

How to contact us?

Application form:

You can contact us by telephone, email or post or visit our websites. If you are interested to take part in the project please send us a short application until the end of June 2007* to the following address:

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*Later applications will be accepted if there are still places available. If you have any queries or would like further information about the project please contact us on phone: 297 56 58 96

Please send us the following information:

- your name
- your contact address
- organisation and your position
- short description of your organisation

Do you need accommodation in Minsk?

all good wishes,

Organisers:

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WECF

Women in Europe for a Common Future is a network of organisations and individuals working for sustainable development, protection of human health and environment and poverty reduction. WECF's international network consists of members and partners in Western and Eastern Europe, the Caucasus and Central Asia.

WECF helps women to actively take part in making their communities healthier and more sustainable. WECF develops practical solutions to problems relating to health and the environment, with the help of trusted experts and scientists.

Ecoproject

Ecoproject is a non-profit non-governmental organisation in environment, energy and sustainable development working in Minsk, Belarus. It was founded in 2000 by a group of experienced professionals who work on sustainability issues in partnerships with various stakeholders - local government, businesses, educational and scientific institutions, community organisations.

The main focus of Ecoproject's work is the development and implementation of environment related and sustainable networking projects on local level co-operating with international partners and experts.



PROJECT:

"Developing multi-stakeholder co-operation in the areas of water, waste and energy efficiency in Belarus"

December 2006 November 2009



MATRA Project Programme
Netherlands Ministry of Foreign Affairs

Project

WECF and Ecoproject are implementing a common project "Developing multi-stakeholder cooperation in the areas of water, waste and energy efficiency in Belarus".

The project's overall aim is to raise awareness amongst NGOs, local authorities and citizens as well as businesses of sustainable development in their communities in Belarus.

The duration of the project is 3 years. In a first phase the project will build capacity of different stakeholders. We will promote tools for multi-stakeholder participatory co-operation and partnerships for sustainable development in the areas of water, sanitation, solid-waste and energy.

In a second phase the project will also initiate participatory processes around the implementation of local demonstration/pilot projects related to the issues of water, sanitation, solid-waste and energy.

Who can participate in the project:

We invite representatives from different NGOs and initiatives in Belarus that will be interested to raise their capacities and implement the pilot projects in their communities in the areas of water, waste and energy.

In return for your time, commitment and enthusiasm which is needed to participate in our project we offer the opportunity to meet other people, learn new skills and have fun.

By participating you will:

- gain experience
- use and share existing skills
- receive valuable information on the issues of water, waste and energy
- access training and qualifications
- increase your management capacities
- develop new interests/ projects
- increase self-confidence
- make new friends

Short description of the planned activities

Workshop on base-line study

- how to make a short base-line study or quick scan
- analysis of local water quality and soil tests
- state of the water supply and sanitation system
- state of energy situation
- state of waste situation
- socio-economic, gender and health situation (survey)

At the end of the training NGOs will be encouraged to carry out a short base-line study in their communities.

Planned period of time: June - July 2007

Training Nr. 1

"Water Protection and Sanitation"

- presentation of the findings of the base line studies
- presentation of innovative technologies
- presentation of the institutional and policy framework
- working group sessions

Planned period of time: October 2007.

Training Nr. 2

"Waste and Recycling"

- presentation of the findings of the base line studies
- municipal waste plan
- types of waste
- composting, recycling practices
- institutional structures
- working groups sessions

Planned period of time: December 2007.

Training Nr. 3

"Energy Saving and Renewable Energy Sources"

- presentation of the findings of the base line studies
- heating
- electricity
- energy saving measures taken
- tariff structures
- share of household/school budget, institutional structures
- working group sessions

Planned period of time: February 2008.

Study visit

Study visit to the Ukraine of representatives of the NGO partners to visit successful demonstration projects in the areas of waste, water and sanitation.

We will organise a one week study visit for 10 persons of selected beneficiaries from the involved NGOs and local initiatives, who will be responsible to initiate pilot projects in their communities. The selection criteria will be active participation in the training and capacities to implement pilot projects.

Planned period of time: February April 2008.

Information and Publications

- 8 thematic booklets
- guide "How to initiate participatory processes and strategies for sustainable local development"
- regular information on our websites (www.ecoproject.org and www.wecf.eu)

Demonstration projects

- an independent advisory board will select the demonstration projects
 - implementation of the reference project by Ecoproject. The reference project will start earlier than the demonstration projects and therefore will serve as an example for these
 - implementation of 10 demonstration projects by different NGOs and initiative groups. We will offer support at any stage of the development of the demonstration projects
- Planned period of time: December 2007 June 2009.*

The Lessons Learnt Conference

The project will be finalised by a lessons learnt conference where the project participants will present in brief

- the findings of the base-line studies
- the demonstration projects implemented
- the results of the demonstration projects
- recommendations of municipal and national strategies on water, waste and energy

Planned period of time: September November 2009.