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