



Defra calls for PECE project proposals

The UK Government's Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs (Defra) has made a call for PECE project proposals, to apply for matched funding from its Environment for Europe Fund. Applications must be submitted by PECE members only but must include at least one partner from the Eastern Europe, Caucasus and Central Asia (EECCA) region. More details and an application form are available at <http://www.pece.co.uk/en/projects/documents/pece-fund06.pdf>. An interactive version of this form, which can be completed on-line will be available shortly. The deadline for applications is 13th January 2006.

New PECE Members

New PECE members are Dunira Strategy, Haskoning UK, Westden International, Environment and Community Worldwide and British Water. Their details have been added to the Member Directory, available at <http://www.pece.co.uk/en/contacts.htm#members>.

EECCA Directory

A directory of EECCA-based organisations is now available at <http://www.pece.co.uk/en/contacts.htm#eecca>. A form to enter your details will shortly be available but in the meantime, please contact the Secretariat if you or your contacts would like to be included in the Directory.

EECCA Prospectus

A prospectus has been published, aimed at organisations in Eastern Europe, Caucasus and Central Asia, with details on how to get involved in PECE (in English and Russian). An electronic version is available at <http://www.pece.co.uk/en/documents/pece-eecca-prospectus.pdf>. Hard copies are available from the Secretariat on request.

House of Lords Event

To celebrate the first anniversary of PECE, a reception will be held at the House of Lords on 27th March 2006, hosted by the Rt Hon The Lord Holme of Cheltenham CBE. Invitations will be sent shortly.

Terms of Reference and Annual Report

The Terms of Reference and Annual Report 2005-06 are now available at <http://www.pece.co.uk/en/index.htm>.

International PECE Launch

The International PECE Launch will be held in Yerevan, Armenia on 17th November (invitation at <http://www.pece.co.uk/en/meetings/documents/051117-internatlaunch.pdf>). Speakers will include Elliot Morley MP (Minister of State – Climate Change and Environment) and Lloyd Martin (Severn Trent Water International). This is a side event to a Ministerial Conference on financing the water and sanitation sector in the EECCA region (http://www.oecd.org/document/33/0,2340,en_2649_37465_35221537_1_1_1_37465,00.html)

Forum Meeting and Networking Event

It was fantastic to see so many people at this event and we hope that you found it useful. A note of the Forum Meeting, held on 27th September, is available at <http://www.pece.co.uk/en/meetings/past.htm>. Notes of the Networking Event breakout groups are also available on this page.

Other Events

1. WWF and Heinrich Boll Foundation will be holding a conference on Greening the European Neighbourhood Policy on 5th-6th December in Brussels. More details available at <http://www.pece.co.uk/en/meetings/other.htm> or contact Paloma Agrasot pagrasot@wwfepo.org

2. The concluding seminar in the ESRC seminar series 'Trans-sectoral Partnerships, Sustainability Research and the Oil & Gas Industry in Russia' will take place at the Scott Polar Research Institute, Cambridge, on Monday 20th March 2006. For more information and to reserve a place, please contact Emma Wilson at: ecw@ecworldwide.co.uk. You can also check the seminar series website at: <http://www.spri.cam.ac.uk/events/russianoil/>

3. The next PECE Steering Group meeting will take place on 29th November.

Member Survey

PECE members are invited to share their views on Communications and Secretariat Support at <http://www.pece.co.uk/en/involve.htm#b>

Project Opportunities

For more details on all of the above please see <http://www.pece.co.uk/en/projects/ops/index.htm>

1. The Association of Minority Indigenous Peoples of Irkutsk Oblast (Russia) is seeking project partners to set up the infrastructure necessary to support the

activities of communities of minority indigenous peoples. Contact Jennie Sutton sutton@baikalwave.eu.org

2. Russian NGO, Baikol Environmental Wave, are looking for partners for Education for Sustainable Development projects in the Lake Baikal region. Contact Jennie Sutton as above.

3. Russian charitable foundation Society of Pushkinogorye's Friends is looking for partners in a project to preserve woodland and decrease water pollution caused by industrial outflows and emissions. Contact Konstantin Burchenkov - fundpg@ellink.ru.

4. University of Kiev, in collaboration with Republic of Moldova, is looking for partners in a project on education for sustainable development based upon Dnieper and Dniester river basins. Contact: eco-freak@sovereign.kiev.ua.

Secondee to PECE Secretariat

An opportunity exists in the Secretariat for a secondee to be provided by a PECE member. This is an excellent development opportunity to work with a wide range of partners as well as experience working within Government. Working arrangements would be flexible. For more details see <http://www.pece.co.uk/en/documents/pece-secondee-0507.pdf> or contact the Secretariat.

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Please send any feedback or information for the next edition of the newsletter to the PECE Secretariat. Secretariat contact details: email pece.sec@defra.gsi.gov.uk; telephone +44 (0)20 7082 8545; fax +44 (0)207 082 8587.

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