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Foreword from the Chairman

I am delighted to share the progress that Partners for Environmental Cooperation in Europe (PECE) has made in such a short time. In particular, there are an impressive number of PECE projects already underway in the countries of Eastern Europe, Caucasus and Central Asia (EECCA). These projects are tackling a wide range of environmental challenges and having a real impact on sustainable development and quality of life in this region.

Promoting sustainable development in EECCA, which comprises some of the world's poorest countries and some of its most rapidly developing economies, is of global significance. We hope that, through cooperation with in-country partners, we will help secure the long-term sustainability and replication of PECE projects and encourage a two-way exchange of knowledge and expertise.

I thank all those who have helped ensure a successful start to PECE but the opportunity remains to do much more. I look forward to seeing more PECE projects in the year ahead and organisations getting increasingly involved in making a real difference to sustainable development in this region.

Graham Hand
Chief Executive , British Consultants and Construction Bureau
PECE Chairman

Introduction

Partners for Environmental Cooperation in Europe (PECE) brings together UK-based organisations from the public sector, private sector and civil society who have a shared goal to help protect the environment and promote sustainable development in the countries of Eastern Europe, Caucasus and Central Asia (EECCA).

PECE was launched on 8th March 2005. PECE was developed in response to the need, identified at the 2003 Environment for Europe conference in Kiev, to focus on sustainable development in the EECCA region, to cultivate links between the public and private sector and civil society and to engage with the new neighbours of the EU following its recent enlargement.

Defra, LEAD International, Groundwork and other stakeholders carried out preparation work prior to the launch. This included consulting on the nature and scope of PECE, developing a prospectus and website, recruiting founding members and establishing three pilot projects in Russia, Ukraine and Azerbaijan.

This report outlines progress made, from the launch in March 2005 to the first annual meeting of all PECE members in September 2005. It also sets out the objectives for the year ahead and plans for achieving them.

All PECE members are encouraged to play their part in making progress on the objectives. The Steering Group and Secretariat will regularly measure and review progress and consider how best to maximise the opportunities that PECE can offer to its members and to the EECCA region.

At this relatively early stage, a degree of flexibility is required and the forward plan identified in this report may be altered if necessary, by agreement of the Steering Group. This report is intended to be a framework of the next steps for PECE and not a rigid plan.

Progress against the objectives will be presented for discussion at the next Annual Forum Meeting of all PECE members in September 2006.

PECE Mission statement

To contribute to the protection and improvement of the environment, an improvement in people's quality of life and the promotion of sustainable development in the EECCA region through partnership projects involving the public sector, private sector and civil society.

Objectives

The objectives of PECE are to:

- establish a network of signed-up members who are committed to contributing to the protection and improvement of the environment and the promotion of sustainable development in the EECCA region;
- act as a catalyst for the initiation of new multi-stakeholder projects;
- improve the sustainability of projects, among other things by establishing long term co-operation with in-country partners;
- respond to country/region specific needs, but with priority given to areas where the UK is particularly well-placed to contribute. These include bio-diversity, water, education for sustainable development, sustainable energy, public participation, municipal & community capacity building; and
- provide a forum for awareness raising, exchange of good practice and replication of projects.

Progress made (March 2005 to September 2005)

This section outlines the progress made against the PECE objectives, from the launch in March 2005 to the first annual meeting of all PECE members in September 2005.

The priorities for this period were to establish a network of signed-up members, to facilitate the initiation of new partnership projects and to set up mechanisms for sharing information.

Objective 1: establish a network of signed-up members who are committed to contributing to the protection and improvement of the environment and the promotion of sustainable development in the Eastern Europe, Caucasus and Central Asia (EECCA) region.

Measures of success:

- Increase in number of signed-up members
- All members make a contribution to PECE
- Evidence of increased participation of members
- Balance of members in the private sector, public sector and civil society

Progress

At the launch of PECE on 8th March 2005, there were 34 members. By September 2005, this increased to 45 members. All PECE members are UK-based and have signed up to the mission statement and objectives of PECE. The Secretariat is continuing to recruit new members, targeting organisations that it believes could add value to the work of PECE.

As of September 2005, PECE has 7 members from the public sector (including Government, local government and delivery/ advisory bodies) 16 members from the private sector (including consultancies, trade associations and business) and 22 members from civil society (including NGOs and academia). A list of members is at Annex A.

Membership of PECE is free of charge. However, all PECE members are expected to make a contribution of some sort. Contributions of members have included:

- Delivering PECE projects
- Advising/ supporting PECE projects
- Donating funding for projects
- Donating time

- Sharing information and expertise
- Participating in the Steering Group
- Organising events
- Participating in meetings and events
- Publicising PECE

Scott Wilson (member of BCCB) has provided a part-time secondee to the PECE Secretariat, based in Defra, for 6 months from April-October 2005.

A series of bilateral meetings is being held between the PECE Secretariat and individual PECE members. The aim of these meetings is to help members identify what they can contribute and how they can benefit from the contribution of others. The meetings help the Secretariat to match members to potential partners and project opportunities.

Objective 2: act as a catalyst for the initiation of new partnership projects.

Measures of success

- New partnership projects approved against the PECE criteria
- New partnerships facilitated by PECE

Progress

Three pilot projects were underway when PECE was launched, in Russia, Azerbaijan and Ukraine. Since the launch, nine further PECE projects have been approved and gained matched-funding from Defra's Environment for Europe fund.

These 12 projects currently being delivered are across 5 countries (Russia, Ukraine, Azerbaijan, Belarus and Kazakhstan) and some involve participants from additional EECCA countries. The total cost of the 12 projects is £620,000. Of this, £281,500 has been contributed by Defra's Environment for Europe fund with the rest coming from project partners and other funding sources.

PECE has facilitated new partnerships, by introducing organisations that may

Case Study 1

Representatives from Earthwatch Europe and the Field Studies Council met at the PECE launch event and have now put together their respective expertise in biodiversity and education to deliver a PECE project to train conservationists from across the EECCA region in the wetlands of Belarus.

not have otherwise considered working together.

A full list of PECE projects is at Annex B.

Objective 3: improve the sustainability of projects, among other things by establishing long-term co-operation with in-country partners.

Measures of success

- Each PECE project involves in-country partners
- Evidence of exchange of information and expertise between UK and EECCA

Progress

All of the PECE projects involve in-country partners. More than 25 different EECCA organisations from the public sector, private sector and civil society are PECE project partners.

Case study 2

The long-term sustainability of projects is illustrated by the PECE project in Ukraine, in which Groundwork UK and Local Government International Bureau partnered with Donetsk Chamber of Commerce and Industry (DCCI) to raise awareness of sustainable development issues with local businesses. This project builds upon the PECE pilot project in Donetsk and due to the success of the pilot, DCCI have contributed funding to this second phase. This support from the local partner will help to ensure that the work continues, after the PECE project has come to an end.

Objective 4: respond to country/region specific needs, but with priority given to areas where the UK is particularly well-placed to contribute. These include bio-diversity, water, education for sustainable development, sustainable energy, public participation, municipal & community capacity building

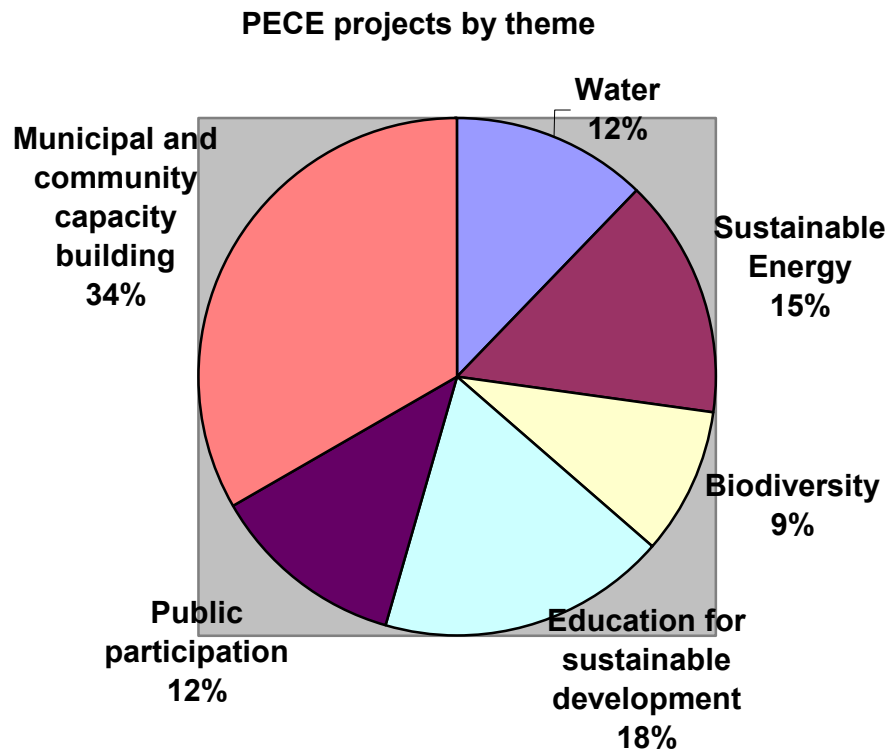
Measure of success

- Projects underway to address each of the priority themes

- Evidence of positive impact of projects on these areas
- Sharing of expertise between UK and EECCA on these themes

Progress

All of the priority themes are addressed by the current PECE projects. Many projects address more than one of the themes. Expertise in each of these areas can be found across the breadth of organisations that are members of PECE. The pie chart below illustrates the percentage of projects, which address each of the priority themes.



Progress reports indicate that the projects are making a real difference in these areas.

Case study 3

The project 'Environmental Education for Affected Communities' has been developed by the Natural Resources Institute in close partnership with EcoMuseum NGO in Kazakhstan, the Co-ordination Committee of the Semipalatinsk Programme and the International Co-operation Unit of the Semipalatinsk Akimat. It began in April 2005 and will be operational for 12 months.

The project aims to enhance the livelihoods of poor and vulnerable people whose health is affected by the environment of the former Semipalatinsk nuclear weapons test site. It is achieving this by helping them to understand the potential hazards and is providing them, and public sector officials, with information about how to mitigate the risks. Methods for sharing information will include posters, a children's book and cartoon video.

Progress to date has included many posters disseminated in Russian and Kazakh in Kainar village and meetings held with key personnel including the chief of police, the headmaster and senior teachers of the secondary school, the doctors and most nurses at the hospital, and residents. The meetings were opportunities for feed-back and discussion on how the project may best benefit the community.

Initial responses indicate that little environmental education material has been provided till now in Kainar. Recipients welcomed the posters for their use of diagrams, ease of comprehension and for being in both Russian and Kazakh. They understand that it will largely be their own responsibilities to avoid most contaminated areas where possible and to take action to lessen the effects on their health where they have to enter them. They look forward to the variety of formats to be used to disseminate the educational information, and will continue to support the project personnel in their future visits.

The project is scheduled to run until March 2006, by when it is expected that:

- The community of Kainar will have an increased awareness of the radiological hazards they face when utilising contaminated environments;
- Methods will be voluntarily used by these community members to mitigate the effects of contamination on their health;
- Techniques of environmental education and dissemination will have been developed which are replicable in similar contaminated environments elsewhere.

Objective 5: provide a forum for awareness raising, exchange of good practice and replication of projects.

Measure of success

- Website receives increasing number of hits from different users
- Members and others contribute to website and newsletter
- Good level of attendance at events and meetings
- Communication between members via website, newsletter and events leads to raised awareness and new partnership projects
- Exchange of good practice leads to improved ways of working

Progress

The PECE website (<http://www.pece.co.uk>) is receiving an increasing number of hits from an increasing number of users each month (2,152 hits from 363 different users in June 2005). Members and others frequently make contributions to the website and bi-monthly newsletter, regarding project opportunities and other issues of interest. The Secretariat is working to improve the website layout and content, so that it better meets the needs of users.

The launch event was held on 8th March 2005 at the Royal Society, London and was attended by around 100 people from a variety of organisations. Speakers and topics were:

- Rt Hon The Lord Holme of Cheltenham CBE
Spoke on opportunities for the business sector
- Elliot Morley MP, Minister of State for Environment
Speech included an announcement of 4 new PECE projects match funded by Defra and a further £250,000 of Defra funding towards more projects in 2005/06.
- Tony Hawkhead CBE, Chief Executive of Groundwork and Gennady Chizhikov of Donetsk Chamber of Commerce and Industry
Presented an update from a PECE pilot project
- Victoria Elias, Russian NGO EcoAccord and Chair of EcoForum
Spoke about the sustainable development challenges faced by EECCA
- Robert Lawson, Director of Environment Strategy, Defra
Gave an overview of PECE

Following the event, several attendees signed up as new members. Feedback from attendees was very positive and many stated that it had improved their awareness of the challenges faced by EECCA and their understanding of PECE. Many attendees regarded the event as a valuable networking opportunity with old and new contacts.

The sharing of information and experiences has been extended to a global level via the UN's CSD Global Partnership Network. The PECE entry on the database is at:

<http://webapps01.un.org/dsd/partnerships/public/partnerships/1381.html>

As PECE is still a relatively new initiative, the priorities for the year ahead are very similar to those set at the time of the launch, which were expanding the network of signed up members, catalysing new partnership projects and providing a forum for sharing information and expertise.

Looking ahead, the recruitment of new members will focus on large private sector organisations, in order to maintain a balanced membership. In addition to recruiting new members, it will also be a priority to maximise the level of engagement of all existing members.

It will also be a priority for PECE, in addition to catalysing new partnership projects, to expand the sources of funding for projects. As of September 2005, all PECE projects are co-funded by Defra. Projects initiated in the year ahead should not be limited to Defra funding and there will be a focus on drawing in funding from other sources.

New activities are planned to ensure that further progress can be made in meeting the PECE objectives (as set out in the Introduction). This section outlines what is planned for the year ahead and what will be the measures of success.

Objective 1: expand network of signed-up members, maintaining a balance between the sectors, which are committed to contributing to the protection and improvement of the environment and the promotion of sustainable development in the EECCA region

Measures of success

- Increase in number of signed-up members who can make a valuable contribution to the PECE network
- Balance of members in the private sector, public sector and civil society
- Have identified and communicated what each member can offer
- All members make a contribution to PECE
- Evidence of increased participation of members

Forward Plan

The PECE Secretariat will continue to recruit new members, by proactively approaching organisation, which it feels could add value to PECE and responding to requests, as PECE becomes more well-known. Upon applying to join, organisations will be asked to specify what they can contribute to PECE in more detail. This will help the Secretariat to match partners and

project opportunities and ensure the full potential of the PECE network is realised. Consideration of this in advance will also help members better understand the role they can play and so increase their commitment to PECE.

To ensure a balance of sectors, there will be a focus on recruiting more private sector members, particularly those with corporate social responsibility programmes in the EECCA region.

The PECE Secretariat will continue to hold bilaterals with members to help identify what each can offer and facilitate new partnerships and project opportunities. Any opportunities arising from the bilaterals will be shared with other members via the website and newsletter.

Objective 2: act as a catalyst for the initiation of further new partnership projects

Measures of success

- New partnership projects approved against the PECE criteria
- New partnerships facilitated by PECE
- Increase in number of organisations funding PECE projects
- Evidence of funding organisations having an increased awareness of PECE

Forward Plan

The PECE Secretariat will continue to play a brokering function, matching potential partners and sharing information about project and funding opportunities. Initial contact has already been made with multilateral funding institutions to raise awareness of the PECE brand with them. The Secretariat, with support from members, will continue to build a relationship with these organisations and explore any opportunities for cooperation.

Defra will continue to support the PECE initiative through its Environment for Europe fund, with a call for project proposals to be made in October 2005, with a deadline in January 2006.

Objective 3: improve the sustainability of projects, among other things by establishing long-term co-operation with in-country partners

Measures of success

- Each PECE project involves in-country partners
- Evidence of exchange of information and expertise between UK and EECCA
- Increase in number of in-country partners

- Increase in EECCA organisations contacting the Secretariat to express interest in being involved in PECE projects and suggesting project ideas

Forward Plan

The PECE Secretariat will increase PECE marketing aimed at the EECCA audience. So far, it has been aimed mainly at a UK audience, with material available in English only and with the purpose of recruiting members and increasing member engagement. EECCA partners involved in projects so far have been mainly the existing contacts of the PECE members leading the projects. The marketing material will enable the Secretariat and PECE members to inform EECCA organisations about PECE, how they can get involved and the benefits of cooperation. EECCA organisations will be invited to contact the Secretariat to register interest in being involved in PECE projects and suggest ideas for projects. A directory of interested organisations will be made available to PECE members on the website.

An international launch of PECE is planned for November 2005, to coincide with a meeting of EECCA Ministers responsible for water and finance to be held in Armenia. A range of public sector, private sector and civil society organisations is expected to attend.

EECCA marketing material will include a prospectus, posters and a one-page flyer, available in English and Russian languages. The most relevant sections of the website will also be translated into Russian.

The PECE Secretariat will also seek other opportunities for outreach to EECCA organisations.

Objective 4: respond to country/region specific needs, but with priority given to areas where the UK is particularly well-placed to contribute. These include bio-diversity, water, education for sustainable development, sustainable energy, public participation, municipal & community capacity building

Measures of success

- New projects to address each of the priority themes
- PECE projects addressing specific needs, identified through National Government dialogues
- Evidence of positive impact of projects on these areas
- Sharing of expertise between UK and EECCA on these themes

Forward Plan

To date, PECE projects have been proposed using a bottom-up approach. Project partners have come up with the ideas for projects, identifying needs from direct experience.

To complement this, the Secretariat plans to introduce a top-down approach and put forward relevant project concepts to PECE members, which may come out of dialogues with EECCA National Governments (initially Russia, Ukraine, Georgia and Moldova) to address a specific identified need.

Objective 5: provide a forum for awareness raising, exchange of good practice and replication of projects

Measures of Success

- Website receives increasing number of hits from growing range of users
- Members and others contribute to website and newsletter
- Good level of attendance at events and meetings and positive feedback
- Communication between members via website, newsletter and events leads to raised awareness and new partnership projects
- Exchange of good practice leads to improved ways of working

Forward Plan

The Secretariat will continue to develop and maintain the PECE website and circulate newsletters to members and other interested parties

The first annual Forum meeting and Networking Event will be held on 27th September in Westminster. Sir Andrew Wood, former British Ambassador to Moscow will speak about business, government and civil society in Russia and Roger Hammond of Living Earth will share experiences from the PECE projects in Sakhalin.

Breakout groups at the event will focus on particular themes and bring together organisations with shared interests, for example, water projects, to help facilitate new partnerships and opportunities. There will also be sessions on partnership working, to share good practice and learn from others' experiences.

It is hoped that this event will inspire organisations to form new partnerships and start new PECE projects.

Other possible meetings and events for the year ahead include:

- An event to mark the first anniversary of the launch of PECE (March 2006)
- A series of informative seminars on themes relevant to PECE members
- Focus groups to bring together organisation which share specific interests (project theme or country/region)
- Annual Forum Meeting and Networking Event (September 2006)

The Steering Group meetings will continue on a quarterly basis (see Annex C – Governance of PECE) and papers will be made available on the website.

Annex A

PECE Members (as at September 2005)

Accenture
ADAS
Atkins Consultants Ltd
Blackwell Publishing
British Consultants and Construction Bureau (BCCB)
British Council
British East West Centre
Capacity Global
CECS (University of Edinburgh)
Co-operatives UK Ltd
Council for Environmental Education (CEE)
Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs (Defra)
Department for International Development (DFID)
Dunira Strategy
Earthwatch Institute (Europe)
Environ UK Ltd
Environment Agency
The Environment Council
Environmental Resources Management (ERM)
Field Studies Council
Flora and Fauna International
Foreign and Commonwealth Office
Freshwater Action Network
FRR Ltd
Groundwork UK
Haskoning UK
Imperial College London
International Co-operative Alliance Europe
Joint Nature Conservation Committee (JNCC)
Leadership for Environment and Development International (LEAD)
Living Earth
Local Government International Bureau
Macaulay Institute
Mott MacDonald
National School of Government
Natural Resources Institute
Royal Society
Royal Society for the Protection of Birds (RSPB)
Russo-British Chamber of Commerce
Scott Wilson
Severn Trent Water International
Shell
University of Reading
Water UK
Westden International

Annex B

PECE Projects

Pilot projects

Project title	Donetsk Business Commitment to the Environment
<i>Summary</i>	<i>Developing the environmental awareness and capacity of businesses in one of the most heavily industrialised regions of Ukraine.</i>
Project code	PECEPILOT-01
Lead partner	Groundwork UK
Other partners	Local Government International Bureau, Donetsk Chamber of Commerce and Industry (DCCI), Roza Vetrov (local NGO)
Project duration	Oct 04 to Oct 05
Location	Donetsk, Ukraine
Purpose	To promote awareness, commitment and capacity of member companies to implement good environmental practice and to support company engagement in local environmental initiatives
Themes	All priority themes, in particular energy and water and municipal and civic capacity building.
Funding	Defra: £10,000; DCCI: £9,700
Contact	David Kirkwood, Groundwork UK dkirkwood@groundwork.org.uk

Project title	Sustainable Development and Capacity Building
<i>Summary</i>	<i>Engaging organisations from different sectors on Sakhalin island, in sustainable development issues.</i>
Project code	PECEPILOT-02
Lead Partner	Living Earth Foundation
Other partners	Shell International, Shell Russia, Sakhalin Energy and Eco-Accord (local NGO)
Project duration	Sept 04 - Sept 05
Location	Sakhalin, Russia
Purpose	To develop a methodology which shows how private sector, civil society and government can work together to put sustainable development into practice
Themes	Education for sustainable development; municipal and community capacity building
Funding	Defra: £10,000; Shell: £29,700; Living Earth: £3,700
Contact	Roger Hammond, Living Earth roger.hammond@livingearth.org.uk

Project title	Renewable Energy Partnership
<i>Summary</i>	<i>Renewable energy technology is to be used in Azerbaijan to improve the quality of life for communities living along the country's oil pipelines.</i>
Project code	PECEPILOT-03
Lead partner	LEAD International
Other partners	BTC Pipeline Company, RSL Caspian, United Nations High Commission for Refugees, Hayat NGO
Project duration	Jan 05 - Jan 06
Location	Azerbaijan
Purpose	To work with communities along the route of the pipeline to provide renewable energy technologies to meet demonstrated need and avoid further negative impacts such as deforestation
Themes	Energy, community capacity building
Funding	Defra £10,000; private sector: £20,000
Contact	Trevor Rees, LEAD International Trevor@lead.org

Projects

Project title	Environmental Education for Affected Communities
<i>Summary</i>	<i>Communities living close to a former nuclear weapons testing site in the Semipalatinsk region of Kazakhstan will be informed about hazards and how to mitigate them</i>
Project code	PECE-01
Lead partner	Natural Resources Institute
Other partners	Mouchel Parkman Services Ltd, EcoMuseum, The Co-ordination Committee of the Semipalatinsk Programme in the Internal Policy Department of the Semipalatinsk Akimat, Social and Economic Research Associates
Date approved	February 2005
Location	Semipalatinsk, Kazakhstan
Purpose	To inform Communities living close to a former nuclear weapons testing site about the hazards they face when using certain contaminated environments. More than 450 nuclear weapons have been exploded in the area since 1949.
Themes	Education for sustainable development, municipal and community capacity building and public participation
Funding	Defra £13,600; private sector: £13,600
Contact	Dr Robert Ridgway, Natural Resources Institute r.b.ridgway@gre.ac.uk

Project title	Azerbaijan Renewable Energy Partnership
<i>Summary:</i>	<i>Building upon the pilot project, renewable energy technology is to be used in Azerbaijan to improve the quality of life for communities living along the country's oil pipelines.</i>
Project code	PECE-02
Lead partner	LEAD International
Other partners	BTC Pipeline Company, Intermediate Technology Consultants, European Renewable Energy Council, RSL Caspian, Hayat NGO, United Nations High Commission for Refugees
Date approved	February 2005
Location	Azerbaijan
Purpose	To develop a partnership involving organisations from the private and voluntary sectors to deliver a series of projects that will use renewable energy and other technology to improve the quality of life for communities in Azerbaijan located along the route of the BTC and South Caucasus pipelines. As part of the project, a local school will be provided with a heating and hot water system using combined solar and biomass technology.
Themes	Energy, community capacity building
Funding	Defra: £17,500; private sector: £17,500 (min)
Contact	Trevor Rees, LEAD International Trevor@lead.org
Project title	Donetsk Business Commitment to the Environment Phase 2
<i>Summary</i>	<i>Building upon the pilot project, to developing the environmental awareness and capacity of businesses in one of the most heavily industrialised regions of Ukraine and help implement local project delivery.</i>
Project code	PECE-03
Lead partner	Groundwork UK
Other partners	Donetsk Chamber of Commerce and Industry, Local Government International Bureau, Roza Vetrov NGO
Date approved	February 2005
Location	Donetsk, Ukraine
Purpose	To build on the current pilot with a 2 nd implementation phase that enhances and consolidates project services and tri-sectoral partnership and facilitates local project implementation by Donetsk Chamber of Commerce and Industry's business members
Themes	All UK EfE priority themes, in particular energy and water and municipal and civic capacity building.
Funding	Defra: £50,000; DCCI: £31,000; LGIB and Groundwork UK: £19,000
Contact	David Kirkwood, Groundwork UK dkirkwood@groundwork.org.uk

Project title	Accredited Training for Local Government Officers in Sakhalin
<i>Summary</i>	<i>Local government officials will be given the skills needed to work effectively with the private sector and civil society on sustainable development.</i>
Project code	PECE-04
Lead partner	Living Earth Foundation
Other partners	Shell Exploration and Production Services, Sakhalin Energy Investment Company Limited, Eco-Accord, Sakhalin Oblast
Date approved	February 2005
Location	Sakhalin, Russia
Purpose	To create a permanent facility on Sakhalin island to develop and deliver training geared to enable local and municipal government to work effectively with private sector and civil society towards sustainable development
Themes	Education for sustainable development, municipal and capacity building
Funding	Defra: £49,788; private sector: £72,974
Contact	Roger Hammond, Living Earth Roger.Hammond@livingearth.org.uk

Project title	Small river basin management in the steppe zone of Southern Russia: Scoping Study
<i>Summary</i>	<i>To facilitate better management of the Kundruchiya River so that the people of Rostov Oblast in Russia, and other towns along the river, have access to cleaner water.</i>
Project code	PECE-05
Lead partner	Mott MacDonald Limited
Other partners	North Caucasus Branch of Russian Scientific Research Institute of Integrated Use and Protection of Water Resources
Duration	August 2005 – August 2006
Location	Russia, Rostov Oblast, the Kundruchiya River basin
Purpose	To carry out a scoping study to clearly identify measures needed to be introduced to improve the environmental state of water bodies in the Kundruchiya river basin, to reduce the level of water pollution entering the river system through point and diffuse sources, and provide sustainable water use for river's numerous municipal, industrial and agricultural users. Also to build capacity in the use of new planning tools developed in the UK and the EU for analysis of river basin management issues, and develop through consultation, appropriate strategies for integrated river basin management. To make an initial step towards developing a full integrated river basin management plan.
Themes	Water, biodiversity, community capacity building
Funding	Defra £11,050; project partners: £11,070
Contact	Mr Richard John Cullen, Mott MacDonald Limited: richard.cullen@mottmac.com

Project title	Building Capacity for Biodiversity Conservation in Eastern Europe and Central Asia
<i>Summary</i>	<i>To train biodiversity practitioners from across the EECCA region through active participation in a Wetlands project in Belarus.</i>
Project code	PECE-06
Lead partner	Earthwatch Institute (Europe)
Other partners	HSBC Holdings plc Field Studies Council National Academy of Sciences (Belarus) Central Asia Regional Environment Centre Regional Environmental Centre for the Caucasus Biodiversity Conservation Centre (Russia) Eco Centre K (Ukraine)
Date approved	1 st July 2005
Duration	2.5 years
Location	Focus country – Belarus Beneficiary countries – Ukraine, Azerbaijan, Russian Federation, Kazakhstan, Turkmenistan, Georgia and Republic of Iran (non PECE partner).
Purpose	The overall purpose of the project is to support biodiversity field research, train biodiversity practitioners and build capacity around the Eastern Europe, Caucasus and Central Asia (EECCA) region. Twenty-eight key biodiversity practitioners from the EECCA region will receive training in biodiversity monitoring, project management and involving communities in biodiversity conservation. They will also actively participate in the Earthwatch Belarus Wetlands project located in Poozerja in northern Belarus, to gain first hand experience of botanical survey and wetland conservation techniques..
Themes	Biodiversity, education for sustainable development
Funding	Defra: £50,000; HSBC: £30,000; Earthwatch & FSC: £20,000
Contact	Nat Spring, Earthwatch Institute (Europe) nspring@earthwatch.org.uk
Project title	Education for Sustainability and Climate Change in Central Asia
<i>Summary</i>	<i>To educate teachers in Central Asia about the importance of reducing carbon dioxide emissions, and provide them with the right resources to teach this to their students, including energy saving light bulbs for schools.</i>
Project code	PECE-07
Lead partner	Field Studies Council United Kingdom
Other partners	Central Asian Regional Environment Centre (CAREC) Climate Care Trust Ltd Ministries of Environment and Education in each country SPARE Norwegian Society for the Conservation of Nature

Date approved	UNESCO Kazakhstan 1 st July 2005
Duration	1 year
Location	Five countries of Central Asia: Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan, and Uzbekistan
Purpose	To develop new behaviour to promote energy saving and a reduction in carbon dioxide emissions through enhancing teachers and students practical understanding of climate change within the context of sustainable development. To develop resources in national languages to support learning about climate change, and to support the implementation of the UNECE Education for Sustainable Development Strategy in Central Asia.
Themes	Education for sustainable development, municipal and community capacity building and public participation
Funding	Defra £27,320; FSCEE, CAREC, Climate Care: £28,070
Contact	James Hindson, Field Studies Council United Kingdom: fscee@field-studies-council.org
Project title	Eco Footprints - communicating sustainable development
<i>Summary</i>	<i>To set up a interactive exhibition to allow the general public in Russia to measure their impact on the environment and find out how they can reduce this.</i>
Project code	PECE-08
Lead partner	Field Studies Council Environmental Education
Other partners	The Committee of environmental protection of the City Administration, Vodokanal St Petersburg Non-governmental organisation OSEKO
Date approved	1 st July 2005
Duration	1 year
Location	St Petersburg as the city of main partner's location Arkhangelsk, Pskov, Saratov, Vologda, Luga, Petrozavodsk, Syktyvkar, Ukhta, Rostov-on-Don, Moscow – the cities, where the exhibition will be moved.
Purpose	To encourage more sustainable lifestyles in St Petersburg and other Russian cities, explaining the impact on the environment of our current unsustainable behaviour and policies. To use interactive learning approaches so that people can measure their environmental impact through the concept of the ecological footprint and to give people specific and practical ideas about how to reduce their environmental impact
Themes	Education for sustainable development, bio-diversity, water, energy, public participation and municipal and community capacity building.
Funding	Defra £16,745; FSCEE: £16,745
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Project title	Joining up Environment Stakeholders
<i>Summary</i>	<i>To set up a forum for discussion between the public and private sectors and civil society to establish co-operation on environmental issues in Russia.</i>
Project code	PECE-09
Lead partner	The Britain-Russia Centre
Other partners	Shell Russo-British Chamber of Commerce (St Petersburg) NW Russia regional/local administrations Local NGOs
Date approved	1 st July 2005
Duration	1 year
Location	North West Russia
Purpose	To enable public, private and community sectors to come together in a practical format in order to establish a virtuous circle of learning and constructive exchange and action
Themes	Education for sustainable development, municipal and community capacity building, public participation and energy.
Funding	Defra £15,500; Shell: £15,500
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Annex C

Governance of PECE

Graham Hand, Chief Executive of BCCB was appointed Chairman of PECE in May 2005 and will remain Chairman until September 2006.

From March 2005 to September 2005, Defra has provided the Secretariat to PECE and Scott Wilson (a member of BCCB) has provided a part-time secondee.

The Steering Group held its first meeting in May 2005 and consists of:

Graham Hand, BCCB
Jamie Walls, Shell
Godfrey Cromwell, Russo-British Chamber of Commerce
David Kirkwood, Groundwork UK
Roger Hammond, Living Earth Foundation
Trevor Rees, LEAD International
Clare Hudson, Local Government International Bureau
Morag Baird, DFID
Tariq Ali, Imperial College London

A new Steering Group will be elected in September 2006.