



# PECE PARTNERS FOR ENVIRONMENTAL COOPERATION IN EUROPE

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## International Launch of PECE

Elliot Morley MP (Minister of State, Environment and Climate Change), Helen Marquard (Defra), Lloyd Martin (Severn Trent Water International Ltd) and Andrei Isac (Regional Environment Centre, Moldova) launched PECE to an international audience on 17th November in Yerevan, Armenia. The event took place alongside a Ministerial Conference on financing of the water and sanitation sector in Eastern Europe, Caucasus and Central Asia (EECCA). It attracted over 70 representatives of Government, business and civil society from the EECCA region and other countries. The aim of the launch was to encourage the participation of EECCA organisations in PECE. The presentations and photographs from the launch can be found at <http://www.pece.co.uk/en/meetings/launch2.htm>. EECCA organisations can find details of how to get involved at

<http://www.pece.co.uk/en/involve.htm> - c

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### Project Opportunities

**1. Central Asia Regional Environment Centre (CAREC)** is seeking partners for the following projects:

- Harmonization and approximation of water standards and normatives in Central Asian and Caucasus countries.
- A project to involve the local population and local administrations in the poorest villages of Central Asia in resolving problems with the supply of pure drinking water.
- "Eco-TV" - development of environmental education and support of environmental and cultural co-operation of Central Asian countries with other countries by means of telecasting and modern computer audio-video technologies.
- Developing Local Environment Action Plans (LEAP) in Central Asia.

CAREC also has project concepts related to education, ecosystem management, capacity building, public participation and others programmes. For more information, see

<http://www.pece.co.uk/en/projects/opps/index.htm>

or contact: Bulat Yessekin [BYessekin@carec.kz](mailto:BYessekin@carec.kz)

**2. Regional Environment Centre Moldova** is seeking partners for the following projects:

- Environmental education and ESD: a harmonized approach
- Legal Advocacy of Environmental Rights through ICT Application
- 'Save our Streams'
- Information Campaign Towards Integrated Water Management In The Republic Of Moldova
- Strengthening The Local Environmental Capacity In The Republic Of Moldova

For more details see

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or contact [Andrei.Isac@rec.md](mailto:Andrei.Isac@rec.md)

**3. Eco-TIRAS** International Environmental Association of River Keepers (Ukraine/Moldova) is looking for partners for the following projects:

- use of UK experience in creation of transboundary Dniester river basin multistakeholder
- analysis of water-related ecosystems
- establish cooperation on fisheries in Dniester River between riparian states

More information is at

<http://www.pece.co.uk/en/documents/eccadirectory.pdf> or contact [ecotiras@mtc.md](mailto:ecotiras@mtc.md).

**3. Armenian Women for Health and Healthy Environment** is looking for partners to establish a children's art centre for ecological education. More information is available at <http://www.pece.co.uk/en/documents/eccadirectory.pdf> or contact [Elena@awhhe.am](mailto:Elena@awhhe.am)

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## 10 New PECE Members

New PECE members are:

- Met Office (offering advice related to meteorology, climate change, hydrology etc.)
- Chartered Institution of Water and Environmental Management
- Rural Development Initiatives (expert advice on forestry, biomass and rural development – funding may be available for projects)
- Royal Botanic Gardens, Kew (plant science and conservation, training and capacity building)
- Robens Centre for Public and Environmental Health (water quality assessment/monitoring)
- St James's Research (numerous interests including CSR and cultural heritage)
- Engineers Against Poverty (advice and research capacity, contacts and networks)
- HBMC (organisational development consultancy)
- Climate Care Trust Ltd (can offer funding for greenhouse gas reduction projects)
- International Institute for Environment and Development (sustainable markets)

This brings the total number of PECE members to 58. Information on all members can be found at <http://www.pece.co.uk/en/documents/memberdirectory.pdf>. To join PECE as a member, please complete the form at <http://www.pece.co.uk/en/join>.

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## EECCA Directory

A directory of EECCA-based organisations wishing to work in partnership with PECE members is now online at <http://www.pece.co.uk/en/documents/eccadirectory.pdf>. EECCA organisations wishing to enter their details in the directory are invited to complete the form at <http://www.defra.gov.uk/corporate/regulat/forms/envprot/pece/pece4.pdf>.

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## Funding Opportunities

### 1. Defra's Environment for Europe Fund

Reminder that the deadline for project proposals from PECE members is 13<sup>th</sup> January 2006. More details and an application form available at <http://www.pece.co.uk/en/projects/funding/index.htm>

### 2. Baring Foundation

The aim of the Baring Foundation is to improve the quality of life of people suffering disadvantage and discrimination through making grants to strengthen voluntary sector organisations which serve them directly or indirectly. Applications for the current programme must be received by 30<sup>th</sup> December. More information available at [www.baringfoundation.org.uk](http://www.baringfoundation.org.uk)

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## Steering Group Meeting

The note of the last Steering Group meeting, held on 29<sup>th</sup> November, is available at <http://www.pece.co.uk/en/meetings/past.htm>. The next meeting will be held on 15<sup>th</sup> February 2006.

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## PECE Branding for projects

Are you preparing a project in the EECCA region? PECE members can submit project proposals at any time to the Secretariat to apply to use the PECE brand. This could help attract funding and/or other partners. Criteria to use PECE brand for a project are at <http://www.pece.co.uk/en/projects/submit.htm>.

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## Future PECE Events

- Russia event – London – date to be confirmed
- 27<sup>th</sup> March 2006: House of Lords Reception (First anniversary of PECE) – invitations to be sent shortly
- Kazakh event – London – date to be confirmed

We are organising a programme of country and sector specific events for 2006. If any organisations are interested in sponsoring/ hosting an event, please contact the Secretariat.

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## PECE project updates

A number of the 12 current PECE projects have published progress reports on their pages at <http://www.pece.co.uk/en/projects/current/index.htm>.

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## Next newsletter

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](mailto:pece.sec@defra.gsi.gov.uk); telephone +44 (0)20 7082 8545; fax +44 (0)207 082 8587.

PECE website: <http://www.pece.co.uk>

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

С Рождеством и с Новым Годом!

