

PECE Membership survey – summary of results.

The PECE membership survey was commissioned by the PECE secretariat to ensure that PECE services remain responsive to the needs and expectations of PECE members and our partners in the Eastern Europe, Caucasus and Central Asia (EECCA) region.

PECE is a network of 96 UK organisations, ranging from small civil society organisations to large multinational organisations. Our strength is in the broad range of different skills, sectors and interests that our members represent. The results from the survey are positive with good feedback from both on what we are doing well, and where we need to focus our efforts in the future.

The internet based survey was anonymous and was sent to all PECE members. 40 % of PECE members responded. 38.5% were from the Private Sector, 28.2% from Civil Society, 17.9% from the Public Sector, 12.8% from Academia and 2.6% from other organisations.

Please contact the PECE secretariat for further information about the survey.

We wanted to know why our members joined the PECE network:

- 98% said networking was a very significant or significant reason for joining PECE.
- 89% said access to Defra funding was a very significant or significant reason for joining PECE.
- 89% people said that access to wider funding sources a very significant or significant reason for joining PECE
- 87% said access to information on project activity/ideas was a very significant or significant reason for joining PECE.
- 87% said that identifying new EECCA partners was a very significant or significant reason for joining PECE
- 87% said that business development or opportunity to further their organisational objectives was a very significant or significant reason for joining PECE

We asked our members what benefits that their organisation had gained from membership of PECE.

- 68% strongly agreed or agreed that their organisation has identified **UK** partners through PECE
- 62% strongly agreed or agreed that they had used the PECE network to share or seek good practice and information about environmental issues or project activity

- 53% strongly agreed or agreed that that their organisation had been able to further its objectives through membership of PECE. 16% disagreed.
- 44% strongly agreed or agreed that their organisation has been involved in new project activity in the EECCA region as a result of PECE membership.

Communication

- 35% access the PECE website either monthly or weekly (content is updated monthly at the moment), 63% access the website either a few times per year or rarely.

Events

- 43% of members would prefer a sector based event, though there was little consensus over what this should be on (eg 17% biodiversity as their first choice, 11% climate change, 9% water)
- 24.3% wanted a networking event, 24.3% a country specific event. Members were also interested in informal networking and information about PECE projects.
- In terms of country based events, the main interest was in Eastern Europe (37% said this was their first choice). Russia and Ukraine represented 29% and 26% of member's first choices for country based events.

The future of PECE

- 72% disagree that PECE should end in 2008 (22% neither agree or disagree or not sure, 6% strongly agree or agree).
- 64% disagree that PECE should become a project implementer.
- 50 % strongly agree or agree that they would like to be more active in PECE, 17% disagree.
- 68% strongly agree or agree that PECE should principally be a matchmaking/facilitation organisation.
- 62% disagree that PECE should become a project implementer
- 87% strongly agree or agree that PECE should engage a wider range of EECCA organisations.

- 84% strongly agree or agree that PECE should work with a wider range of donors
- 56% strongly agree or agree that PECE should work with wider range of EU organisations. (12% disagree)
- 32% strongly agree or agree that PECE should become an internet based platform (34% disagree, 31% neither agree or disagree, 3% unsure).

Location of secretariat and funding.

43% think that PECE should be independent and not attached to any organisation; 16% think it should be housed in an NGO, 6% trade association, 3% in the public sector.

42% would consider paying a reasonable fee for PECE membership or services, 50% are unlikely to pay for PECE membership.

36% would consider offering in kind support.