



PECE PARTNERS FOR ENVIRONMENTAL
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PECE Chair Appointed

Graham Hand, the Chief Executive of British Consultants and Construction Bureau (BCCB), has been appointed Chair of Partners for Environmental Cooperation in Europe. BCCB is a British export trade association and a Founding Member of PECE. Graham Hand is one of the private sector representatives on the PECE Steering Group.

Graham said, "I am delighted to have been appointed to the Chair of PECE. These early months are crucial if PECE is to fulfil the vision of its creators, and I will do my best to ensure that we succeed in this, by harnessing effectively the skills and resources of Government, the Non-Governmental Organisations and the private sector."

First Steering Group meeting

The Steering Group held its first meeting on 4th May. A note of this meeting and the papers can be found at <http://www.pece.co.uk/en/meetings/index.htm>. The next meeting will be held on 31st August.

New PECE members

Three further organisations have joined PECE: University of Reading, Equip Trust and the Environment Council. Their details have been added to the Partner Directory, available at: <http://www.pece.co.uk/en/members/partnerdirectory.pdf>

Defra call for project proposals

A reminder that the deadline for project proposals to Defra's Environment for Europe fund is 27th May. For further details, see <http://www.pece.co.uk/en/projects/funding/eef-0305.pdf>

Joining PECE

All UK-based organisations, from the public and private sectors and civil society, which sign up to the principles of PECE, can apply to join. An application form and more details are at <http://www.pece.co.uk/en/documents/pece-joinform.pdf>

Project opportunities

The Macaulay Institute has developed a draft project proposal to conserve rangeland biodiversity while promoting improved livelihoods for livestock managers in Kazakhstan. It is now seeking an additional partner, ideally one that can contribute towards the funding for the project. **Contact:** g.davidson@macaulay.ac.uk

The Eurasia Foundation is looking for supporters, financial or otherwise, for the creation of the first environmental management masters program in Central Asia. More information and contact details are at

<http://www.pece.co.uk/en/projects/ops/eurasia.htm>

Partnership Event – September 2005

The next partnership event will take place in September 2005. The date and venue will be posted on the website very shortly. If any members can offer a venue for the event, please contact the Secretariat.

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