



## **PARTNERS FOR ENVIRONMENTAL COOPERATION IN EUROPE (PECE)**

### **Second Annual Report Of Progress Made and Forward Plans**

**2006/2007**

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## Foreword from the Chairman

I am pleased to present the 2006/2007 progress report for Partners for Environmental Cooperation in Europe (PECE). When the last progress report was presented to the PECE forum in September 2005 we were a network of 43 organisations with a portfolio of 12 partnership projects. As we approach the second anniversary of our starting operations, our membership stands at 92 organisations with 20 partnership projects in the countries of Eastern Europe, Caucasus and Central Asia (EECCA).

The numbers of partners and projects alone do not quite capture the range and success of the PECE projects on the ground. In addition to bringing a range of partners together and encouraging a vigorous two-way exchange of knowledge, PECE projects are beginning to make a real impact on sustainable development in the EECCA region, and on the quality of life on the ground. There is however a lot more to do.

A key challenge for PECE in 2007/2008 will be to build on this progress by identifying new opportunities for partnerships and projects in the EECCA region and to encourage closer engagement with our colleagues and partners in each country. Each PECE member has a role to play and experience to offer. I thank PECE members who have played an active part in the network over the last 12 months and look forward to seeing more PECE members take an active role in the network.

**Graham Hand**

**PECE Chairman  
Chief Executive , British Expertise**

## 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 8<sup>th</sup> March 2005 in response to the need, identified at the 2003 Environment for Europe conference in Kyiv, 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.

This report outlines progress made, from the last PECE forum meeting in September 2005 to January 2007. 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 these 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.

A key strength of PECE is its flexibility to respond to challenges and opportunities as they arise. There are core issues identified in the forward plan, such as more engagement with the EECCA region, that are unlikely to change, however 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 at the next Annual Forum Meeting of all PECE members, in early 2008.



## **PECE Mission statement and objectives.**

***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.



## **Key achievements since September 2005**

- Doubled the number of PECE members – now 92 organisations
- Increased the number of partnership projects from 12 to 20. Projects are making a genuine and tangible contribution to promoting sustainable development and quality of life in parts of the EECCA region.
- Held a series of successful events aimed at raising the profile of PECE, sharing project experience and promoting new partnerships in the region.
- Number of unique visitors to PECE website has more than doubled from an average of 650 unique visitors per month from August – September 2005 to 1,400 per month from August to December 2006 (70 visits every working day)

## **Issues that we will focus on until March 2008**

- Working more closely with EECCA partners.
- Continue to act as a catalyst for new partnership project.
- Share good practice and experience between partners in the UK and EECCA region.
- Review whether and how PECE should continue its business after March 2008.

## Progress made (September 2006 – January 2007)

This section outlines the progress made against the PECE objectives, from September 2005 until January 2007.

**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 EECCA region;**

### Measures of success and progress

#### *Increase in number of signed-up members:*

- Membership has significantly increased since September 2005 from 43 members to 90 members. A full list of PECE members is available at Annex B

#### *All members make a contribution to PECE and evidence of increased participation of members*

- Many of our members play an active role in the network – typical contributions include; delivering PECE projects, contributing funding and/or in-kind time for projects; Sharing information and expertise
- Participating in the Steering Group
- Organising events
- Participating in meetings and events
- Following the Secondment of a member of staff from Scott Wilson in 2005, St James's research provided a member of staff, Karina Karmenian for a similar period in 2006/2007. This has been a significant and successful contribution to the PECE network.
- The secretariat will continue to encourage PECE members to play a more active role in the network.

#### *Balance of members in the private sector, public sector and civil society*

- As of January 2007, PECE has 13 members from the public sector (including Government, local government and delivery/ advisory bodies) 34 members from the private sector, 4 trade association members , 31 members from civil society and 10 members from academia. A list of members is at Annex A



## **Objective 2: Act as a catalyst for the initiation of new multi-stakeholder projects;**

### Measures of success and progress

#### *New partnership projects approved against the PECE criteria*

- There are currently 20 projects in the PECE portfolio. Projects are currently being delivered across 5 countries (Russia, Ukraine, Azerbaijan, Belarus and Kazakhstan) and some involve participants from additional EECCA countries. Most projects aim to be replicable and transferred to other parts of the region. 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.
- A full list of PECE projects is at Annex B.

#### *New partnerships facilitated by PECE*

- PECE has facilitated new partnerships, by introducing organisations that may not have otherwise considered working together. Throughout this period, a number of organisations have approached the secretariat seeking to identify new partners both in the UK and in the Region

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

### Measures of success and progress

#### *Each PECE project involves in-country partners*

- All PECE projects involve in-country partners with a clearly defined role. PECE project partners are currently working with an estimated 50 EECCA organisations from the public sector, private sector and civil society.

#### *Evidence of exchange of information and expertise between UK and EECCA*

- As some of our earlier PECE projects come to an end, there is emerging evidence of a good level of information exchange between UK and EECCA partners. Evidence is currently being collated from project reports.



**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*

- 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.

*Evidence of positive impact of projects on these areas*

- As per objective As some of our earlier PECE projects come to an end, there is emerging evidence of a good level of information exchange between UK and EECCA partners. Evidence is currently being collated from project reports.

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

Measures of success and progress

*Website receives increasing number of hits from different users*

- Number of unique visitors to PECE website has more than doubled from an average of 650 unique visitors per month from August – September 2005 to 1,400 per month from August to December 2006 (70 visits every working day)

*Members and others contribute to website and newsletter*

- Members and others frequently make contributions to the website and newsletter, regarding project opportunities and other issues of interest. The Secretariat will continue to develop is working to improve the website layout and content, so that it better meets the needs of users.
- Communication between members via website, newsletter and events leads to raised awareness and new partnership projects

*Good level of attendance at events and meetings*

- There have been a series of well attended and successful events in this period, including the International Launch of PECE in Yerevan, Armenia, in November 2005. In the UK there was a House of Lords Networking event in March 2006, and a seminar on Ukraine in June 2006. The secretariat continue to represent PECE at other relevant events.
- Events have been useful networking opportunities and have also been useful in sharing good practice and ideas for partnership working in the EECCA region.



## **DRAFT FORWARD PLAN January 2007 – March 2008**

March 2007 marks the second full year since the formal launch of PECE. The previous section outlines significant progress against a range of challenging objectives. The forward plan, based on discussions by the PECE steering group, aims to set objectives to build on the progress of the last 12 months and focus priorities for the period up to the next major forum meeting, likely to be in March 2008.

The 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, remains the same and core to what PECE members have come together to do. The objectives set out below are key to working towards this mission statement and the aims of PECE that all PECE members, by joining the network, have committed to supporting. Every PECE member has a role in ensuring that these objectives are met and that PECE continues to make progress.

OBJECTIVES January 2007 – March 2008

<u>OBJECTIVES</u>	<u>MEASURES OF SUCCESS</u>	<u>NOTES</u>
<p><b><u>Objective 1:</u></b>  <b>Respond to country/region specific needs These needs could include a range of sustainable development issues such as climate change and sustainable energy, municipal &amp; community capacity building bio-diversity, water, education for sustainable development and public participation.</b></p>	<p>New projects to address each of the priority themes, particularly capacity building, climate change and sustainable energy</p> <p>PECE projects addressing specific needs, identified through local partners</p> <p>Evidence of positive impact of projects on these areas</p> <p>Sharing of expertise between UK and EECCA on these themes</p>	<p>PECE projects will continue to be needs driven. To ensure a balanced portfolio of projects, the secretariat will encourage proposals from organisations based on information from in-country partners. There will an increased focus on evaluating the existing portfolio of PECE projects with a view to sharing expertise between the UK and EECCA region.</p>
<p><b><u>Objective 2:</u></b>  <b>Act as a catalyst for the initiation of new partnerships and partnership projects</b></p>	<p>New partnerships and partnership projects facilitated by PECE</p> <p>Increase in number of organisations funding PECE projects</p> <p>Evidence of funding organisations having an increased awareness of PECE</p> <p>Evidence that partnership continue beyond the lifetime of initials PECE intervention.</p>	<p>The PECE Secretariat will continue to play a brokering function, matching potential partners and sharing information about project and funding opportunities. The Secretariat will engage with members and other funding bodies to help support the development of new partnerships, including through project activity.</p> <p>It is expected that Defra will provide further match funding for PECE projects, though the secretariat will encourage other PECE members to contribute resources.</p>
<p><b><u>Objective 3:</u></b>  <b>Provide a forum for awareness raising, exchange of good practice and replication of projects</b></p>	<p>Increased use of PECE website and newsletter, with more content provided by PECE members.</p> <p>Good level of attendance at events and meetings</p> <p>Communication between members via website, newsletter and events leads to raised awareness and new partnership opportunities</p> <p>Effective dissemination of lessons learnt and partnering experience from existing PECE portfolio.</p>	<p>The Secretariat will continue to develop the PECE website, increasing the amount of relevant information published and identifying ways to make the website a more effective mechanism for exchanging information and good practice.</p> <p>Bi-monthly newsletters will be replaced by a more detailed quarterly news letter.</p> <p>In addition to the February 2007 PECE event, there will be at least one further UK based PECE event in the Summer of 2007. PECE will also be represented at the Environment for Europe Ministerial Conference due to be held in October 2007 in Belgrade.</p>

<p><b><u>Objective 4:</u></b></p> <p><b>Consolidate network of signed-up UK PECE members, focussing recruitment activity to organisations that will compliment the existing membership and maintaining a balance between sectors.</b></p>	<p>Increase in PECE membership, particularly large private sector organisations and funding organisations.</p> <p>Evidence of greater participation from existing PECE members, including contributions to project activity, organising and hosting events of interest to other members.</p> <p>PECE members promote PECE within their own organisations.</p> <p>Existing PECE members more proactive in recruiting new members.</p>	<p>The PECE network includes 90 organisations from a range of sectors. A key focus of work under this objective will be on encouraging existing members to play a more active role in the partnership. The secretariat will continue to recruit new members; particularly organisations identified by the steering group, but will be less proactive in recruiting other UK based organisations.</p> <p>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.</p>
<p><b><u>Objective 5:</u></b></p> <p><b>Increase engagement with EECCA based organisations, encourage longer-term co-operation and exchange of expertise between UK PECE members and in-country partners.</b></p>	<p>Increase in number of in-country partners involved in PECE project activity.</p> <p>Increase in EECCA organisations joining the PECE network of EECCA organisations.</p> <p>Increased awareness of PECE among relevant EECCA organisations and increased use of secretariat brokering service.</p> <p>Evidence of exchange of information and expertise between UK and EECCA organisations.</p>	<p>The PECE Secretariat will develop activities, such as events and projects, aimed at raising awareness of PECE and encouraging EECCA partners to join and participate in the PECE network. The current directory of interested EECCA organisations on the website will be expanded. PECE communications materials, such as news letters will continue to be produced for the EECCA audience.</p> <p>PECE will be represented at the next Environment for Europe Ministerial conference, due to be held in Belgrade in October 2007</p>
<p><b><u>Objective 6:</u></b></p> <p><b>Review whether and how PECE should continue to operate after March 2008</b></p>	<p>Concrete options for the possible longer term structure and funding developed and in place by March 2008, including:</p> <p>Independent secretariat with a broader range of funding and resource supporting development of PECE services and activities</p>	<p>The secretariat, working with the steering group will review the options for PECE's possible future business for consultation and implementation by March 2008</p>



## **PECE Partners for Environmental Cooperation in Europe –Options for the future.**

### **Purpose:**

This document, based on discussions by the PECE steering group, aims to set a broad road-map for reviewing whether and how PECE should continue to operate after 2008. The questions outlined in this document will form the basis of a review of PECE, including consultation with forum members and partners in the EECCA region with the aim of developing options for how PECE could continue to carry on its business after March 2008. The forum are invited to endorse the approach and issues for consideration outlined below.

### **The future of PECE.**

The PECE terms of reference, endorsed by the forum in 2005, established PECE for an initial period of 3 years from March 2005 to March 2008, before which there would be a review of “whether and how to continue” The success of PECE to date has been significant, with over 90 UK partners and 20 projects making a real contribution across the EECCA region. There remains a significant opportunity to build on this success. We remain a unique partnership in the region and recognise the demand from both the EECCA region and members in the UK.

In order for PECE to continue to develop, the steering group have requested that the secretariat options for how PECE could continue to carry on its business after March 2008. A review will consider= all options for the future of PECE after 2008 including:

- The effectiveness of PECE as a model to encourage and add value to partnerships on environmental and sustainable development issues in the EECCA region.
- Membership feedback on services offered by PECE and likely demand for services in the longer term.
- All options for arrangements after March 2008 including the establishment of a small independent secretariat, outside of government and hosted by an appropriate PECE member by March 2008.
- How to securing a funding base from a wider range of UK based and international organisations and sectors, including examining the possibility of small cost-recovery and in-kind contributions from PECE members.

### **Proposed Timescale.**

1 February 2007	PECE forum invited to agree annual report and objectives for 2007/2008
February/ March 2007	Secretariat to commission review of PECE and produce outline business plan outlining all options for PECE after 2008.
April 2007	PECE members and EECCA colleagues are consulted, including an internet based survey.
June -September 2007	Business plan, based on results of review developed.
October 2007	Environment for Europe Ministerial Conference, Belgrade. Long-term plans for PECE announced.
March 2008	PECE forum event.



## Governance of PECE

Graham Hand, Chief Executive of British Expertise was appointed Chairman of PECE in May 2005 and will remain Chairman until February 2007, when a new steering group will review and elect (or re-elect) a Chairman.

Defra continue to provide the Secretariat to PECE. Karina Karmenian, a secondee from St James Research has also been working part-time in the secretariat.

The Steering Group held its first meeting in May 2005 and meets on a quarterly basis. The steering group current consists of:

Graham Hand, British Expertise  
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 (represented by Rosalie Callway during maternity leave), Local Government Association.  
Morag Baird/Magdalena Banasiak , DFID  
David Steele (DEFRA)  
Tariq Ali/Linda Davies , Imperial College London

On behalf of all PECE members, the secretariat would like to thank Steering Group members for their contribution to the steering group.

### **Role of Steering Group as set out in the PECE terms of reference.**

The Steering Group is responsible for overseeing the strategic direction of the Partnership and shall consist of at least two representatives of each of the three sectors (private sector, public sector, civil society).

The Steering Group will be appointed annually by the Forum on an individual (not organisational) basis and will be chaired by the PECE Chair. Each sector will agree between themselves at least two representatives.

The Steering Group will hold meetings on a quarterly basis. The Chair or Steering Group may call additional meetings as necessary.

The Steering Group will prepare an annual report of progress made and plan for the year ahead, for endorsement by the Forum, and be responsible for overseeing its implementation. Decisions will be made by a majority vote of those present at Steering Group meetings.

The Steering Group will approve project proposals for PECE branding by assessment against the criteria for PECE projects. A summary of a project proposal will be circulated to the Steering Group once submitted by a PECE member. Decisions will be made by a majority vote.

The Steering Group will guide the work of the Secretariat and assist in drafting papers. The Steering Group may call additional Forum meetings as necessary.

Steering Group members play a role in deciding if a project should be PECE branded unless they are involved in one of the project proposals or there is a potential conflict of interest. This will be governed by a code of conduct.

### **Proposal for a new steering group.**

Following an open invitations for expressions of interest published on the PECE website and news letter on 29<sup>th</sup> December the following PECE members have expressed an interested in either joining or remaining on the PECE steering group.

#### **Graham Hand, Chief Executive of British Expertise**

I have been a member of the PECE Steering Group since the organisation was created. I was elected Chairman by the Group and have served in that capacity until now. The original Group members were effectively self-appointed, but I believe that for the health of the organisation, they should now be elected by the whole membership.

British Expertise is the leading UK private sector organisation for the export of professional services. Many of our member companies have expertise in environmental questions, and some are PECE members in their own right. I am therefore able to help represent and explain the private sector on the Steering Group, both generally and as regards the private sector attitude to the important issues PECE is designed to address.

My personal background includes 25 years as a member of HM Diplomatic Service (up to April 2004), so I am also able to bring to the Group considerable experience of the way government works, and therefore how to work most effectively with Defra and other Government Departments. I have enjoyed the work of the Steering Group and I am keen to continue contributing in this way for a further term.

#### **Struan Simpson, St James's Research**

St James's Research (SJR) aims at influencing governments and industry in the EECCA region and in West Africa to tackle environmental problems and achieve sustainable development: at community level, to enhance income and sustainable livelihoods.

SJR shares PECE's mission aims and is able to offer its experience to the PECE Steering Group, in the realisation of the PECE potential to broker productive partnerships between members, EECCA institutions, NGOs, businesses and funding agencies to tackle jointly environment and sustainable development issues.

Operating on the principle of "Profit in Partnership" and co-ordinating multi-disciplinary approaches to problem definition and programme development, SJR's initiatives, funded by the EU, Tacis, the EKHF, industry, philanthropic organisations and the Leventis Foundation, have led to some ground-breaking advances in legal training (environmental legislation) in the EECCA and strategies for poverty alleviation in the Niger Delta.

SJR has contributed to the development of the EfE process since 1994 through participation in several ministerial conferences and parallel events and work groups organised by the EEB. This has resulted in a highly productive network, not only among the various governments and NGOs, but also businesses in the region, which can only re-enforce the PECE initiative.

#### **Javier Alvarez, Living Earth Foundation (LEF)**

LEF has supported PECE since its beginnings and is involved in projects in the region. As an example, in association with PECE, the Foundation established The Local Government

Training Programme in Sakhalin Island - developed from the success of one of the early workshops of the Global Links.

This programme is concerned with strengthening local government in Sakhalin to enable local and municipal government to work effectively with the private sector and civil society to promote sustainable social, environmental and economic development.

LEF has developed in Russia an Open College Network (OCN) accredited training course during 2006, in partnership with Sakhalin State University (SSU), to develop understanding among key local government personnel on how different strengths, complementary resources, knowledge and skills can jointly address the complexities surrounding sustainable development in Sakhalin.

LEF can continue its contribution to PECE through ground experience, local contacts and strategic thinking for the partnership.

### **Godfrey Cromwell, Russo-British Chamber of Commerce**

I have 20+ years experience in the design, financing and delivery of environmental, renewable energy and other development projects. For the last 16 years this work has been in Central and Eastern Europe, including Russia, Central Asia and the Caucasus. I am Director of the British East-West Centre, which has such projects ongoing across the CIS region.

At the same time I also have strong connections to the business community, in particular as Executive Director of the Russo-British Chamber of Commerce, which co-ordinates some 500 companies active in the region - ranging from the global energy giants to SMEs.

PECE is a unique bringing together of civil society and business. I have enjoyed participating in the Steering Group and I hope that my cross-sectoral skills, contacts and experience are of use to organisation. I would therefore very much like to remain on the Steering Group for another term.

### **David Kirkwood, Groundwork UK**

Groundwork was a founding partner of PECE and worked closely with the original Defra co-ordinated "Kiev 2003 stakeholder group", playing a significant role in helping practically establish the PECE partnership. We have been committed to supporting its continued development including helping with Russian language translation of PECE resources through our partners in the region. We have a strong commitment in seeing the networking and information-sharing function of PECE develop further in future.

Groundwork has been working extensively in eastern Europe since 1997 and in the EECCA region since 2000 working with government, private and NGO sector partners with a particular emphasis on cross-sectoral partnership projects. We feel we have a good understanding of the issues and needs within the region relevant to the PECE mission. We have worked on 2 PECE pilot projects in Ukraine (on business and the environment and energy management) and are committed to sustaining the long-term outcomes of these projects.

Groundwork has been a member of the Steering Group since its inception and attended all meetings to date.

### **Linda Davies, Imperial College London**

Imperial College London embodies and delivers world class scholarship, education and research in Science, Engineering and Medicine with particular regard to their application in industry, commerce, and healthcare. Consistently rated in the top three UK university

institutions, the College is a world leading science-based university whose reputation for excellence in teaching and research attracts students (11,000) and staff (6,000) of the highest international quality. Innovative research at the College explores the interface between science, medicine, engineering and management and delivers practical solutions that enhance the quality of life and the environment - underpinned by a dynamic enterprise culture.

The Faculty of Natural Sciences has been established recently by combining the Faculties of Life Sciences and Physical Sciences. One of the aims of the new Faculty is to bring world class expertise in areas like climate change modelling, ecology, natural resources, sustainable development and biosciences together in order to tackle the major environmental problems. The commitment of the College to its environment portfolio is exemplified by the inclusion of "Environment" in the research strategy as one of its three strategic research priorities. Both other strategic research themes, "Energy" and "Health", are directly linked to the development of a sustainable environment, which shows the commitment of the College to improving "Quality of Life".

### **Clare Twelvetrees, Environment Agency**

The Environment Agency is the primary environmental regulator in England and Wales and the largest in Europe. We protect the environment to improve the quality of life for current and future generations. Our responsibilities range from reducing emissions to air, land and water as well as managing water resources including flooding, climate change adaptation, conservation, navigation and fisheries.

Through our international programme we share our practical, technical expertise with sister organisations overseas. We target our effort in a small number of regions overseas so we can make the most difference – EU Accession Countries & the EU neighbourhood region, West, South & East Africa, China and India. The UK sustainable development strategy highlights our contribution in terms of sharing practical advice on matters such as water management, environmental governance, regulation and enforcement.

As a member of the steering group we could offer the following:

- our advice and guidance on matters relating to environmental management drawing from our experience in the UK and overseas
- knowledge of the donor environment and funding streams
- good network of contacts with other public sector bodies, NGOs,
- central government & private sector groups operating in the UK and internationally
- a commitment to furthering the aims and objectives of PECE and taking on responsibilities relating to its governance and direction

### **Magdalena Banasiak, DfID**

The Department for International Development ( DFID) is the UK Government department responsible for promoting sustainable development and reducing poverty. The central focus is based on our policy is based on our White Papers to International Development and commitment to achieving the Millennium Development Goals by 2015.

DFID interest in Europe and Central Asia focuses on contributing to poverty reduction, stability and sustainable growth in the Western Balkans, Russia, Ukraine, Central Asia, South Caucasus and Moldova. We work in a diverse range of low and middle income countries, which are transitioning from centrally planned economic systems, high levels of poverty and inequality, weak governance. We work in partnership with governments committed to MDGs, with civil society, the private sector and research community. We are also working with multi-lateral institutions, including World Bank, EBRD, United Nations agencies and the European

Commission and other key bilateral donors. Central to our support is providing support to nationally led processes and policies.

Our bilateral assistance focuses on the following:

- Improving governance and institutional environment for poverty reduction
- Promoting sustainable pro-poor sustainable growth
- Strengthening the UK's contribution to conflict resolution and peace building

This is complemented by support at a regional level on

- countering the spread of HIV/AIDs and
- improving regional co-operation.

Our potential contribution to the PECE initiative is:

- Providing a development perspective on the environmental challenges facing the ECA region, incl. how better environmental management can be important for wider development objectives.
- Experience in how to make an impact with modest programme resources at a country level, managing partnerships, ensuring policy and programme coherence with other donors and government departments.
- Experience of building capacity of government for policy making and delivery of services at a municipal and central government level.
- Knowledge through our bilateral programme of working with partner governments, communities, civil society, multi-laterals and IFIs, building long terms relationships and partnerships.

### **David Steele, Defra**

Defra has a leadership role in the delivery of the UK's commitments for action on sustainable development, both domestically and internationally. Many of our international commitments derive from two key political sources:

- The 2002 Johannesburg World Summit on Sustainable Development (WSSD)
- The United Nations Economic Commission for Europe's (UNECE's) "Environment for Europe" (EfE) process.

We pursue these commitments through a variety of means. These include Sustainable Development Dialogues with rapidly developing economies (such as China and India), a Memorandum of Understanding with the Russian Ministry of Natural Resources, participation in international organisations such as the UNECE, and the encouragement of multi-stakeholder partnerships such as PECE. Within Government we are also "owners" of WSSD commitments on oceans, fisheries, biodiversity, chemicals, agriculture and sustainable consumption and production.

Besides hosting the secretariat for PECE, Defra provides match funding to individual projects via our "Environment for Europe" fund, which was set up following the 2003 Ministerial conference in Kiev. We have funded 19 of the 20 PECE projects to date. As well as continuing to consider opportunities for funding that match our sustainable development priorities, Defra's main role on the Steering Group is to provide a Government perspective on the political drivers for environmental change in the EECCA region.

Jamie Walls (Shell International) and Rosalie Callway (LGA International)

## **Annex A**

### **PECE Members**

A.Harris & Associates Ltd.  
Accenture  
ADAS  
AEA Technology Environment  
Allavida  
Atkins Consultants Ltd  
Belmont Management Consultants Ltd  
The British East-West Centre  
BirdLife International  
Blackwell Publishing  
British Council  
British Expertise (formerly BCCB)  
British Water  
Cambrensis Ltd  
Capacity Global  
CECS, University of Edinburgh  
Central Science Laboratory (CSL)  
Centre for Environment, Fisheries and Aquaculture Science (Cefas)  
Chartered Institution of Water and Environmental Management (CIWEM)  
Climate Care Trust Ltd.  
Co-operatives UK/ International Co-operatives Alliance (ICA) Europe  
Creative Concern  
Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs (Defra)  
Department for International Development (DFID)  
Dunira Strategy  
Earthwatch Institute (Europe)  
Eco Ltd.  
Edale  
Engineers Against Poverty  
ENVIRON UK Limited  
Environment Agency (England and Wales)  
The Environment Council  
Environmental Resources Management (ERM)  
Equip Trust  
European Forum on Nature Conservation & Pastoralism  
Fauna and Flora International  
Field Studies Council  
Fieldfare International Ecological Development plc  
Foreign and Commonwealth Office (FCO)  
Freshwater Action Network  
FRR Ltd  
Global to Local Ltd  
Golder Associates (UK) Ltd  
The Great Bustard Group  
Groundwork UK  
Haskoning UK  
HBMC  
Imperial College London  
Insight  
Integrated pollution management knowledge transfer network (University of Oxford)

International Business Leaders Forum (IBLF)  
International Institute for Environment and Development (IIED)  
International Wildlife Consultants (UK) Ltd  
Joint Nature Conservation Committee (JNCC)  
Key Travel  
Kingston University  
KPMG  
Leadership for Environment and Development (LEAD) International  
Living Earth Foundation  
Local Government Association  
London School of Economics  
Look East  
Love Russia  
Macaulay Institute  
Met Office  
Mott Macdonald  
National School of Government  
Natural History Museum  
Natural Resources Institute  
New Europe Railway Heritage Trust  
Plantlife International  
Practical Action Consulting (formerly ITC Ltd)  
Robens Centre for Public and Environmental Health  
Royal Botanic Gardens, Kew  
Royal Society  
Royal Society for the Protection of Birds (RSPB)  
Rural Development Initiatives  
Russo-British Chamber of Commerce  
Scott Wilson  
Severn Trent Water International  
Shell International Limited  
Sohn Associates  
Southampton Solent University  
St James's Consultancy & Research  
United Nations Environment Programme  
University of Birmingham  
University of Reading, School of Agriculture Policy and Development  
Wardell Armstrong LPP  
Water UK  
Waterwise  
Westden International

## Annex B

### PECE Projects

#### Pilot projects

<b>Project title</b>	<b>Donetsk Business Commitment to the Environment</b>
<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	<b>PECEPILOT-01</b>
Lead partner	Groundwork UK
Other partners	Local Government International Bureau, Donetsk Chamber of Commerce and Industry (DCCI), Roza Vetrov (local NGO)
Duration	October 04 – October 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
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<b>Project title</b>	<b>Sustainable Development and Capacity Building</b>
<i>Summary</i>	<i>Engaging organisations from different sectors on Sakhalin island, in sustainable development issues.</i>
Project code	<b>PECEPILOT-02</b>
Lead Partner	Living Earth Foundation
Other partners	Shell International, Shell Russia, Sakhalin Energy and Eco-Accord (local NGO)
Duration	September 04 – September 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
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<b>Project title</b>	<b>Renewable Energy Partnership</b>
<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	<b>PECEPILOT-03</b>
Lead partner	LEAD International
Other partners	BTC Pipeline Company, RSL Caspian, United Nations High Commission for Refugees, Hayat NGO
Duration	January 05 – January 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

Themes further negative impacts such as deforestation  
Energy, community capacity building  
Funding Defra £10,000; private sector: £20,000  
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## **Projects**

**Project title** **Environmental Education for Affected Communities**  
*Summary* *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*

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

Duration April 05 – March 06  
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  
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**Project title** **Azerbaijan Renewable Energy Partnership**  
*Summary* *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.*

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

Duration March 05 – March 06  
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  
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**Project title** **Donetsk Business Commitment to the Environment Phase 2**  
*Summary* *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.*

Project code **PECE-03**  
Lead partner Groundwork UK  
Other partners Donetsk Chamber of Commerce and Industry, Local Government International Bureau, Roza Vetrov NGO

Duration March 05 – March 06  
Location Donetsk, Ukraine  
Purpose To build on the current pilot with a 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 & Groundwork UK: £19,000  
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**Project title** **Accredited Training for Local Government Officers in Sakhalin**  
*Summary* *Local government officials will be given the skills needed to work effectively with the private sector and civil society on sustainable development.*

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

Duration March 05 – July 06  
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  
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**Project title** **Small river basin management in the steppe zone of Southern Russia: Scoping Study**  
*Summary* *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.*

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 July 2005 – June 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  
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**Project title** **Building Capacity for Biodiversity Conservation in Eastern Europe and Central Asia**  
*Summary* *To train biodiversity practitioners from across the EECCA region through active participation in a Wetlands project in Belarus.*  
 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)  
 Duration July 2005 – February 2009  
 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  
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**Project title** **Education for Sustainability and Climate Change in Central Asia**  
*Summary* *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.*  
 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; UNESCO Kazakhstan  
 Duration July 2005 – June 2006  
 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

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**Project title** **Eco Footprints - communicating sustainable development**

*Summary* *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.*

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; NGO OSEKO

Duration July 2005 – June 2006

Location St Petersburg

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**

*Summary* *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.*

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

Duration July 2005 – June 2006

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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<b>Project title</b>	<b>Sustainable Waste Management in Azerbaijan</b>
<i>Summary</i>	<i>Establishing a sustainable waste management scheme (collection, transport and disposal) in at least one Azeri community along the BTC pipeline.</i>
Project code	<b>PECE-10</b>
Lead partner	ENVIRON UK Ltd
Other partners	Hayat (Azerbaijan NGO); BTC Pipeline Company; Environ Foundation; University College Northampton
Duration	March 06 – March 08
Location	Azerbaijan
Purpose	The project will establish a sustainable pilot waste management scheme (collection, transport and disposal) in at least one Azeri community along the BTC pipeline. The provision of such an infrastructure will help tackle environmental and health and safety problems in both the short and long-term. Initially the project will focus on working with the communities to raise awareness and change perception of waste management.
Themes	The main priority themes the project will address are education for sustainable development, public participation and community capacity building. However, there will also be an overlap with other themes, as an improved waste management scheme will help tackle issues (e.g. degradation of land and watercourses, damage to wildlife and domestic animals).
Funding	Project partners: £102,900; Defra: £34,300
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<b>Project title</b>	<b>Education for Sustainable Development and Climate Change</b>
<i>Summary</i>	<i>Reducing carbon dioxide emissions by schools in Russia,, enhancing teachers' and young peoples' meaningful understanding of climate change and energy issues.</i>
Project code	<b>PECE-11</b>
Lead partner	Field Studies Council
Other partners	Omsk Education Committee; Engineering Technical Centre, Russia; ETIS (Heating Company), Russia; Civic Environmental Foundation "UNISON", Kyrgyzstan
Duration	March 06 – March 08
Location	Russia
Purpose	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• To work in partnership with business and the local education administration to create a widely applicable system to allow investment in energy saving technologies in schools</li> <li>• To pilot these systems in one school in Omsk and then disseminate them more widely in the city and in Russia</li> <li>• To enhance the understanding that young people learn through the built environment they learn in</li> <li>• To enhance the capacity of teachers to effectively integrate energy and climate change into the curriculum</li> </ul>
Themes	Education for Sustainable Development (ESD) and climate issues in line with the UNECE strategy.
Funding	Project partners: £34,525; Defra: £34,405
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<b>Project title</b>	<b>Air Quality Management in Moscow and London</b>
<i>Summary</i>	<i>Addressing the health and environmental issues associated with poor air quality currently being experienced in Moscow, London and most other large cities where emissions from transport and industry are polluting the air.</i>
Project code	<b>PECE-12</b>
Lead partner	Imperial College London
Other partners	King's College London; Cambridge Environmental Research Consultants Ltd; Natural History Museum; Greater London Authority; Environment Agency; The Met Office; Institute of Global Climate and Ecology, Moscow; Moscow Environment Department; State Environment Establishment Moseco monitoring; Guild of Ecologists, Moscow; Institute of Forest Research, Moscow; Russian State Hydrometeorological University
Duration	March 06 – May 07
Location	Russia
Purpose	The project seeks to share experience in the measurement, monitoring, meteorology and dispersion modelling associated with air quality management and associated policies to reduce pollution. It introduces, for the first time, a biological monitoring element to air quality management which can be readily applied by community groups with the added benefit of assessing changes in bio-diversity and providing a visual example of ecosystem sensitivity to atmospheric pollution. Policies to improve air quality are particularly challenging for the regulator because, especially in relation to transport, they often require a major change in lifestyle. We hope that through sharing experience in both the science and policy aspects of air quality and providing a community information service through a bi-lingual website we can raise awareness, encourage public participation and provide support for measures necessary to protect the environment.
Themes	Air quality; biodiversity; public participation; municipal and community capacity building
Funding	Project partners: £49,080; Defra: £48,841
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<b>Project title</b>	<b>Introducing biodiversity as a subject in schools</b>
<i>Summary</i>	<i>Reaching out to the young people of Belarus, to help ensure the long-term survival of their national heritage, by addressing this gap in their education system.</i>
Project code	<b>PECE-13</b>
Lead partner	Royal Society for Protection of Birds
Other partners	APB, Birdlife Belarus - an NGO; Ministry of Education, Belarus; United Nations Development Programme
Duration	April 06 – April 08
Location	Belarus
Purpose	To develop a new teaching module on biodiversity conservation consistent with the school curriculum, to raise the capacity of the teaching staff, and then systematically offer the module to all 3,000 secondary schools in Belarus. Under Article 13 of the Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD), Belarus has an obligation to explain the importance of, and the measures required for, the conservation of biological diversity in its state education programmes. In Belarus there is currently no formal curriculum subject covering nature and biodiversity.
Themes	Biodiversity and Education for Sustainable Development.

Funding £36,000 Defra; £36,000 project partners  
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**Project title** **Sustainable Water Demand Management: Phase 1 Pilot Project, Lviv**  
*Summary* *Using state of the art technology developed in the UK to minimise leakage from water systems, significantly reducing economic and environmental losses.*  
Project code **PECE-14**  
Lead partner Severn Trent Water International Ltd.  
Other partners Primayer Aqua Technology Solutions (UK); ABB (UK); Lviv Communal City Enterprise 'Lvivvodokanal', Ukraine Lviv City Council  
Duration 12 Months  
Location Ukraine  
Purpose Losing water from water systems results in significant economic and environmental losses that should be minimised. The question we face is: how to achieve this in the EECCA region, at affordable cost?  
  
Leakage management in Lviv, as in most EECCA countries, is inefficient and ineffective because areas of high loss or consumption cannot be prioritised due to a lack of adequate flow measurement. The project provides an innovative solution to this problem, using state of the art technology developed in UK to make instantaneous measurements of water demand patterns and pressures within apartment blocks (Phase 1 & 2), and pipeline systems (Phase 3)  
Themes Water conservation and management, Energy saving, Municipal capacity building, Environmental sustainability  
Funding Project partners: £22,700; Defra: £22,450  
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**Project title** **Ukraine Sustainable Energy Management Toolkit**  
*Summary* *To develop a toolkit to assist municipalities and major private sector companies save energy and make use of renewable energy sources.*  
Project code **PECE-15**  
Lead partner Groundwork UK  
Other partners National Environmental Audit and Certification (Ua); Ministry of Environment & Natural Resources (Ua); Roza Vetrov NGO (Ua)  
Duration March 06 – June 07  
Location Ukraine  
Purpose The project will develop an energy audit and management toolkit to assist municipalities (and major private sector companies) identify and implement energy saving programmes and also identify where possible and appropriate opportunities for development of alternative, renewable energy sources.  
Themes The project primarily aims to address the sustainable energy priority theme, and secondly will contribute to municipal capacity building.  
Funding Groundwork, MENR, NEACC, Roza Vetrov, City Councils, private sector: £27,520; Defra: £27,520  
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<b>Project title</b>	<b>Open Dialogue between Government, Industry &amp; Civil Society: Sustainable environmental development</b>
Summary	<i>A conference and workshops conducted in Mariupol, Ukraine, 19-22 September 2006, provided a focal point from which to review the present status and potential of multi--sectoral co-operation as a template for the EECCA, overcome barriers and identify new approaches to more effective environmental management for sustainable development of the region.</i>
Project code	<b>PECE-16</b>
Lead partner	St James's Research
Other partners	Mariupol State University of the Humanities, Ministry of Environment Protection of Ukraine, MAMA-86 Kiev, British Council Kiev, Groundwork UK and Cambrensis Ltd
Duration	March 2006 – December 2007 (International Conference*, September 2006)
Location	Ukraine and wider EECCA
Purpose	To produce a blueprint for <i>multi-sectoral co-operation</i> that can be extended to training and demonstration activities in Ukraine, with application to other EECCA countries. Workshops analyze the barriers to co-operation, the implementation of environmental legislation and citizens' participation in local decision making (a priority called for in the Aarhus Convention and identified in Ukraine's adoption and adaptation of Millennium Development Goals). Workshops, facilitated by Ukrainian and partner experts produced: practical guidelines for co-operation between inspection agencies and industry, for training the judiciary, committing businesses to environmental management practices and strengthening citizens' roles at the local level.
Themes	The themes of the conference, workshops and subsequent activities are: business in the environment, implementing environmental legislation, the role of the judiciary and participation of civil society in creating a cleaner and healthier environment.
Funding	The Leventis Foundation: £70k; Coca-Cola HBC, SCM, Eurasia Foundation, British Embassy Kiev, IlyichAviA: £10k.
Information/ progress	See <a href="http://www.open-dialog.com">www.open-dialog.com</a>
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<b>Project title</b>	<b>Enhancing biodiversity and ecotourism in Russia</b>
Summary	<i>to improve biodiversity conservation and to promote ecosystem services provided by protected areas (PAs) through education, capacity building and sustainable tourism development in PAs in Russia.</i>
Project code	<b>PECE-17</b>
Lead partner	Fieldfare International Ecological Development plc (UK)
Other partners	Ecocentre Zapovedniks (RF) ; Dersu Uzala (RF); Association of Ecotourism (RF)
Duration	January 2007 – June 2008
Location	Russian Federation
Purpose	The overall purpose of the project is to improve biodiversity conservation and to promote ecosystem services provided by protected areas (PAs) through education, capacity building and sustainable tourism development in PAs in Russia.  The main objectives of the project are: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• to enhance environmental protection efforts and to stimulate local</li> </ul>

economies through sharing knowledge, transferring know-how, initiating collaborative partnerships and networks;

- to spearhead the effective development of sustainable tourism initiatives in Russian PAs by providing practical support and capacity building;
- to educate and train managers of protected areas in modern STD management, and in the application of economic and financial tools with direct benefits to both the environment and local communities living in and around PAs;
- to help identify market opportunities for PAs as an attractive tourist destination and build a common platform for promoting them at the international level;
- e) to enhance the role of protected areas in biodiversity conservation in Russia.

Themes

biodiversity, capacity building (for the staff of protected areas) and education for sustainable development, adjusted to the specific needs in Russia

Funding

Defra £44,500 Project Partners: £44,500

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