



**PECE** PARTNERS FOR ENVIRONMENTAL  
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# Russian Ministry of Natural Resources Exhibition in London

The Russian Ministry of Natural Resources (MNR) will be holding an exhibition "Natural Resources and the Environment in Russian Federation" in London on 21-23<sup>rd</sup> March. The exhibition is taking place at the ExCel Centre (Waterfront Rooms 21/22) in Docklands (Royal Victoria Dock, E16 1XL). It will be open from 10:00-17:00 on 21<sup>st</sup> March; 09:00-17:00 on 22<sup>nd</sup> March and 09:00-15:00 on 23<sup>rd</sup> March. Attendance is free of charge and it is not necessary to register in advance.

The official opening by the Deputy Minister, Mr. Stepankov, will take place at 12:00 on 21<sup>st</sup> March and there will be a reception from 13:00-15:00. The Russian delegation will consist of representatives from a range of organisations with interests in sustainable development.

The MNR exhibition is taking place as part of the Global Ocean Forum, more details of which are at <http://www.oi06.com/>.

If you are interested in attending the reception on 21<sup>st</sup> March, please contact the PECE Secretariat for confirmation of details.

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## Project Opportunities

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

1. **Hnatiuk Ternopil National Pedagogical University** in Ukraine is looking for project partners to look at:

- the comparative analysis of the molecular stress systems in aquatic animals (fish, molluscs) to identify the types of adaptation of animals to polluted aquatic areas.
- pollution biomonitoring of small tributaries in Dnister and Dnepr basin.
- involving school children in the control and improvement of the quality of small rivers.

Contact: Bogdan Tustanivskyj fro@tnpu.edu.ua

2. **Central Asia Regional Environment Centre** is looking for support for implementation of the UNECE Education for Sustainable Development (ESD) Strategy, specifically to:

- Ensure that policy, regulatory and operational frameworks support the promotion of ESD
- Promote SD through formal, non-formal and informal learning
- Equip educators with the competence to include SD in their teaching
- Ensure that adequate tools and materials for ESD are accessible
- Promote research on and development of ESD
- Strengthen cooperation on ESD at all levels within the Central Asian sub-region and UNECE region.

Contact : Tatiana Shakirova [TShakirova@carec.kz]

**3. Regional Environmental Centre Caucasus - Armenian Branch Office** is looking for partner organisations specialized in constructed wetland systems (reed beds) to provide assistance in studies and pilot activities at the point sources of pollution in rural Armenia. Contact: Hovhannes Ghazaryan - [hovik.ghazaryan@rec-caucasus.org](mailto:hovik.ghazaryan@rec-caucasus.org)

**4. 'Women and Modern World'**, an NGO in Azerbaijan, is seeking partners for their project 'Forward To The Blue Revolution' to create conditions for women in management and protection of water resources. Contact: Sudaba Shiraliyeva [womenmw@yahoo.com](mailto:womenmw@yahoo.com).

**5. "Center Kovyl" Oryol Regional Public Environmental Organisation** is seeking partners for development of an environmental education resource centre network, involving local museums and libraries in Oryol Oblast. Contact: Oleg Prigorianu [ecolog67@yandex.ru](mailto:ecolog67@yandex.ru)

**6. Eco-tourism Association** in Russia is looking for partners in the following projects:

- Development of environmental education resource centre network involving local museums and libraries in Oryol Oblast - in partnership with "Centre Kovyl";
- "Voices of Nature": bird watching as rehabilitation tool for integrating disabled children in public life;
- Development of International Youth Network for support of protected areas in Povolzhie (Volga Region).

Contact: Julia Gorelova [julia-gorelova@yandex.ru](mailto:julia-gorelova@yandex.ru)

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## New PECE Members

New PECE members are:

- **Intermediate Technology Consultants** (sustainable infrastructure services)
- **Key Travel** (can arrange special low travel rates for PECE projects)
- **Fieldfare International Ecological Development plc** (sustainable rural SME development e.g. ecotourism, organic production, biomass, protected area creation and management)

This brings the total number of PECE members to 77. 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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## Funding Opportunities

Opportunities for grant funding from the EU Commission's **TACIS** scheme:

- Strengthening Civil Society in Moldova (open until 21st April 2006)
- Social inclusion and income generation in Soughd Region of Tajikistan (open until 7th April 2006)

More information available at <http://europa.eu.int/comm/europeaid/cgi/frame12.pl>

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

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## PECE Events

More details about events can be found at <http://www.pece.co.uk/en/meetings/index.htm>

1. **PECE Steering Group** held its last meeting on 15<sup>th</sup> February. Papers and a note of the meeting are at <http://www.pece.co.uk/en/meetings/past.htm>. The next meeting will be held in May.

2. **House of Lords Reception** – 27<sup>th</sup> March. This event is now fully booked and further details will be sent to participants shortly.

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## Other Events

1. **DG Environment Green Week** (European Commission)  
30th May - 2nd June 2006, Brussels

The theme of this year's Green Week is Biodiversity. More information at <http://europa.eu.int/comm/environment/greenweek/home.html>. Applications for exhibition space must be received by 17th March.

## 2. 9th Annual Russian Economic Forum

The Queen Elizabeth II Conference Centre, London, 23-25 April 2006

Each year, the Russian Economic Forum brings leading captains of industry, investors, journalists, politicians and other key opinion formers to London from Russia, Europe, the Americas and elsewhere, to discuss and debate the business climate of the world's most exciting emerging market. In 2005, it attracted a record of over 2000 delegates. More information at <http://www.eventica.co.uk/events/ref/2006/>

3. 'Europe's Biggest Corporate Responsibility Summit' is being held on May 31- June 1 2006, London - See [www.ethicalcorp.com/europe2006](http://www.ethicalcorp.com/europe2006) for more details

4. Westminster Fringe Debate: Russian Energy Policy 25<sup>th</sup> April 2006, One Great George St, London

More information <http://www.stockholm-network.org/conferences/events/upcoming.php>

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## Defra Environment for Europe Fund: Feedback

Feedback from Defra's EfE Fund Approval Board for match funding of PECE projects is available at <http://www.pece.co.uk/en/projects/documents/defra-eef-05-feedback.pdf>. This gives information on how the successful projects were chosen and the most common reasons for proposals not being approved for funding.

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## Defra EfE Fund Project Approval Board

Defra provides some funding for PECE projects from its Environment for Europe Fund. It is exploring the possibility for PECE members and other interested individuals to provide input to its Approval Board, to bring a range of expertise and perspectives to the assessment of proposals. There could be a pool of

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## Next newsletter

Please send any feedback or information for the next edition of the newsletter to the PECE Secretariat.

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interested individuals, which it could select from for each round of funding, based upon availability and expertise required. Any organisation submitting a project proposal would not sit on the Approval Board in that round.

Please contact the PECE Secretariat [pece.sec@defra.gsi.gov.uk](mailto:pece.sec@defra.gsi.gov.uk) to express your views on this approach and if you would be interested in participating in principle.

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## Changes in Secretariat

David Steele recently replaced Philip Stamp in Defra. Philip Stamp has moved to a new post in Defra, dealing with sustainable consumption. David joins the team from a post in environmental democracy (Aarhus Convention). Thank you to Philip for his considerable contribution to PECE since its earliest days.

Amanda Plimmer will also be leaving the Secretariat on 24<sup>th</sup> March to start a secondment in Shell, working on environment and social issues associated with projects in Russia, Arctic and Kazakhstan. Amanda's contact details from 27<sup>th</sup> March will be [Amanda.Plimmer@shell.com](mailto:Amanda.Plimmer@shell.com); Tel: +44 (0) 207 934 8623.

Continuing in the spirit of interchange between PECE members, Amanda will be replaced in the Secretariat by Anna Tombs from the Environment Agency. Anna will start in April and join the PECE Secondee, Karina Karmenian from St James's Research. The contact details for the Secretariat will remain the same as below.