



**PECE** PARTNERS FOR ENVIRONMENTAL  
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## Forum Meeting and Networking Event

The PECE Forum Meeting and Networking Event will be held on 27<sup>th</sup> September at One Great George Street, Westminster. The Forum Meeting will provide members with an update of activities since the launch 6 months ago, and a chance to discuss priorities for the year ahead. The Networking Event is open to all organisations and will be an opportunity to find out more about PECE and its members, meet potential partners and identify opportunities for projects in the EECCA region.

There has been huge interest in this event from all sectors, but a limited number of places are still available.

Further information, including a registration form and delegate papers, are available at <http://www.pece.co.uk/en/meetings/index.htm> or contact the Secretariat (details below).

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### New PECE members

We are delighted to welcome two new PECE members: Scott Wilson and Fauna and Flora International. Their details have been added to the Member Directory available at <http://www.pece.co.uk/en/members/index.htm>.

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### Steering Group meeting

The second Steering Group meeting was held on 1<sup>st</sup> September. The papers and note of the meeting are available at <http://www.pece.co.uk/en/meetings/index.htm> - [previous](#)

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### Project Opportunities

Donetsk Chamber of Commerce and Industry in Ukraine would like to identify UK partners in the area of Eco-Tourism. For more information, please see <http://www.pece.co.uk/en/projects/opps/donetsk-eco.pdf> or contact [ecology@dtpp.donetsk.ua](mailto:ecology@dtpp.donetsk.ua)

The Turkmen Ministry of Nature Protection has expressed interest in co-operating with PECE members, especially in the areas of soil desalination using halophyte plants and other possible areas. Please contact [makhtum@nature.untuk.org](mailto:makhtum@nature.untuk.org).

Vem Media Arts in Armenia are interested in developing partnerships with PECE members that will contribute to public participation, municipal/community capacity

building, and education for sustainable development. For more information see [www.vem.am](http://www.vem.am) or contact [hasmik@vem.am](mailto:hasmik@vem.am).

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### Policy dialogue on institutional strengthening with Ministry of Environment, Georgia

The OECD (in their role as the secretariat of the Environmental Action Programme Task Force) is organising a policy dialogue with the Georgian Ministry of Environment on institutional strengthening. The purpose of the dialogue is to help the Georgian MoE to identify its institutional development needs, facilitate access to experience in OECD countries and identify potential initiatives to strengthen their management capacity. Defra will be participating in the dialogue with support from the National School of Government. Other participants are expected to include Germany, Netherlands and Estonia plus European Commission and UNDP. The expectation is that the dialogue will lead to a number of capacity building projects focussed on corporate rather than sectoral policy needs. Defra would welcome any indications of interest from PECE members in possible follow up projects. For further information please contact [liam.mcaleese@defra.gsi.gov.uk](mailto:liam.mcaleese@defra.gsi.gov.uk)

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### Funding Opportunity

The ENVIRON Foundation provides financial assistance to endeavours that promote protection of

human health and the global environment, particularly related to the impact of industrial chemicals. The Foundation will fund relevant education, training, applied research, and direct initiatives by not-for-profit organizations. More information is available at <http://www.vironcorp.com/foundation/> or contact [ssprayberry@vironcorp.com](mailto:ssprayberry@vironcorp.com)

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## Secretariat Secondee

There is an opportunity for a PECE member to provide a secondee to the PECE Secretariat from October onwards. Further details are available at

<http://www.pece.co.uk/en/documents/pece-secondee-0507.pdf>

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## Photographs needed!

Good quality photographs are needed which illustrate the range of skills and interests of PECE members, for the forthcoming EECCA prospectus. This is your opportunity to promote your organisation and what it can offer to an EECCA audience. Please send photos to [pece.sec@defra.gsi.gov.uk](mailto:pece.sec@defra.gsi.gov.uk).

We would also appreciate any images from the current PECE projects – the higher the resolution the better.

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## Environment for Europe: UK Stakeholder Meeting

Defra will be holding a meeting for UK Environment for Europe stakeholders on 7<sup>th</sup> October 10:00 – 11:30 in London. The purpose of the meeting is to discuss possible issues for the next Ministerial Conference to be held in Belgrade, 2007. If you would like to attend this meeting, please contact [Amanda.Plimmer@defra.gsi.gov.uk](mailto:Amanda.Plimmer@defra.gsi.gov.uk)

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## Next newsletter

Please send any feedback or information for the next edition of the newsletter to the PECE Secretariat: email [pece.sec@defra.gsi.gov.uk](mailto:pece.sec@defra.gsi.gov.uk); telephone +44 (0)20 7082 8545

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## The Environment Council's new training programme

The Environment Council, member of PECE, is launching a new Learning and Development Programme for 2005 - 2006, commencing October 2005, that majors on how to have better conversations with your stakeholders to enable better decision-making. The events on offer range from essential facilitation skills to conversations for the experienced facilitator; good governance and innovative seminars using creativity and storytelling to bring about change, to how to access 'hard to reach groups'.

For more information, please see <http://www.pece.co.uk/en/meetings/index.htm#other>

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## Partnership Brokers Accreditation Scheme (PBAS)- Krakow, Poland

The PBAS is run by The Prince of Wales International Business Leaders Forum (IBLF) and the Overseas Development Institute (ODI). It involves a seven-day intensive residential skills training course (in Krakow, Poland from 9-15 October 2005) followed by three months mentored Professional Practice.

The PBAS is seeking to bring ethical and professional standards to partnerships for sustainable development based on 'competence sharing' and not transfer of risk and resources. The PBAS Scheme is aimed at individuals from NGO, business, government and international institutions in Europe.

For more information on the Scheme or to download the application form visit: <http://www.odi.org.uk/pppg/pbas/> or contact: [serafin@epce.org.pl](mailto:serafin@epce.org.pl)

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