

# Partners for Environmental Cooperation in Europe (PECE): An Overview

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## 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 EECCA region, through tri-sector partnership projects involving government, non-governmental organisations and the private sector.”



## What Is “EECCA”?

- Eastern Europe, Caucasus and Central Asia
- 12 countries: Armenia, Azerbaijan, Belarus, Georgia, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyz Rep., Moldova, Russian Fed., Tajikistan, Turkmenistan, Ukraine, Uzbekistan



## Why EECCA is important to us

- Some of the world’s poorest countries + some of its fastest growing economies = SD challenges
- New neighbours in Europe
- Fellow members of UNECE region
- WSSD and other international commitments apply!



## How PECE began

- Outcomes of EfE conference, Kiev 2003:
  - Need focus on EECCA
  - Need to engage private sector and other partners
  - Need to build capacity
  - Need to avoid EU enlargement leading to new barriers



## Objectives

- Establish network of members
- Act as catalyst for new projects
- Improve sustainability of projects
- Respond to country/region specific needs
- Provide forum for sharing information



## Founding members

Accenture	ADAS	Atkins	Blackwell Publishing	BCCB
British Council	Capacity Global	CECS	CMPS	Cooperatives Ltd
CEE	Defra	DFID	Earthwatch	Environment Agency
ERM	Field Studies Council	FCO	FAN	FRR Ltd
Groundwork	Imperial College	ICA Europe	JNCC	LEAD
Living Earth	LGIB	Mott MacDonald	NRI	Royal Society
RSPB	Severn Trent Water Int'l	Shell	Water UK	<b>YOU???</b>



## UK public sector role

- Government departments, agencies and local government are represented
- Project co-funding from Defra's EfE fund
- Need to expand beyond that
- Fits into other international work (launch of UK Sustainable Development Strategy yesterday)



## **Get involved!**

- Founding members: share skills, knowledge and resources to deliver results in EECCA region
- Not yet a member? Information on how to join in delegate packs or on the website

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