

Joint Work Programme of the EAP Task Force Secretariat and EECCA RECs

Activities of the EECCA RECs

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General pre-requisites

- In Belgrade in 2007 r. at the “Environment for Europe” Conference ministers made a decision on the expediency of transferring some of the functions of the EAP Task Force Secretariat to EECCA RECs
- Implementation of the decision by ministers – development of a Joint Work Programme of the EAP Task Force and EECCA RECs and the development of project proposals on priority fields of activity



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PRIORITY FIELDS OF ACTIVITY

Within the framework of the Joint Work Programme of the EAP TF after its last meeting in February 2008 by topics:

- Water supply and sanitation
- Environmental policy reform



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PRIORITY FIELDS OF ACTIVITY

Programme structure:

- Projects implemented jointly by 2 secretariats – OECD and EECCA RECs
- Projects implemented by OECD Secretariat
- Projects implemented by EECCA RECs



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Water supply and sanitation

JOINT PROJECT JP/1.2.3: DEVELOPMENT OF FINANCIAL PLANNING CAPACITY IN MUNICIPALITIES AND WATER UTILITIES

Objective:

- to set-up a train-the-trainer programme in order to improve the capacity of local actors to carry-out medium-term financial planning for the water sector, primarily in Central Asia and Caucasus

OECD activities:

- 2008 – OECD Secretariat – training of personnel in 3 EECCA states for further replication of training and development of a package of training materials
- training of 40-50 specialists at the level of financial directors



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EECCA RECs activities:

2009 – continuation and widening the scope of training of specialists and practitioners in WSS and municipalities with the use of local trainers

Development of ToR,

identification of trainees, 4-6 training sessions;

Development of a web-instrument for training

Detailed project proposal developed along with budget and project matrix.

Leading REC - CAREC (with participation o REC Caucasus and other RECs)



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Water supply and sanitation

ACTIVITY 1: IMPROVING TRANSBOUNDARY MANAGEMENT OF WATER RESOURCES

PROJECT: 1.1 TRAINING COURSE ON TRANSBOUNDARY WATER MANAGEMENT IN CENTRAL ASIA

Objectives:

- Assistance to EECCA countries in creating conditions for TWRM
- Transfer of EU experience and methodology of training in TWRM to specialized institutions in Central Asia
- Facilitating establishment of a relevant network for cooperation with OECD member-countries
- capacity building of EECCA REcs for organizing training in TWRM



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EECCA RECs activities:

- Capacity building and improving skills in IWRM in EECCA through training of experts
- Development of a unified methodology of TWRM in Central Asia (jointly with OECD Secretariat) and guidelines
- training of 50-60 experts (state environmental control)
- Development of a web-portal

Leading REC- CAREC

Project, detailed matrix and budget developed



Proposed projects

Environmental Policy Reform

Sub-programme: MONETARY PENALTIES AND LIABILITY
Joint project JP/2.1.2: Current environmental liability

Main objective:

- To assist EECCA countries to streamline the design and implementation of civil monetary penalties for environmental violations and environmental liability regimes.

Project tasks:

- to review the legal framework of environmental liability and mechanisms of its application in EECCA countries;



Joint project JP/2.1.2: Current environmental liability

Project tasks:

- to collect and analyze examples of litigation cases related to environmental liability regimes;
- to select a model example in EECCA for assessing environmental damage in accordance with best international practices.

EECCA RECs activities:

- A Review of current systems of environmental liability;
- Collection and analysis of litigation cases;
- encourage industries to take preventive measures against environmental accidents and to increase remediation of environmental damage

Leading REC - RREC – project proposal, matrix and budget



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Environmental Policy Reform

JOINT PROJECT JP/2.2.3: INDUSTRY'S ENVIRONMENTAL PERFORMANCE RATING

Objectives:

On the basis of OECD Secretariat activities and in line with REPIN decisions EECCA RECsS will continue the work in the form of a regional policy dialogue and introduction of performance rating in EECCA

Activities:

- Assessing expediency of introducing the system in other EECCA countries;
- Compiling analytical reports;
- Work with central and regional governments;
- produce feasibility studies in some EECCA countries (Belarus, Azerbaijan, Uzbekistan).

- Leading REC – REC Moldova



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Proposed projects

Environmental Policy Reform

JOINT PROJECT JP/2.2.4: STRENGTHENING THE CAPACITY OF ENVIRONMENTAL ENFORCEMENT AUTHORITIES

Project tasks:

To promote a structured approach towards training of environmental inspectors and facilitate networking among specialised institutions in the EECCA region and with similar institutions in OECD and CEE countries;

- To build the capacities in EECCA RECs for organization and holding of trainings of environmental inspectors and implement the follow-up training activities.



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JOINT PROJECT JP/2.2.4: STRENGTHENING THE CAPACITY OF ENVIRONMENTAL ENFORCEMENT AUTHORITIES

Activities:

- Assessment of training needs and development of a multi-year training programme;
- Development of agenda and adaptation of training materials for at least 3-4 modules;
- Identification of training participants;
- Conducting the training sessions in accordance with the needs of specific recipients.

- **Leading REC - RREC (with participation of all EECCA RECs).**

The project was discussed in detail at the last REPIN meeting. All EECCA countries expressed their interest in participation in the project.

- **Systematic approach to training emphasised**



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ACTIVITY 2 : STRENGTHENING ENVIRONMENTAL POLICY

EECCA RECs PROJECT 2.1: PROMOTING PUBLIC INFORMATION AND PARTICIPATION IN EIA AND PERMITTING

Project objectives:

- to improve mechanisms used by EECCA environmental authorities to disclose facility specific information provided under EIA and permitting procedures;
- to assess capacity needs of the target groups for providing necessary trainings in the field of EIA and permitting, as well as to make concrete steps for information disclosure in the EECCA region.



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Project activities:

Assessment of capacity building needs, identification of key target groups and development of training programmes;

Development of a questionnaire to assess the current situation as concerns disclosure of EIA and permitting materials;

Discussion of the questionnaire with members of the REPIN and its amendment based on feedback from Network members;

Collection and analysis of information;



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- Development of a questionnaire to assess the current situation as concerns disclosure of EIA and permitting materials;
- Discussion of the questionnaire with REPIN members;
- Information gathering and analysis;
- Development of general recommendations and specific legal and institutional changes in a pilot country to be selected;

Assessment of feasibility to introduce IT and other tools for disclosing EIA and permitting materials.

Lading REC- RREC



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EECCA RECs PROJECT 2.2: PROMOTION AND IMPLEMENTATION OF LOCAL ENVIRONMENTAL ACTION PLANS (LEAPs) IN EECCA COUNTRIES

Objectives:

- to assist EECCA countries in creating favourable policy and conditions for LEAP development and implementation;
- to support communities in building their capacity to formulate and implement LEAPs;
- to further support regional and national networks of LEAP experts/practitioners, established at earlier stages of LEAP introduction and pilot phases;
- to develop country specific LEAP Kits (methodological sets of LEAP materials);
- to undertake implementation and dissemination of LEAP demonstration projects;
- to set-up national and sub-regional LEAP training programmes for training LEAP practitioners. .



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Activities:

- training of 50-60 experts and practitioners (including local authorities) within the framework of training courses
 - Wide dissemination of methodologies and guidelines on LEAPs;
 - Development of a bilingual web-portal, containing training materials, analytical reports, and practical experience developed;
 - Training of LEAP practitioners replicated at sub-regional and national levels (about 20-30 persons per country).
- REC Caucasus and REC Moldova**- leading RECs. All other RECS actively participating.



CONCLUSIONS:

- Following guidance by the Task Force
 - more focus on programme activities rather than individual projects;
- Unification of efforts of 2 Secretariats with division of responsibilities and functions on the basis of available experience and capacities – OECD – methodology and theory; EECCA RECs – practical implementation on the ground;
 - Guidance and comments of REPIN members obtained and applied;
- In spite of efforts in 2008 none of the projects implemented
- **Major problem** – absence of funds and donor commitments.

Thank you!



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