

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



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## Outline

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- Recently established Coordinating Group
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## 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



## Coordinating Group

- Session tomorrow
  - Presentation from Secretariat on Convention, protocols and revisions
- Welcome all participants from Eastern Europe, Caucasus, Central Asia and Russian Federation
- Will provide a key contribution to the Gothenburg and Heavy Metals revisions
  - EECCA position is of great importance
  - Opportunity for revisions is now



## WGSR

- Invite you to the 48<sup>th</sup> Session of the Working Group on Strategies and Review
  - April 11-15, 2011 in Geneva, Switzerland
  
- Secretariat can finance 1 delegate per country
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## Projects

- Moldova
- West Balkans
- Russian Federation, Belarus and Kazakhstan



## 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 – in process of submission
  - Completing the requirements for data submission to CCE
- Secretariat's role
  - Approve ToR, administer grants based upon ToR, review documents/expenditures, progress report



## 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



## 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
  - Financial work plan for 2011



## Timeline

- Aims for 2011 – Elaboration Phase
  - Start developing national strategies
  - Put together teams of experts/stakeholders
    - Existing work under different centers/groups, integrate into the larger goal of this project
  - 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
  - Questionnaire completed
  - Aim to have a kick-off meeting in 2011 with stakeholders and experts
- Central Asia
  - Development of a larger project to implement all ECE MEAs in the subregion