



New PECE Projects

Six new PECE projects have been awarded matched funding from Defra's Environment for Europe fund, in response to a call for project proposals made in October. This brings the total number of PECE projects to 18. Further details about these projects will shortly be available at <http://www.pece.co.uk/en/projects/current/index.htm>

- *Ukraine Sustainable Energy Management Toolkit:* Groundwork UK, Ministry of Environment & Natural Resources, Roza Vetrov NGO and other partners will develop a toolkit to assist municipalities and major private sector companies save energy and make use of renewable energy sources.
 - *Sustainable Water Demand Management:* Severn Trent Water International, Lviv City Council and other partners will use state of the art technology developed in the UK to minimise leakage from water systems in Ukraine - significantly reducing economic and environmental losses.
 - *Introducing biodiversity as a subject in schools:* RSPB, UNDP, Belarus Ministry of Education and Birdlife Belarus will reach out to the young people of Belarus, to help ensure the long-term survival of their national heritage, by addressing this gap in their education system.
 - *Air Quality Management in Moscow and London:* Imperial College London, Natural History Museum, Greater London Authority, Moscow Institute of Global Climate and Ecology and other partners will address the health and environmental issues associated with poor air quality currently being experienced in Moscow and London, where emissions from transport and industry are polluting the air.
 - *Education for Sustainable Development and Climate Change:* Field Studies Council, Omsk Education Committee, a Russian Engineering Technical Centre and other partners will reduce carbon dioxide emissions by schools in Russia, enhancing teachers' and young peoples' meaningful understanding of climate change and energy issues.
 - *Sustainable Waste Management in Azerbaijan:* ENVIRON UK, Hayat NGO, BTC Pipeline Company, Environ Foundation and other partners will establish a sustainable waste management scheme in at least one Azeri community along the BTC pipeline.
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Project Opportunities

For more details on these opportunities, please go to <http://www.pece.co.uk/en/projects/opps/index.htm>.

1. Issue 7 of the PECE Newsletter stated that CAREC is seeking partners for developing LEAPs in Central Asia. If any members of PECE are considering the above project, they may wish to contact **David Bathers LLB** (david_bathers@yahoo.co.uk) who has already undertaken work in this field and established contacts.

2. Uzbek Office of **Central Asia Regional Environment Centre** is seeking partners for the following projects:

- Development of a textbook on ecology for elementary schools;
- Publication of a bulletin 'Ecological safety of family' for the population of Uzbekistan;
- Development of a network for education for sustainable development – carrying out a conference and creating a support centre.

Contact: Artur Vakhitov - avakhitov@carec.kz

3. **Green Dossier**, a Ukrainian NGO, is looking for partners to provide an environmental education programme for the new Ukrainian Forum for Socially Responsible Businesses. The program should include educational events (training and seminars), exchange with UK organisations, sharing existing experience of international corporations that have departments in Ukraine, publications for businesses and working with Ukrainian mass media for raising public awareness on the issue.

Contact: Tamara Malkova Tamara@bg.net.ua.

4. The **American University of Armenia** is looking for partners for the following projects:

- developing long-term white stork monitoring projects as a way to introduce science and conservation to villages. Also want to tie bird-nesting habits to water quality. Could play an important role as a basis in bird flu studies and bird flu education.
- exploring impacts of climate change and projects such as carbon credit sales, reforestation and soil carbon storage through ecosystem restoration.

- establishing forest cover and forest loss rates from illegal logging.
- documenting and capitalize on Armenia's native ancestors of domesticated plants. There could be projects investigating wild herbs and developing them for greater use.
- would like water quality, air quality, municipal waste specialists, any environmental speciality to interact/ teach short classes to students (in English).

Contact: Renee Richer - rricher@aua.am

5. Moldovan NGO **Terra-1530** is seeking partners to help extend its Moldovan Network of Rural Volunteering Centres for Water. Contact: terra1530@gmail.com

New PECE Members

New PECE members are:

- United Nations Environment Programme
- Centre for Environment, Fisheries and Aquaculture Science
- KPMG
- London School of Economics (environmental policy and governance and public participation research)
- Golder Associates (environmental management/ clean-up/ waste management)
- BirdLife International
- Southampton Solent University (integrated coastal zone management)
- Kingston University (GIS)
- Plantlife International
- International Business Leaders' Forum
- New Europe Railway Heritage Trust
- Insight (participatory video for community empowerment)
- Sohn Associates (energy consultancy)
- Global to Local Ltd
- University of Birmingham (environmental policy and legislation in Russia)

- Cambrensis Ltd (environmental policy/ regulation/ chemical regulation/ risk assessment)

This brings the total number of PECE members to 74. 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>.

Funding Opportunities

More information about these funding opportunities can be found at <http://www.pece.co.uk/en/projects/funding/index.htm>

1. The **Dutch Ministry of Housing, Spatial Planning and the Environment** offers funding to environmental projects in the EECCA region, with an emphasis on the capacity-building of NGOs and government agencies in the areas of public participation, issuing licences and enforcing compliance, environmental impact assessment and strategic environmental evaluations. Grants may be awarded to international organisations and the maximum amount per project is 75,000 euros. The deadline for applications is 1 May 2006.

2. The **European Commission** (EuropeAid/TACIS) is offering funding to strengthen public participation and civil society support for implementation of the Aarhus Convention in Central Asia. A procurement notice will be posted in April.

UN CSD Partnership Fair

PECE is registered with the UN Committee on Sustainable Development. A UN CSD Partnership Fair will be held in May 2006. If any PECE members plan to attend, we would be very grateful if they could take some PECE promotional material with them. Further details at:

http://www.un.org/esa/sustdev/csd/csd14/partnerships_fair.htm

EECCA Partnership Database

The EECCA (Eastern Europe, Caucasus and Central Asia) Environment Strategy Partnerships Database is now available at <http://eecca.hybrid.pl/>. This online tool provides access to information on partnerships developed and implemented in EECCA countries since 2002 to support the achievement of the objectives of the EECCA Environment Strategy. PECE will soon be added to this database.

Future PECE Events

- PECE Steering Group Meeting – 15th February
- Russian Ministry of Natural Resources event – London – 21st-23rd March (likely to be at ExCEL centre but details to be confirmed)
- House of Lords Reception (First anniversary of PECE) – 27th March
- 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.

Other Events

- **'Russia, the EU and gas: is there a crisis in the pipeline?'** - Thursday 2 February 2006, 5.30-7.30 p.m, Foreign Policy Centre, London <http://fpc.org.uk/events/96>
- **Kazakhstan Investment Summit - 'Diversifying the Economy for Sustainable Development'** -15th-17th March, London More details about this conference, which will include a presentation about PECE, at: www.adamsmithconferences.com/html/conference_html/finance/finance_mar06.html. PECE members are entitled to a 10% discount.
- **'Trans-sectoral Partnerships, Sustainability Research and the Oil and Gas Industry in Russia'** – 20th March, Scott Polar Research Institute, Cambridge. Contact: ecw@ecworldwide.co.uk
- **Ukraine Investment Summit - 23-24 May 2006, London** http://www.adamsmithconferences.com/html/conference_html/finance/finance_may06.html

PECE Secretariat Secondee

The PECE Secretariat warmly welcomes a new secondee to the team in Defra. Karina Karmenian works for St James's Research and is from Moscow. Karina will be supporting the work of the Secretariat, with her valuable skills and contacts. Karina is the second PECE secondee, following on from the

excellent contribution made by Marat Karibzhanov of Scott Wilson.

Alcan Prize for Sustainability

The Alcan Prize for Sustainability 2006, in association with the International Business Leaders Forum, is now open for entries. Any not-for-profit, civil society or non-governmental organization based anywhere in the world can enter for the annual US\$1 million Prize for their contributions to addressing and progressing economic, environmental and / or social sustainability. For entry details and requirements please visit www.alcanprizeforsustainability.com. Alcan Grants will also be awarded to four finalists for a suitably qualified member of staff to attend the University of Cambridge Program for Industry and earn a Post Graduate Certificate in Cross Sector Partnership (www.cpi.cam.ac.uk/pccp).

REEEP in EECCA

Renewable Energy and Energy Efficiency Partnership (REEEP) has recently opened a Secretariat in Russia, which also deals with Ukraine and Kazakhstan. Sign up to become an Associate Member to obtain access to a network of 3000+ experts around the world as well as the latest news and information on regulation, policy, finance and funding via the NewsREEEP email newsletter. Membership is free and you can sign up online at <http://www.reeep.org/trampoline/createaccountpublic>

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