.

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Armenian Women for Health and Healthy Environment (AWHHE)

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**Type of organisation:** civil society

**Project themes of interest:** Water, waste, public participation, education for sustainable development, chemicals, health risk assessment of environmental pollution.

**Skills required from PECE members:**

- In-depth knowledge of partnership working between UK and EECCA
- Research and scientific skills
- Capacity building skills (municipal, community or central government)
- Access to wider networks and sources of information
- Experience of developing multi sector partnerships

**Project concept**

Establishment of an innovative children's "**Arts Center for Ecological Education**". General public and particularly children do not accept information presented in didactic ways. The experience of AWHHE demonstrates that our innovative approach of art-and-ecology synthesis brings exceptionally positive outcomes, not only for children, but for adults, as well. The Children Arts Center for Ecological Education will promote achievement of Millennium Development Goals and will become a new page in Ecological Education for children.

**Description of the organization:**

AWHHE is non governmental, not-for-profit, non-political women's organization. It was legally established and registered by Ministry of Justice Republic of Armenia in 1999. AWHHE is located in Yerevan, consists of 11 constant members and about 50 volunteers. AWHHE is a national network of six focal points working for sustainable development, protection of human health and environment and poverty reduction. AWHHE works in close partnership with international environmental and health networks such as IPEN, HCWH, GAIA, WECF, PAN Europe, EPHA, and EEN. AWHHE promotes solution of problems related to health and environment through education, information and research programs, through lobbying of the decision makers, through publication and dissemination of information materials, participation in international and national conferences and Forums. Mission of AWHHE is to explore the issues of environmental pollution in Armenia, to contribute to the protection and improvement of the environment and people's health and quality of life, raising public awareness, assessing the risks and harmful impacts of environmental pollutants, with a special focus on children and women. Community Mobilization Working Group of AWHHE has a broad and fruitful three-year experience of using artistic forms to challenge environmental issues. The recent activities have been carried out at the World Bank (Washington, D.C.), at the British Council in Yerevan, etc.

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Broncoway LLC

[www.broncoway.com](http://www.broncoway.com)

**Type of organisation:** Private sector

**Project themes of interest:**

- Water
- Energy
- Biodiversity

**Skills required from PECE members:**

- Technical expertise (Geographical Information Systems (GIS), Remote Sensing, Environmental Impact Assessment, Environmental Modelling)
- Research and scientific skills
- Access to wider networks and sources of information
- Experience of developing multi sector partnerships

**Project concepts:**

- Geospatial technologies for Natural Resources Management
- Geospatial technologies for Environmental Impact Assessments
- Geospatial technologies for Water Resources Management

What the organisation can offer:

“Broncoway Ltd is an Armenian Information Technology company, located in Yerevan and specialized in software development, graphics and web-design. The company was established in 2002 and has grown into a successful business with representative offices in Brussels, Boston.

Broncoway introduced a new line of research and services in the Geographical Information Systems (GIS) and Remote Sensing in the field of Environment and Water Resources Management. We are enhancing our expertise in Environmental GIS and Remote Sensing through our participation in ‘Mapping Armenian Deforestation’ project in partnership with the Armenia Tree Project NGO and Kingston University London.

Broncoway is interested in joint and interdisciplinary projects in the fields of Environment, including bio-diversity, forests management, environmental impact assessment, climate change and Water Resources Management where modern geospatial technologies will add value.

Our staff has significant experience in working with international organisations like the World Bank, UNDP, UNIDO, EU, USAID, CIDA as well as private companies in the US, Canada and Europe on a variety of information technology projects. In addition, Broncoway has established networks with a variety of local environmental organisations and experts, which could prove to be beneficial for multi-disciplinary projects. “

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**Type of organisation:** Private sector (engineering consultancy)

**Project themes of interest:**

- Water (wastewater, water resources management and protection)
- Public participation
- Education for sustainable development
- Municipal and community capacity building

**Skills required from PECE members:**

- Technical expertise (wastewater treatment ecotechnologies)
- In-depth knowledge of partnership working between UK and EECCA
- Capacity building skills (municipal, community or central government)
- Access to wider networks and sources of information

**Project concepts:**

- Integrated water resources management, as new and more reliable approach to water resources protection and sustainable use.
- Training on operation and maintenance of water supply and wastewater systems in rural communities aimed at involvement of citizens' groups and increasing potential of local authorities in the sector.
- Implementation of wastewater treatment cheap ecotechnologies for rural and small communities, rest zones, etc.

**What the organisation can offer:**

Well known experts with a professional qualification and experience of research, design, construction and operation works in the field of water supply, wastewater removal, water resources protection and management are involved in the company's activity. The number of its main staff is 27. Experience of project development, for example, working with USAID, Binnie Black and Vetch (UK), World Bank. The company also has expertise in developing regulatory and technical documents and training specialists in the water sector.

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Vem Media Arts

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**Type of organisation:** Media

**Region of interest:** Armenia/ South Caucasus

**Project theme of interest:** Public participation

**Skills required from PECE members:**

1. Expertise in raising public awareness and participation in environmental activities.
2. Research and scientific skills
3. Access to wider networks and sources of information
4. Assistance to obtain funding

**Project concepts:**

In 2005, Vem Media Arts launched creation of a series of environmental documentaries, for which they are seeking partners. More information at <http://www.pece.co.uk/en/projects/opps/index.htm>

**What the organisation can offer:**

Vem Media Arts offers full-service audiovisual production capabilities, from development and production of original TV shows, video clips, commercials and other video materials to multi-media presentations, documentaries and shorts. It had its debut film short, "Competition", successfully presented as part of the program at the first Annual Children of Armenia Fund (COAF) "Save a Generation" Award Benefit in New York City on June 24, 2004. The five-minute film essay was hailed as "an artistic and poignant cinema verite film" and received enthusiastic reaction of the Diaspora press.

Vem Media Arts has also produced two documentaries addressing the environmental problems of Armenia. In July 2005, a 25-minute environmental documentary, "Shikahogh", devoted to the fate of this unique national nature reserve was released. The Armenian government was planning to build an interstate highway through the Shikahogh Nature Preserve near the Iranian border. This preserve is one of only three untouched forests in Armenia and is home to many rare and endangered species of plants and animals whose habitat would be irreparably damaged by the proposed road. Environmental NGOs, local media and public, individuals and organizations from the Diaspora all united in protest. The SOS-Shikahogh Task Force was set up. In the peak of the campaign and as an action alert, the documentary Shikahogh was produced within a short time and shown on a number of local TV channels. The government was forced to cancel the decision and find an alternative route for building the highway. The film "Shikahogh" was highly appraised both in Armenia and in the Diaspora. The film was sponsored by Armenia Tree Project and Armenian Forests NGOs, as well as the Armenian Office of the World Wide Fund for Nature Caucasus Program Office.

The recently produced documentary about the environment of Armenia's capital Yerevan called "The Withering City" was presented to the public in October, 2005. Production of other documentaries from the environmental series is underway.

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## Azerbaijan

### Association of Socio Economic Research

**Type of organisation:** Public sector

**Project themes of interest:**

- Biodiversity
- Public participation
- Education for sustainable development
- Municipal and community capacity building

**Skills required from PECE members:**

- Technical expertise in waste management
- Expertise in education for sustainable development
- Experience of partnership working between UK and EECCA
- Experience is involving stakeholders
- Research and scientific skills
- Skills on developing potential in municipal and community capacity building
- Experience of tackling Millenium Development Goals

**Project concepts:**

- Waste management
- Developing strategy for public participation in variety of international projects
- Bringing national law closer to EU on environmental issues
- Sustainable development of mountain region
- Sustainable development of Caspian Sea coast

**What the organisation can offer:**

Established in 2001 and registered with Ministry of Justice in 2003. Main interests are: helping produce economic and ecological policies, privatisation issues, poverty reduction, implementing concrete projects for small and medium enterprises. Members and volunteers of the organisation have been trained in issue of entrepreneurship, SMEs, management, human resources, tackling corruption, ecological policy and making connection with donors. Association has 60 members, including students, businessmen, engineers, economists, ecologists, lawyers and accountants. Previous experience in projects includes compensation scheme for landowners along BTC pipeline, sustainable development in coastal zone of Caspian Sea, monitoring the implementation of the BTC Social Investment Programme, CRRC programme of Eurasia Foundation-Azerbaijan Data Initiative.

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'Women and Modern World' Centre

**Type of organisation:** civil society

**Project themes of interest:** water; public participation; education for sustainable development

**Skills required from PECE members:**

- Technical expertise, mainly in the area of water
- Expertise in Education for Sustainable Development
- In-depth knowledge of partnership working between UK and EECCA
- Access to wider networks and sources of information
- Experience of developing multi sector partnerships

**Project concept:**

'Forward To The Blue Revolution': Our organization aspires to create conditions in Azerbaijan for women in management and protection of water resources. Through our extensive research we concluded that there is a necessity for practical action with active participation of women in all levels of the decision-making process. Especially, women should take active participation in development and realization of successful long-term water resource management for local residents. In particular, inhabitants of poor areas should be involved in creation of independent local systems of water distribution - on the basis of special agreements with water supply bodies or with the private organizations trading with water. Access to clean water promotes an increase in the level of household hygiene and improvement of health and general well-being. It is necessary to emphasize dissemination of knowledge of preventive measures against diseases during realization of programs in the field of water supply and health protection, and to explain people the advantage of using clean water for personal hygiene and for household purposes.

**What the organisation can offer:** 'Women and Modern World' organization was registered by the Ministry of Justice of Azerbaijan Republic as a non-governmental, non-commercial and non-religious organization in July 2, 1999 (number 1150). We work on the issues of sustainable development and reduction of poverty in local communities in Azerbaijan.

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## Kazakhstan

### EcoMuseum

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Partners in project PECE-1

**Type of organisation:** civil society

**What the organisation can offer:**

EcoMuseum (Karaganda Ecological Museum in full) is a non-profit non-governmental environmental public association. Its main activity is the collection and dissemination of information about local environmental problems for their joint solution through co-operation between affected communities, government and commercial interest groups. EcoMuseum has significant experience in the fields of military, space and industrial pollution created at military ranges and test sites, including the Semipalatinsk nuclear weapons test site and the Baikonur space launch site. It is also experienced in the development and application of renewable energy resources in Kazakhstan, especially biogas technology. It offers advocacy campaigning skills for the protection of the environmental rights of local communities in heavily contaminated areas. It also offers environmental education material and courses at EcoMuseum's Karaganda headquarters.

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Partners in project PECE-01

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Regional Environment Centre Central Asia (CAREC)

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**Type of organisation**

Inter-governmental organisation which provides cooperation between countries, sectors and stakeholders.

**Countries of interest**

Central Asia: Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan and Uzbekistan

**Project Themes of interest:** all

**Project concept**

Achieving the goals of Central Asia Initiative on sustainable development – additional information available on website or by request.

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## Moldova

Eco-TIRAS International Environmental Association of River Keepers

[www.eco-tiras.org](http://www.eco-tiras.org)

**Type of organisation:** civil society (umbrella association)

**Country/regions of interest:** Moldova and Ukraine (Dniester River basin)

**Project themes of interest:**

- water
- biodiversity
- public participation in environmental matters
- transboundary waters (international legislation, institutional building, public participation, water and ecosystems, costs of ecological services, GIS, implementation of EU Water Framework directive)
- GMOs, biosafety, consumers rights

**Skills required from PECE members:**

### Rivers

- public participation and business involvement in river basin management,
- GIS development on river basin scale,
- inventories of valuable wetlands, protected areas,
- public awareness on integrated river basin management
- strengthening of river-basin NGO association and capacity building of NGOs-members
- restoration of small rivers

### GMOs

- capacity building of civil organizations of Moldova in biosafety issues,
- evaluation of national market on GMOs, partnership building of NGOs with business to better biosafety
- awareness raising on GMOs
- seeds and products laboratory testing on GMO
- GMO labelling insurance
- Development of biosafety legal framework for Moldova.

### Fisheries

Perfection of fishery in Dniester River (development of inter-state agreement, establishing of mechanism of coordination and disputes solution)

## **Project Concepts**

### Water:

- use of UK experience in creation of transboundary Dniester river basin multistakeholder (NGOs, business, local authorities) body, dialogue, promotion of river values by festival, river day, cleaning actions, etc.
- Water-related ecosystems: cost benefit analysis of water-related ecosystems, independent evaluation of sustainable ecosystems management, development of river-basin inventories of valuable ecosystems, protected areas, animal and plant species, Dniester River basin Red Data Book, River basin GIS and atlas.
- to establish cooperation on fishery in Dniester River between riparian states

GMO: cooperation of NGOs and businesses in Moldova to reach labelling and biosafety (until now no GMO are registered, and labelling legislation is already developed).

Partnership 'business-civil society'

Development of local business capacities in environmental philanthropy (we already published a book on the role of foundations in the society, the law on foundations is adopted in 1999)

### **What organisation can offer**

Eco-TIRAS International Environmental Association of River Keepers is registered as umbrella association of NGOs-members working in environment in the transboundary (Moldova and Ukraine) Dniester River basin (72.100 km<sup>2</sup>, about 8 M inhabitants). The main scope is the application of integrated river basin management approach to Dniester, perfection of bilateral legal framework of cooperation, institutional multi-stakeholder approach, public participation in decision making, strengthening of NGO community. Eco-TIRAS occupy with different sectors of sustainable development in the river basin, trying to apply ecosystem approach. We presented the draft of the river convention, participated in the OSCE/UNECE inter-state project to elaborate common view on river problems and its wise management and organised wide public hearings in the river basin (see website). In 2004 we organised a huge international conference 'Integrated Management of Natural Resources in the Transboundary Dniester River Basin' (proceedings are published and placed on website).

The Eco-TIRAS mission:

- i) Promotion of sustainable development in the Dniester basin region, shared by Moldova and Ukraine;
- ii) Development of public participation to promote the interests of population of riparian states;
- iii) Coordination of activity and support of transboundary cooperation of NGOs inside the non-governmental sector, with the state, scientific community and population in general

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NGO Terra-1530

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**Type of organisation:** Civil society/ media

**Project themes of interest:**

- Water
- Public participation
- Education for sustainable development
- International waters

**Skills required from PECE members:**

- Expertise in Education for Sustainable Development
- In-depth knowledge of partnership working between UK and EECCA
- Experience of developing multi sector partnerships

**Project concept:**

We need partners outside our country because we believe that only with your help can our Moldovan Network of Rural Volunteering Centers for Water be transformed in a European/ International one. For example, at our recent event, communications from a lot of countries around the world proved to us that there doesn't exist a special volunteers service ready to be there to help people 24 hours, who have access to specialized information and solutions.

**What the organisation can offer:**

NGO "Terra - 1530" was established in 1999 with a mission of sustainable development of rural areas through the setting up of an informative centre consisting of a periodical and local television. It aims to strengthen the preparation of the public to take decisions concerning the environment etc.

**Activities:**

- we publish the independent periodical "Adevarul";
- each year in December we organise the Forum of the rural NGO-s, where we analyse the successes or failures of the year etc;
- we participate at different international meetings;
- we've leased for a period of 25 years 285 hectares of forest belonging to the Vorniceni mayoralty
- we elaborate a Sustainable Development Strategy, which consists of several chapters, among them being " Rural tourism", "The environment protection" (to supply the Vorniceni village with drinking water) etc;
- in close future we intend to record the Association of Drinking Water Consumers;
- we contribute to the third sector consolidation not only in our village but also in other rural place of Moldova; we shouldn't
- partnership with state organisations such as The Regional Environment Service of Straseni, the Local Public Administration, Straseni Law Court, The State Recording Chamber, Institute of Zoology of Academy of Sciences of Moldova etc.
- we've signed a Cooperation Agreement with business representatives;
- we are beneficiaries of Soros Foundation of Moldova, USA Embassy in Republic of Moldova, Solidarity Eau Europe – Strasbourg France etc;

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Regional Environment Centre Moldova

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**Type of organisation:** civil society

**Countries of interest:** Republic of Moldova, CEE region, EECCA region

**Project themes of interest:** water, biodiversity, public participation, education for sustainable development and municipal and community capacity building.

**Skills required from PECE members:**

- Technical expertise
  - water supply and sanitation: standards, EUWI, integrated water resources management
  - waste management
  - access to justice
  - development and application of ICT (electronic database structuring)
- Expertise in Education for Sustainable Development
- Expertise in local stakeholder management
- Capacity building skills
- Access to wider networks and sources of information
- Experience of developing multi-stakeholder partnerships

**Project concepts**

- Environmental education and ESD: a harmonized approach
- Legal Advocacy of Environmental Rights Through ICT Application
- Save our Streams
- Information Campaign Towards Integrated Water Management In The Republic Of Moldova
- Strengthening The Local Environmental Capacity In The Republic Of Moldova

See <http://www.pece.co.uk/en/projects/opps/index.htm> for more details about these project concepts and for a more detailed profile of REC Moldova.

**What organisation can offer**

The Regional Environmental Center-Moldova (REC-Moldova) was established to assist in solving environmental problems in Moldova and neighboring countries through the promotion of co-operation between NGOs, Governmental bodies, local communities, the business sector and all other environmental stakeholders at both national and regional level. The REC aims to increase public participation in environmental decision-making process. Experience of work with LEAD international and DFID Office in Moldova.

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## Russia

### Association of Minority Indigenous Peoples of Irkutsk Oblast

**Type of organisation:** Civil society (not for profit)

**Region of interest:** Russian Federation, Irkutsk Oblast (Baikal Region)

**Project themes of interest:**

- Biodiversity
- Public participation
- Community capacity building

**Skills required from PECE members:**

- Expertise in local stakeholder engagement
- Research and scientific skills
- Community capacity building skills

**Project concept**

To set up the infrastructure necessary to support the activities of communities of minority indigenous peoples of Irkutsk oblast, Russian Federation (see <http://www.pece.co.uk/en/projects/opps/index.htm> for more details).

**What that organisation can offer**

Created in January 2004, in accordance with the Federal law, with the support of the American NGO PERC, the Hewlett Foundation and Baikal Environmental Wave, a Russian regional NGO. The Association's activities Oct 04 – Sept 05 were carried out with the support of the above mentioned organisations and the Royal Dutch Embassy in the Small Embassy Project programme MATRA/KAP.

Like the officially registered indigenous communities, the Association is a form of self-organisation of minority peoples. Its **aim** is to help the Evenk and Tofalar peoples defend their rights, preserve their traditional way of life, protect their native lands and their distinctive socio-economic and cultural development.

The association was founded by four officially registered communities. Within a year, another five joined, and today eleven officially registered communities are collective members of the Association. The Association itself is situated in the Oblast's capital town, Irkutsk, and represents the interests of these communities at the regional level.

**General Tasks of the Association:**

- organizational, economic, and legal support to the communities;
- assistance in setting up and registering communities;
- representing the interests of individual citizens from amongst these indigenous peoples, but not belonging to any registered community;
- creation of projects on the basis of territorial surveys (ecological, economical, social), including the creation of GIS data bases, for the establishment of legally recognised 'Territories of Traditional Land Use';
- zoning according to levels of impact as a result of industrial development with the aim of assessing losses incurred by the community.

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"Center Kovyl" Oryol Regional Public Environmental Organization

**Type of organisation:** public sector

**Regions of interest:** Central Federal Okrug (European part of Russia); Oryol Region (Orlovskaya Oblast)

**Project themes of interest:** biodiversity; education for sustainable development; public participation; municipal and community capacity building

**Skills required from PECE members:**

- Eco-tourism management
- Environmental impact assessment
- Fund-raising strategies
- Expertise in Education for Sustainable Development
- Expertise in local stakeholder engagement
- Capacity building skills
- Access to wider networks and sources of information

**Project concept:** Developing of environmental education resource centres network involving local museums and libraries in Oryol Oblast

**What organisation can offer:**

- Could provide access to wide network
- Informational support to PECE projects
- Assist PECE members in Oryol Region

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Eco-tourism Association

<http://www.ecotourismrussia.ru/about/index.shtml>

**Type of organisation:** Public sector

**Project themes of interest:**

- ecological tourism;
- biodiversity;
- public participation;
- education for sustainable development;
- municipal and community capacity building

**Skills required from PECE members:**

- Eco-tourism management
- Natural and cultural heritage management planning
- Environmental education long-term programmes development
- Expertise in Education for Sustainable Development
- In depth knowledge of partnership working between UK and EECCA
- Expertise in local stakeholder engagement
- Capacity building skills
- Experience of developing multi-sector partnerships

**Project concepts:**

- Development of Environmental Education Resource Centres Network involving local museums and libraries in Oryol Oblast - in partnership with "Center Kovyl";
- "Voices of Nature": Birdwatching as rehabilitation tool for integrating disabled children in public life;
- Development of International Youth Network for support of protected areas in Povolzhie (Volga Region).

**What organisation can offer:**

- Could provide access to wide network
- Informational support to PECE projects
- Assist PECE members in Russia

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'Green Don' Environmental NGO

**Type of organisation:**

Our organization can be placed under a few categories. Since its foundation in 1990 it has been playing a substantial role in regional civil society, lobbying environmental activities in regional parliaments and participating in elections. Our members took positions in regional and municipal authorities. Also, we have been publishing two newspapers. At the same time, we have established a scientific agency working in environmental research and consultancy.

**Country/ regions of interest:**

CIS and neighbouring countries, river/sea basins in other countries, in particular Azov-Black Sea and Caspian Sea basins

**Project themes of interest:**

- river ecosystem restoration,
- migratory species (sturgeon) conservation,
- nuclear energy and alternative sources of energy,
- local self-governments,
- environmental legislation reform.

**Skills required from PECE Members:**

- Alternative energy sources;
- Experience in successful shared basin management (WFD, etc)
- Ways of business involvement in environmental protection;
- Joint EIA and consultancy projects;
- Joint application for financial support on related projects

**Project concept:** Drafting of a proposal for establishment of Ural river International Sturgeon Park

**What this organisation can offer:**

Our organization was established and officially registered according to the Federal Law in 1990 as regional nongovernmental non-profit environmental organization. Being regional network we have 9 local branches through Azov Sea basin and good working relations with other regional NGOs.

We are publishing two regional newspapers "Zelenij Don" ("Green Don") and "Donskoj Kraj" ("Don Land") and one electronic periodical "InformZedon". Over the last decade the movement actively participated in regional decision-making process through winning a few election campaigns on municipal and regional levels. Our representatives played an important role in regional environmental protection: we had our representatives as the Chairs of Regional Ecological Commission and other environmental committees and initiated the creation of various International inter-parliamentary commissions for the solution of transboundary problems.

In order to provide the social support within the local population the movement has founded a few Cossacks organizations and initiated the creation of Permanent Commission on Cossacks at the regional Council of Peoples' Deputies and Committee on Cossacks within the Regional Administration.

For scientific and legal grounding of the movement activities we have founded the following organizations:

- research and consultancy agency "DonEco";
- Center for Coordination and Information "AzovBass" for regional ecological NGOs;
- Don Committee for legal protection; and • Don Green Party.

The Azov Interparliamentary Russian-Ukrainian commission was also created with active participation of our movement. We have initiated couple of parliamentary hearings of fishery problems and policy in Russian State Duma. Other important achievements include campaign and public examination of Rostov Nuclear Power Plant and its blockage and saving the last sturgeon spawning population in the Don river through regional administration.

Although the movement is totally voluntary based, we have rich experience in grant application and management.

We can offer:

Technologies:

- patented innovative technologies in restoration of river ecosystems, in particular the technologies of non-forced fish passages of migratory fish species through dams;
- various patented devices in hydraulic works;
- basin concept for sustainable regional development elaborated by us;

Experts (consultants to Russian State Duma) on:

- Fishery;
- Environmental legislation;
- Hydraulic works and fishpassing devices;
- Journalism;

Networking:

- access to our wide network of regional NGOs and local communities, such as Cossack movements, in river basins through Russia,
- established and functioning network for Azov Sea basin environmental NGOs "AzovBass";

Expertise and experience for Russia in the following:

- national environmental policy and politics;
- public campaigns and raising public awareness;
- environmental legislative issues;
- lobbying environmental interests on local, regional and national state levels;
- local election campaigns;
- introduction of environmental issues into elementary and higher education

Mass Media:

- two regional officially registered newspapers (2-3 issues per year, depends on available financial support);
- electronic periodical "InformZedon" with more then two hundred subscribers;

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Hydroprojekt

[www.hydroprojekt.cz](http://www.hydroprojekt.cz)

**Type of organisation:** private sector (consultancy and engineering company)

**Country/regions of interest:** Russia and any other EECCA country

**Project theme of interest:** water

**Skills required from PECE members:** technical expertise in water, wastewater and environment protection design, management and planning.

**What this organisation can offer:** Our company is able to provide any work related to water, wastewater and environment protection design, management and planning. e. g. water treatment plants, wastewater treatment plants, water mains, flood protection, river master plans, etc. 260 employees.

*Location:* Headquarters: Tábořská 31, Praha, Czech Republic, offices also in Banská Bystrica, Slovakia and St. Petersburg, Russia

*Areas of interest:* Water Supply, Wastewater, Drainage, Flood Protection, Hydraulic Engineering, Solid Waste Treatment, Environmental and Agricultural Engineering, Buildings and Structures Design

*Experience:* Hydroprojekt CZ has a rich working experience in the Czech republic and in more than 40 other countries all over the world, e.g. Russia, former Yugoslavia countries, Slovakia, Belarus, Ukraine, Tanzania...

*Languages we are able to communicate:* Czech, Slovak, English, Russian, French Serbian, Croatian, German, Spanish

*UK partners:* Severn Trent Water International, Black & Veitch – wastewater treatment plant in Praha, Czech republic, 2006, Ove Arup & Partners Ltd. - Flood protection project

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International Socio-Ecological Union

<http://www.seu.ru>

<http://www.forest.ru> (supported by ISEU Forest Campaign)

**Type of organisation:** civil society

**Countries of interest:** ISEU has members in 17 countries, but most activities occur in Commonwealth of Independent States. Main office based in Moscow, Russia

**Project themes of interest:**

- environmental human rights and civil society development
- participation in legislative work and implementation
- biodiversity conservation and restoration of damaged territories
- sustainable forestry and agriculture;
- public oversight over nuclear and chemical disarmament;
- public oversight over radiation and nuclear safety;
- participation in the solution of urban environmental problems;
- environmental education;
- participation in EIA of meaningful projects;
- support of the projects that reduce environmental burden on human health;
- support of governmental activity to reduce impact of industrial development on climate change and air pollution;
- support of energy efficiency and energy conservation projects.

**Project concept:**

International Socio-Ecological Union is extremely interested in close examination and transfer to Russian experience of project "Wild about Gardens" initiated and performed by the Royal Horticultural Society and Wildlife Trust. We found this project extremely promising both for purposes of biodiversity restoration and environmental education. We aim, to bring through our network, this project to Russian schools and other educational entities working on youth environmental education.

**What organisation can offer:**

ISEU is an umbrella for different grass root groups and experts NGOs. A unique pattern of ISEU is a democratic principle of self-organizing its members into networks inside one program, or campaign, or expert work. Such networks consist of local grass root groups, big regional and interregional organizations, and individuals, who are concerned about the same problems. Our principle is: from local to global!

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Tomsk Oblast Committee for Environmental Protection

[www.green.tsu.ru](http://www.green.tsu.ru)

**Type of organisation:** state sector

**Region of interest:** Tomsk Oblast (Western Siberia)

**Project themes of interest:**

- Development of system of state ecological management
- Support of energy efficiency and energy conservation projects
- Support of Regional and local authorities activity to reduce impact of industrial development on climate change and air pollution
- Biodiversity
- Education for sustainable development
- Public participation
- Municipal and community capacity building

**Skills required from PECE members:**

- Water (wastewater, water resources management and protection)
- Expertise of materials on biodiversity conservation
- Expertise in education for sustainable development
- Expertise in local stakeholder management
- Research and scientific skills
- Capacity building skills
- Experience of developing tri-sector partnerships
- Expertise of biodiversity conservation

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## Ukraine

### Donetsk Chamber of Commerce and Industry

Partners in projects PECEPILOT-01 and PECE-03.

#### **Project concept:**

Donetsk Chamber of Commerce and Industry in Ukraine would like to identify UK partners in the area of Eco-Tourism. More information is at <http://www.pece.co.uk/en/projects/ops/index.htm>.

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Green Dossier

[www.dossier.kiev.ua](http://www.dossier.kiev.ua); [www.sheshory.org](http://www.sheshory.org)

**Type of organisation:** Charity Information Centre (civil society/ public sector/ media)

**Project themes of interest:**

- Public participation
- Education for sustainable development
- Municipal and Community Capacity Building
- Corporate social and environmental responsibility

**Skills required from PECE members:**

- Expertise in Education for Sustainable Development
- In-depth knowledge of partnership working between UK and EECCA
- Expertise in local stakeholder engagement
- Capacity building skills (municipal, community or central government)
- Access to wider networks and sources of information
- Experience of developing multi sector partnerships
- Experience in environmental responsibility of businesses

**Project Concept**

Developing environmental responsibility of businesses in Ukraine. Since October 2005, CSR has become very popular in Ukraine. There were 2 big forums arranged by the most powerful businesses in Ukraine with support of international organisations and UNDP (Global Compact). In December 2005 the all-Ukrainian Forum of Socially Responsible Businesses was created as a new movement. Green Dossier participates in the movement putting environmental issues into the agenda. Unfortunately, we are only one organisation among initiators who try to include environmental issues into working plans of the Forum for 2006. We have good understanding in the Forum's organisers as well as support from environmental movement in Ukraine and tourism association. But we see that CSR Forum's participants including main actors need to be more educated in sustainable development and environmental issues. We'd like to provide together with UK (PECE) partners an education program, which will lobby to be included into the main working plan of the Forum. The program should include educational events (training and seminars for participants), experience exchange with UK structures, sharing existing experience of international corporations, which have departments in Ukraine, publications for businesses education on sustainable development, and – working with Ukrainian mass media for raising public awareness on the issue.

**What organisation can offer**

Charity Information Center "GREEN DOSSIER" established in 1994. The main activities of Green Dossier are providing objective environmental and social information through mass-media and education on environmental journalism; preparing materials for own publications and various mass-media; consulting and other information services for journalists investigating environmental issues; publicity of environmental non-profit groups and their activities.

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**Countries of interest:** Ukraine, Moldova, Belarus (Dniestr and Dniepr River basin)

**Project themes of interest:** water, education for sustainable development, ecological effect of pollutant in aquatic system, bio-monitoring

**Skills required from PECE members:** expertise in local stakeholder engagement, research and scientific skills, access to wider networks and sources of information

**Project concepts:**

- The comparative analysis of the molecular stress systems in aquatic animals (fish, molluscs) to identify the types of adaptation of animals to polluted aquatic areas.
- The providing of pollution bio-monitoring of small tributaries in Dniester and Dniepr basin.
- The involving of school children in the control and improvement of the small rivers' quality.

**What organisation can offer:**

We propose a sensitive and integrated approach to monitoring freshwater ecosystems. It is based on experience of our Laboratory of ecological biochemistry in the evaluation of the functional role of some biochemical parameters in relation to species' specific effect on water quality. We have an experience of involving of students and pupils in ecological monitoring of small rivers

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Kiev National University of Technology and Design

**Type of organisation:** Academia/ university

**Countries of interest:** Ukraine, Moldova

**Project themes of interest:** Water, Education for Sustainable Development

**Project concepts:**

- The ecological practice of students in the territory of Dnieper and Dniestr river basin;
- The implementation of ecological management and eco-audit (CEMA) at enterprises of textile and clothing, footwear and leather industries in Ukraine;
- The implementation of 'life cycle' system at textile and clothing enterprises, footwear and leather industries in Ukraine;
- Market mechanisms in the modern nature-conservation politics of Ukraine.

**Skills required from PECE members**

- Technical expertise (please specify in what area)
- Expertise in Education for Sustainable Development
- In-depth knowledge of partnership working between UK and EECCA
- Expertise in local stakeholder engagement
- Research and scientific skills

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## Uzbekistan

Representative Office of Regional Environmental Centre of Central Asia

[www.carec.kz](http://www.carec.kz)

**Type of organisation:** Public sector

**Project themes of interest:**

- Water
- Energy
- Biodiversity
- Public participation
- Education for sustainable development

**Skills required from PECE members:**

- Expertise in Education for Sustainable Development
- In-depth knowledge of partnership working between UK and EECCA
- Expertise in local stakeholder engagement
- Access to wider networks and sources of information
- Experience of developing multi sector partnerships

**Project concepts:**

- Joint support of development of literature and publications:
  - Development of the textbook on ecology and an ecological writing-book for an elementary school;
  - The edition of the bulletin «Ecological safety of family» for the population of Uzbekistan.
- Support of development of a network of ecological education (EE) and education for sustainable development (ESD):
  - Support of carrying out of conference and creation of a republican EE and ESD network;
  - Creation of the centre of EE and ESD support .

**What the organisation can offer:**

The Representative Office of Regional Environmental Centre for Central Asia in Uzbekistan (CAREC UzB ) is an independent, noncommercial and not political (non governmental) organization. CAREC Uz has good experience of promotion of projects related to development of environmental education (EE) and education for sustainable development (ESD) in partnership with the Ministries of Environment, Education, NGOs and CAREC.

Development of environmental training programs and educational manuals is stipulated by the "Program of actions for environment protection up to 2005", accepted by the Government of the Republic of Uzbekistan (Decree № 469, 1999). Unfortunately, in Uzbekistan (as well as in all Central Asia countries) lessons on ecology are not yet stipulated in school programs. This project seeks to solve the problem of absence of continuous environmental education in the country since elementary school.

CAREC UzB supported development of the manual on Education for Environment for elementary schools. The Ministry for Education, Institute of improvement of teachers professional skills recommended the manual.

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