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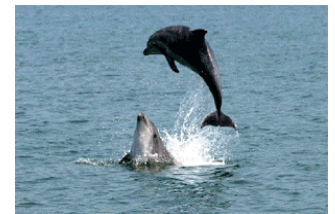
PECE refines its project application process

PECE has now refined its process for applying for PECE branding. The website has been updated to show the new [flow chart](#) which clarifies that PECE members can apply for PECE branding of their projects at any time.

Funding does not usually have to be confirmed prior to applying for projects but we would ask that you have considered who you would approach and whether you are applying for PECE branding as a way of securing some funding.

We look forward to receiving your proposals in the near future!

EFE fund releases its call for proposals supporting PECE projects



Defra has announced its fifth round of applications for Environment for Europe funding to support PECE projects. The fund will only cover up to half of the cost of each project. On this occasion the remainder of the funding from other sources should be secured in advance of any application. Only PECE branded projects will be considered for funding. The EFE pages will also link you back to the pages [submitting branding applications](#) on the PECE website. The deadline for submitting applications is **16 October 2006**.

There is only one deadline for branding and project proposals for this particular call. The PECE steering committee will assess proposals to ensure they meet PECE brand criteria. Successful candidates will automatically be passed to the EFE Project Approval Board for the funding decision. Those proposals unsuccessful in meeting PECE Branding criteria will not be considered for funding.

Completed application forms should be sent to Iuliiana.best@defra.gsi.gov.uk and Lydia.breslin@defra.gsi.gov.uk Please cc pece.sec@defra.gsi.gov.uk

See the [PECE funding opportunities](#) or the EFE website for more details: www.defra.gov.uk/environment/internat/enveurofund/index.htm.

Project Opportunities

Please remember to send us your ideas for project opportunities so we can circulate these around the network.

1. Tomsk Oblast Committee for Environmental Protection (Western Siberia) is seeking partners for:

- Development of system for state ecological management
- Support of energy efficiency and energy conservation projects
- Support of Regional and local authorities activity to reduce impact of industrial development on climate change and air pollution

More information in [EECCA Directory](#) or contact: Dmitri Volostnov: vdv@green.tsu.ru

2. Russian NGO 'Green Don' is seeking project partners to draft a proposal and establish a Ural River International Sturgeon Park. See [EECCA Directory](#) for more details. Contact: Vladimir Lagutov: zedon@novoch.ru, lagutov@gmail.com

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

New PECE Members

Welcome to our new PECE members:

- Central Science Laboratory
- Belmont Management Consultants

This brings the total number of PECE members to 81. 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

1. Defra's Environment for Europe has now released its call for project proposals to support PECE projects. The deadline for proposals is **16th October 2006**. See the funding opportunities pages for more details.

2. The Darwin Initiative is a small grants programme that aims to promote biodiversity conservation and sustainable use of resources around the world. New call for funding will open on 17 July 2006.

Keep an eye out on the website for more news of dates and deadlines.

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

PECE Events

We are looking to provide our members with more information about PECE project activities to share ideas and raise the profile of your projects. If you have a PECE project, please ensure you keep the Secretariat informed of activities taking place.

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

1. The PECE Steering Committee will next meet on 7th September. You will be able to view the papers on the website shortly after the meeting takes place. <http://www.pece.co.uk/en/meetings/past.htm>

2. The PECE Steering Committee is looking to review its representatives in the Autumn. It has not been decided how the please start to consider whether you would be interested in this opportunity.

3. **EECCA Country meetings.** Just a reminder to let the Secretariat know if you are interested in hosting a specific EECCA country meeting, particularly if you have colleagues over to the UK. <http://www.pece.co.uk/en/meetings/past.htm>

3. PECE-16: "Open Dialogue: Government, Industry, Civil Society".

Conference and workshops are scheduled for 19th-21st September 2006 at Mariupol State University of the Humanities, Ukraine.

In the context of Ukraine's Millennium Development Goal 3 - ensuring environmental sustainability, themes are: Business & the Environment, Implementing Legislation and Citizen's Participation in Local Decision Making. PECE partners are St James's Research, Groundwork UK, Cambrensis Ltd and the British Council - Kiev, with principal funding from The A.G. Leventis Foundation.

PECE members with business and other partnership interests in Ukraine are encouraged to participate. For details and contacts, visit www.open-dialog.com.

4. PECE-15: Ukraine Sustainable Energy Management Toolkit.

The Donetsk Chamber of Commerce and Industry (DCCI), Roza Vetrov NGO, the Local Government International Bureau and Groundwork UK are organising a follow-on "Business Commitment to the Environment" seminar in Donetsk on Friday 22nd September, 2006. More information will be available on the web soon.

These are excellent examples of working partnerships brought about by the PECE initiative, where members can obtain the mutual benefits of working together, sharing experience and maximising opportunities.

Other Future Events

1. RGS-IBG Annual International Conference 2006: 'Global social justice and environmental sustainability'

30 August - 1st September 2006 at the Royal Geographical Society with IBG, London. This is a large conference and will include general

session related to sustainable development as well as specialist session re CEE/FSU.

www.rgs.org.

2. 4th CIWEM Annual Conference, Emerging Environmental Issues and Future Challenges, 12-14th September 2006, Newcastle. www.ciwem.org/events/

3. SEED Awards. Deadline 15th September 2006. Do you have an innovative idea for a partnership project that may contribute to sustainable development? The Seed Awards, an international biennial competition, is designed to support innovative, entrepreneurial partnerships. Please let the Secretariat know if you are submitting your project.

<http://seedinit.org/mainpages/awards/intro/index.php>

4. "Promoting Education for Sustainable Development in Europe" -13-15 September 2006, Hamburg, Germany

<http://sd.tutech.net/en/index.php?sprache=en&page=fair>

5. 25-26 September 2006. Global Emissions Trading Congress, Geneva. high level interaction and debate on the major issues affecting the Emissions markets focusing on the development of key trading strategies and increasing market profitability.

<http://www.pointcarbon.com/Events/Upcoming%20conferences/article15922-141.html>.

6. Practical tools to communicate your ethical values to employees, 26-27

September 2006, Brussels. 2-day conference and discussion workshops.

<http://www.ethicalcorp.com/brussels2006/>

7. UTILITY/live 2006 Exhibition and Conference, 26-28 September 2006,

Conventry. Find out what is driving procurement in utilities and understand what it takes to sell successfully to the water, gas, nuclear and power sectors. The aim of the

event is to provide an industry showcase and meeting point for the members of the UVDB pre-qualification scheme.
<http://www.achilles.com/Group/Events/UVDB+2006.htm>

8. Sakhalin Salmon Initiative International Conference. (October 31-November 2, 2006,

Yuzhno-Sakhlinsk). Please contact Nicole Portley (nportley@wildsalmoncenter.org), SSI Conference Coordinator, The Wild Salmon Center; More information at:
http://www.wildsalmoncenter.org/programs/russia_far_east/ssi_conference.php

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