

Implementation and Ratification of the LRTAP Protocols : **Capacity Building Activities**



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Outline

- Background
 - 2007 Executive Body Decision
- Recently established Coordinating Group
- Secretariat's Role
- Moldova & West Balkans Projects
- Joint Project (Russian Federation, Belarus and Kazakhstan)
 - Financing
 - Timeline
- Future projects and areas of cooperation



Background

- 2007 EB Decision to place priority on assisting the countries of Eastern Europe, the Caucasus and Central Asia
- Numerous activities occurring in the region



Coordinating Group

- 2010 EB approval of a new Coordinating Group for Eastern Europe, the Caucasus and Central Asia
 - Led by the Russian Federation (SRI - Coordinating)
 - Convened in Novopolotsk, Belarus in November 2010
 - Belarus, Kazakhstan, The Russian Federation, Ukraine
 - Meeting in March 2011 – St. Petersburg
 - In preparation for Gothenburg and Heavy Metals Protocol revisions



Secretariat's Role

- Focused upon coordination and facilitation efforts in developing and completing the projects
 - Consultation meetings
 - Finances/Grants
 - Review NAPs
 - Prepare reports
 - Coordinating experts
 - Liaise with government/ministry officials
 - Ensure accountability



Moldova Project

- Financed by Czech Republic
- Total budget of \$44 000 USD
- Goal
 - Implement and ratify the Gothenburg Protocol
- Current status
 - National Action Plan completed
 - Completing the requirements for data submission to CCE and CIAM
- Secretariat's role
 - Approve ToR, administer grants based upon ToR, review documents/expenditures, progress report



Project 2: West Balkans Project

- 5 Countries

- Albania, Bosnia & Herzegovina, Montenegro, Serbia, the fYR of Macedonia

- Total budget of \$135 000 USD per country

- Financed by the Netherlands

- Goal

- Implement and ratify the HM Protocol, POPs Protocol and Gothenburg Protocol

Project 2: West Balkans Project

■ Current status:

□ Macedonia, Montenegro, Serbia

- NAPs completed and entering implementation phase
- Macedonia ratified all 3 protocols in 2010

□ Albania

- Consultation meeting in Tirana on May 2010 to kick off elaboration phase; elaboration phase commenced
- National Action Plan completed

□ Bosnia & Herzegovina

- Developing MoU and ToR for first phase; aim to officially start project in December 2010

■ Project end date: 2011



Challenges & Prospects

- Timelines
- Administrative procedures
- Focal points

- EU Motivation
- Is Ratification the last step?



Joint Project with the Russian Federation, Belarus & Kazakhstan

- In cooperation with SRI Atmosphere in St. Petersburg, Russia
- Design phase (budget of 42 000 USD)
 - provided by Russian Federation through the Technical Cooperation Fund – completed April 2010
- Goal
 - Implement and ratify the HM Protocol, POPs Protocol and Gothenburg Protocol



Financing

- UNECE E112 and E176 Trust Funds
- Germany, Norway, Canada, Switzerland
- Additional support needed
- Source of funds should be organized for efficiency



Timeline

- Aims for 2011 – Elaboration Phase
 - Start developing national strategies
 - Put together teams of experts/stakeholders
 - Coordinate consultation meetings
 - Arrange for the financing of this component (approximately 40,000 USD per country in Balkans for this phase)



Potential Projects

- Armenia
- Azerbaijan
- Central Asia
 - Development of a larger project to implement all ECE MEAs in the subregion