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**POLLUTANT RELEASE AND TRANSFER REGISTERS
CAPACITY-BUILDING ACTIVITIES**⁕

1.   At its first meeting, the Working Group welcomed the efforts that UNECE, the United
Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) and the United Nations Institute for Training and
Research (UNITAR) were making to coordinate their work on pollutant release and transfer
registers (PRTRs) and invited them to refine and further develop a proposal for a framework
programme on capacity-building in preparation for implementation of the Protocol. It also
welcomed the work of the Regional Environmental Center for Central and Eastern Europe (REC)
and encouraged the United Nations bodies to explore with the REC the possibilities for a
coordinated approach. In accordance with this mandate, UNECE, UNEP, UNITAR and the REC
jointly developed a proposal for a framework programme on regional, subregional and national
PRTR capacity-building. Following review of the proposal at its third meeting, the Working

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⁕ This document was submitted on the above date owing to the need to hold consultations with organizations
involved in PRTR capacity-building.

Group invited potential donors to contribute to the framework programme.[1] It was further agreed that the programme would be open to other interested organizations engaged in PRTR capacity-building.

2.   At its first meeting, the Working Group also requested organizations involved in PRTR capacity-building to provide the secretariat with a list of their PRTR projects. The secretariat was requested to prepare a consolidated list from this information and to update it for each meeting of the Working Group.[2]

3.   The list of PRTR capacity-building activities was developed cooperatively by UNECE, UNEP, UNITAR and the REC, with contributions from UNEP/GRID-Arendal, the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD), the Organization for Security and Co-operation in Europe (OSCE), the Government of Norway, European ECO-Forum, Volgograd-Ecopress (Russian Federation) and Journalism to Raise Environmental Awareness (Mexico/United States).

4.   This list includes nine activity categories. The assignment of a category to a given activity aims to assist in the identification of activities that progressively contribute to the development of full national PRTR systems. Category 1 covers preliminary or capacity-building activities in related chemical, waste or information management initiatives (e.g. Strategic Approach to International Chemicals Management), which contribute indirectly to national PRTR development. Categories 2–8 contribute directly to national PRTR development.[3] Category 9 covers activities undertaken on a regional or international scale in support of the implementation of PRTRs and/or the UNECE Protocol on PRTRs. A legend containing descriptions of each category appears at the end of the table.

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[1] Invitation for financial support: Proposal for a Framework Programme on Capacity Building in preparation for implementation of the Kiev Protocol on Pollutant Release and Transfer Registers (http://www.unece.org/env/pp/prtr/docs/PRTRs_donor_invitation_2006_12_02.pdf).

[2] MP.PP/AC.1/2004/2, paragraph 33. The information contained in the table was updated on 18 December 2006.

[3] These are drawn from UNITAR (1997), "Proposed steps for developing a national PRTR", in *Implementing a National PRTR Design Project*.

Pollutant release and transfer registers capacity-building activities

United Nations Economic Commission for Europe (UNECE)						
Category	*Title*	*Period*	*Project status*	*Outcomes / Proposed outcomes*	*Countries*	*Supported by*
2, 3, 4, 5	PRTR national workshop and pilot project		Proposed	Support for a National PRTR pilot requested in 2006	Kazakhstan	
9	Guidance for implementation of the Protocol on PRTRs	2004 – 2007	Ongoing	• First draft of guidance document prepared by TNO-MEP/Milieu consortium in Dec. 2004; second draft January 2005; edited and presented as 10 papers at the second meeting of the PRTR Working Group (WG), April 2005 • PRTR Protocol Guidance Discussion Forum and Guidance Review Group established through Virtual Classroom, December 2004 – February 2005 • Review of "beta" draft by PRTR WG May 2006 • Final draft of guidance document pending 31 July 2006 • Revised final draft December 2006, scheduled for publication in English, French and Russian in 2007	UNECE region	European Commission; UNECE (Aarhus Convention Trust Fund)

United Nations Economic Commission for Europe (UNECE)						
Category	*Title*	*Period*	*Project status*	*Outcomes / Proposed outcomes*	*Countries*	*Supported by*
9	Modelling costs of implementation of the Protocol on Pollutant Release and Transfer Registers	2005 – 2007	Ongoing	• UNECE secretariat upgraded dynamic cost model January – December 2005 • Initial field trials January 2006 • Updated model and paper are to be published in early 2007	UNECE region	UNECE and University of Geneva through Geneva International Academic Network grant
9	Analysis of Costs and Benefits of Pollutant Release and Transfer Registers (CEP/WG.5/AC.2/2002/4)	2001 – 2002	Finished	Report delivered to Working Group negotiating PRTR Protocol to the Aarhus Convention; taken into account preparation of Regulation (EC) No. 166/2006 establishing European PRTR	UNECE region	UNECE
9	Needs and prospects for capacity-building, technical support and information exchange in PRTR development	Feb. – March 2004	Finished	Informal paper presented to first meeting of PRTR WG; revised with input from UNEP, UNITAR and REC on 22 March 2005	UNECE region	

United Nations Economic Commission for Europe (UNECE)						
Category	*Title*	*Period*	*Project status*	*Outcomes / Proposed outcomes*	*Countries*	*Supported by*
9	International PRTR Coordinating Group; PRTR capacity-building coordination meetings	2006 – 2007; 2004 – 2006	Ongoing	Initiated as complement to Aarhus Convention capacity-building coordination meetings in March 2004; ongoing with participation of UNEP Chemicals, UNITAR and REC. Activity merged with International PRTR Coordinating Group meeting in 2006. • First meeting held in Ghent, Belgium, in March 2006 • Terms of Reference drafted and bureau elected • Outreach to Strategic Approach to International Chemicals Management (SAICM) and Intergovernmental Forum on Chemical Safety (IFCS) secretariats • UNECE provides secretariat through 2007	UNECE region; international (from 2006)	UNECE, UNEP, UNITAR

United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP)						
Category	*Title*	*Period*	*Project Status*	*Outcomes / Proposed outcomes*	*Countries*	*Supported by*
3	National workshop	11 – 13 Feb. 1998	Finished	Support for development of a regional PRTR and feasibility study of national PRTR system requested in 2003	Cuba	UNEP
1	Municipal-level PRTR workshops		Finished	Work plans for development of local PRTRs had been prepared. Planned workshops in Uzbekistan not held due to lack of funding	Russian Federation, Ukraine	Russian Federation
1	Implementation of Rotterdam and Stockholm Conventions[1]	2006 – 2007	Ongoing	Inclusion of PRTR development activities in Stockholm Convention national implementation plans	Armenia, other developing countries and countries with economies in transition	Switzerland, Global Environment Facility

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[1] As the future secretariat of the Rotterdam Convention on the Prior Informed Consent (PIC) Procedure for Certain Hazardous Chemicals and Pesticides in International Trade and the Stockholm Convention on Persistent Organic Pollutants, UNEP foresees limited opportunities for undertaking work on PRTRs in the context of these conventions.

United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP)						
Category	*Title*	*Period*	*Project Status*	*Outcomes / proposed outcomes*	*Countries*	*Supported by*
9	PRTR Workshop for ASEAN Countries	21 – 24 August 2004	Finished	• To introduce PRTRs to experts from 10 ASEAN countries. Held in cooperation with UNITAR and UNECE • Memorandum of Agreement signed with Government of Malaysia (2006)	Southeast Asia, Malaysia	PRTR Workshop for ASEAN Countries
9	PRTR Conference for the Americas, Mexico City, Mexico	21 – 23 April 2004	Finished	*Inter alia,* explore international/regional mechanisms to strengthen country capacities for implementation of nationals PRTRs. Held in cooperation with UNITAR and UNECE	Western Hemisphere; Malaysia	Environment Canada, Mexico's Secretariat for the Environment and Natural Resources, Malaysia's Ministry of Environment

United Nations Institute for Training and Research (UNITAR)						
Category	*Title*	*Period*	*Project status*	*Outcomes / Proposed outcomes*	*Countries*	*Supported by*
3	National PRTR system design		Proposed	Support for a national PRTR requested in 2003	Armenia	
2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7	National PRTR development	2005	Proposed	Support for a national PRTR requested in 2005	Azerbaijan	2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7
2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7	National PRTR development	2005	Proposed	Support for a national PRTR requested in 2005	Belarus	
1	Pilot projects in support of national SAICM implementation	2006 – 2009	Ongoing		Belarus, Pakistan, Panama, Tanzania	Switzerland
2, 3, 4, 5, 6	National PRTR system design	2002 to mid-2005	Finished	• National workshop and feasibility study (Phases 1 – 2) • Design of characteristics of PRTR, pilot trial, development of national proposal, national PRTR workshop (Phases 3 – 6)	Chile	Environment Canada (1 – 2), US Environmental Protection Agency (3 – 6)

United Nations Institute for Training and Research (UNITAR)						
Category	*Title*	*Period*	*Project Status*	*Outcomes / proposed outcomes*	*Countries*	*Supported by*
4	Full national PRTR system design		Finished		Czech Republic	
2, 3	National workshop and feasibility study	March – Dec. 2003	Finished	Willing to continue with the next phases (design of characteristics of PRTR and pilot trial) of the PRTR development but lacks funding	Ecuador	Environment Canada
2	National workshop	20 – 22 May 1996	Finished		Egypt	
4	Full national PRTR system design	1994 – 1997	Finished		Mexico	
2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7	National PRTR development		Proposed	Support for a national PRTR requested	Paraguay	
2	National workshop	2 – 4 March 1998	Finished		South Africa	
2	National PRTR development	2006	Proposed	Support for a National PRTR requested in 2006	Tajikistan	

United Nations Institute for Training and Research (UNITAR)						
Category	*Title*	*Period*	*Project Status*	*Outcomes / proposed outcomes*	*Countries*	*Supported by*
2, 3	National PRTR system design and feasibility study	2004 – 2006	Ongoing	• Strengthen national capacities to design and implement national PRTRs • Promote PRTR awareness-raising, recommend legal framework/implementation of current of planned PRTRs • Provide public with information to improve their awareness and understanding of chemical emissions in their communities Feasibility study ongoing	Thailand	Switzerland
2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7	National workshop	Spring 2004	Finished		The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia	
2, 3	National workshop and feasibility study	2006 – 2007	Ongoing		Togo	Switzerland/ UNITAR
2	National PRTR system design	2006	Proposed	Support for national PRTR requested in 2004; National POPs Coordinating Committee Workshop on PRTR held in March 2006	Peru	National Stockholm POPs Committee

United Nations Institute for Training and Research (UNITAR)						
Category	*Title*	*Period*	*Project Status*	*Outcomes / proposed outcomes*	*Countries*	*Supported by*
9	"Virtual Classroom on PRTRs"	2003 – 2005 (phases 1 – 3); 2006 – 2007	Ongoing	In phase 1 (February–March 2004). Virtual Classroom (VC) development activities would include: • Notifying parties of establishment of UNITAR pilot virtual classroom • Coordination of PRTR experts participating in VC • Solicitation of participants' feedback • Defining main topics of the VC • Identification of financial mechanisms In the second, pilot test phase (April – September 2004), activities include: • Official launch of the VC • Uploading of documents to website • Starting to facilitate discussion. (cont.)	UNECE region, South-Eastern Europe (SEE), Chile	Netherlands

United Nations Institute for Training and Research (UNITAR)						
Category	*Title*	*Period*	*Project Status*	*Outcomes / proposed outcomes*	*Countries*	*Supported by*
				(cont.) In the third, evaluation and assessment phase (October–December 2004), activities include: • Solicitation of comments to improve the VC • Assessment of lessons learned • Identification of financial mechanisms • Feasibility of e-learning component VC Discussion Forums (UNECE, Chile, SEE, Greenwomen-Kazakhstan) operational in December 2004 – 2005; 2007 forums for Russian speakers being prepared		

UNEP/GRID-Arendal						
Category	*Title*	*Period*	*Project status*	*Outcomes / Proposed outcomes*	*Countries*	*Supported by*
1	International workshop on national and local environmental information management and reporting	21 – 23 Nov. 2005	Finished	Budapest workshop focused on electronic local environmental information systems	9 CEE countries and Norway	
1	Project "Increasing the impact of environmental information in northwest Russia: Phase IV"	2006 – 2007	Ongoing	Development of local GIS-based environmental information systems, reporting on release of pollutants into the air, soil and water by local stationary sources in the framework of the ongoing project	Russian Federation (Pskov, Kaliningrad, Arkhangelsk)	Swedish Environmental Protection Agency
1	Project "Electronic access to environmental information to improve public participation in decision-making processes"	2006 – 2007	Ongoing	Development of local GIS-based environmental information systems, reporting on release of pollutants into the air, soil and water by local stationary sources in the framework of the ongoing project	Ukraine (Kyiv)	British Council
1	Project "Electronic access to environmental information to improve public participation in decision-making processes"	2007	Planned	Development of the local GIS-based environmental information system, reporting on release of pollutants into the air, soil and water by local stationary sources for Minsk	Belarus (Minsk)	GRID-Arendal

Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD)						
Category	*Title*	*Period*	*Project status*	*Outcomes / Proposed outcomes*	*Countries*	*Supported by*
9	Task Force on Release Estimation Techniques	2000 – 2001	Finished	3 meetings Exchange of experience in the field of PRTR implementation, focusing on release estimation technique	OECD Member Countries	
9	Task Force on PRTRs	2002 – 2007	Ongoing	7 meetings Terms of reference: • Improve and make widely available release estimation techniques (www.oecd.org/env/prtr/rc) • Facilitate the sharing of PRTR data between countries (www.oecd.org/env/prtr/data) • Advance and improve the uses of PRTR data • Identify, analyse and develop tools and provide guidance on areas that would promote the establishment and improvement of PRTRs in OECD countries and beyond • Promote communication and close working relationship between the task force and relevant organizations on the various aspects of the PRTR work • Analyze and share developments in the field of PRTRs	OECD Member Countries and Observers (Israel, Slovenia, South Africa)	

Organization for Security and Co-operation in Europe (OSCE)

Category	Title	Period	Project status	Outcomes / Proposed outcomes	Countries	Supported by
2	Promotion of the accession of the Republic of Kazakhstan to the Aarhus Convention Protocol on Pollutant Release and Transfer Registers	2005 – 2006	Ongoing	To assist Kazakhstan to accede to the PRTR Protocol. This work will enhance public access to information through the establishment of a coherent, nationwide PRTR.	Kazakhstan	OSCE

Regional Environmental Center for Central and Eastern Europe (REC)

Category	Title	Period	Project status	Outcomes / Proposed outcomes	Countries	Supported by
9	Development of PRTR systems in Central and Eastern Europe (CEE)	Sep. 1999 – Dec. 2001	Finished	• Assessment of status of registers in 15 CEE countries; survey presented at the second Meeting of the Signatories to the Aarhus Convention (Cavtat, Croatia) • Regional capacity-building workshop for government officials and NGOs on different PRTR models and recommendations about their applicability in CEE	15 CEE countries	US Environmental Protection Agency

Regional Environmental Center for Central and Eastern Europe (REC)

Category	Title	Period	Project status	Outcomes / Proposed outcomes	Countries	Supported by
9	Aarhus PRTR: A Community Right-to-Know Tool	Oct. 2001 – Oct. 2002	Finished	Regional capacity-building workshop for government officials and NGOs on different PRTR models, including the European Pollutant Emissions Register (EPER), and on possible key elements of the draft PRTR Protocol	15 CEE countries	Netherlands
9	Building Capacities to Implement the Aarhus Convention in South and Eastern Europe (SEE)	Dec. 2000 – March 2003	Finished	The project included a component on presenting PRTR systems at national stakeholder meetings, dissemination of the draft PRTR Protocol in local languages, discussion on countries' priorities and position in the negotiation process in SEE	7 SEE countries	US Environmental Protection Agency
9	PRTR Protocol: Towards the Kiev Conference	Sep. 2002 – Oct. 2003	Finished	• Dissemination of final draft of PRTR Protocol in national languages • Multi-stakeholder meetings organized in accession countries on countries' position at the Kiev Conference and /or initial possible implementation steps on national level	8 European Union accession countries	Netherlands

Regional Environmental Center for Central and Eastern Europe (REC)						
Category	*Title*	*Period*	*Project status*	*Outcomes / Proposed outcomes*	*Countries*	*Supported by*
9	Assist developing and implementing integrated national PRTRs	Dec. 2001 – Oct. 2004	Finished	• Pilot projects in 5 EU accession countries including assessment of legal, institutional framework for PRTRs; multi-stakeholder discussions and recommendations on possible strategy to set up national registers compatible with the PRTR Protocol and EPER • Regional and national capacity-building workshops • Multi-stakeholder network created on PRTR in CEE for officials and NGOs • Survey on PRTR process in CEE published on CD Rom distributed at the Kiev Conference and on website (www.rec.org/REC/Programs/PublicParticipation)	Bulgaria, Czech Republic, Hungary, Poland, Slovakia +16 CEE countries	Norway

Regional Environmental Center for Central and Eastern Europe (REC)						
Category	*Title*	*Period*	*Project status*	*Outcomes / Proposed outcomes*	*Countries*	*Supported by*
1	Capacity-building to Enable Development of a Pilot PRTR System in CEE (Czech Republic)	Oct. 2003 – Oct. 2004	Finished	• Capacity-building on operational issues for officials responsible for the setting up and operation of register (study tour to the Netherlands) • Developing guidance material in cooperation with the Ministry of Environment and preparing educational/training concept for officials • Website design seminar: assistance to set up websites for the register and NGOs • Information materials for users (NGOs and businesses)	Czech Republic	Netherlands
9	Improving the Practices of Public Participation: Next Steps in Implementing the Aarhus Convention in Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Serbia and Montenegro and Kosovo (currently under interim UN administration)	Dec. 2004 – Dec. 2006	Ongoing	The project's PRTR component includes activities on: Assessment of gaps and needs for establishing and operating PRTRs in accordance with the PRTR Protocol and the EU requirements; discussion of findings in multi-stakeholder • Meetings in Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Serbia and Montenegro • Study tour for officials responsible for PRTR issues to Czech Republic	Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Serbia and Montenegro	Netherlands

Regional Environmental Center for Central and Eastern Europe (REC)						
Category	*Title*	*Period*	*Project status*	*Outcomes / Proposed outcomes*	*Countries*	*Supported by*
1	Environmental information, education and public awareness	June 2002 – Dec. 2004	Finished	Regional and national user guides prepared for officials and for civil society on implementation of Aarhus Convention included a chapter on PRTR systems and the PRTR Protocol • Some of the Aarhus Convention trainings included sessions on PRTR Protocol (http://www.rec.org/REC/Programs/PublicParticipation/PublicAwareness) • Survey on PRTR process in CEE published on CD Rom, distributed at the Kiev Conference (http://www.rec.org/REC/Programs/PublicParticipation)	Armenia, Azerbaijan, Belarus, Georgia, Moldova, Ukraine	EuropeAid

Government of Norway						
Category	*Title*	*Period*	*Project status*	*Outcomes / Proposed outcomes*	*Countries*	*Supported by*
1	Capacity-building in Environmental Protection Bureaux (EPBs) in Guizhou Province, PRC	2005 – 2008	Ongoing	The overall goal of the project is to reduce industrial pollution in Zunyi Municipality. The purpose is to improve quantitative and qualitative performance of Zunyi EPB, especially the staff dealing with monitoring, inspection and information management, including reporting systems	People's Republic of China	Norwegian Pollution Control Authority (SFT)
1	Reduction of industrial pollution in eThekwini Municipality	2003 – 2005	Finished	The overall goal of the project is to reduce industrial pollution in eThekwini Municipality. One of the objectives is to improve the Information Technology system concerning permitting and auditing, including data on emissions/discharges	South Africa	Norwegian Pollution Control Authority (SFT)
1	Industrial Pollution Prevention in Zambia	2004	Finished	Through Institutional Cooperation between the Environmental Council of Zambia (ECZ) and SFT, the project supported development of a licensing information system	Zambia	Norwegian Pollution Control Authority (SFT)

European ECO-Forum						
Category	*Title*	*Period*	*Project*	*Outcomes / Proposed outcomes*	*Countries*	*Supported by*
2	Project for Ratification of PRTR Protocol in Kazakhstan and Tajikistan		Ongoing	• Round tables with participation of governmental experts, local authorities, NGOs and business to discuss possibilities and constraints for PRTR development and its benefits for different stakeholders • Disseminate relevant information materials on PRTR development in different countries and regions using electronic information tools • Start broad outreach campaign on the need to ratify PRTR Protocol and start PRTR development in the targeted countries	Kazakhstan, Tajikistan	ECO-Forum
9	Workshop "Pollutant Release and Transfer Registers/PRTRs: perspectives for their development in EECCA countries" – Public Participation Campaign Work Programme on the Aarhus Convention 2005	16 – 17 Nov. 2005	Finished	The workshop addressed priorities for the continuation of the work related to PRTR in Eastern Europe, Caucasus and Central Asia **(**EECCA) • Text available in English and Russian, through the support of the European ECO Forum Public–Participation Campaign Work Programme on the Aarhus Convention 2005	Russian Federation, EECCA	Norway's Ministry of Foreign Affairs

European ECO-Forum						
Category	*Title*	*Period*	*Project*	*Outcomes / Proposed outcomes*	*Countries*	*Supported by*
9	PRTR training workshops – Public Participation Campaign Work Programme on the Aarhus Convention 2005	2006	Ongoing	• Two training workshops in EECCA countries (either one workshop per country or in two different regions) • Support for NGO activities at the national level (mini-campaigns) • Publication on NGOs' experiences with PRTRs in different countries	Russian Federation, EECCA	Norway's Ministry of Foreign Affairs
1	Sharing European Community knowledge and information on the development of EPER with the EECCA countries	2006	Ongoing	Translation of major EC materials regarding the implementation of EPER into Russian and their further dissemination among the EECCA countries and NGOs	Russian Federation, EECCA	

Volgograd-Ecopress (Russian Federation)						
Category	*Title*	*Period*	*Project status*	*Outcomes / Proposed outcomes*	*Countries*	*Supported by*
2	Project "Towards a PRTR system in Kazakhstan"	April – Oct. 2005	Finished	Involving the wide public in the decision-making process in connectionwith the PRTR Protocol through formation of opinions of all interested parties. Tasks included • Distribution of information on the value of the PRTR Protocol • Pilot area study of readiness of connection to the PRTR Protocol • Study of the statistical reporting on pollutants by enterprises • Preparation of recommendations on connection to PRTR Protocol	Kazakhstan	Central Asia Regional Environmental Center (CAREC)

Volgograd-Ecopress (Russian Federation)						
Category	*Title*	*Period*	*Project status*	*Outcomes / Proposed outcomes*	*Countries*	*Supported by*
1	Regional PRTR systems opportunities and mechanism project	2006	Proposed	To determine mechanisms of national PRTR system implementation within tone region: • Development of reporting on discharge into water bodies in collaboration with Statistics Agency and Committee for Water Resources, Ministry of Agriculture • Development of reporting on emissions into the atmosphere and formed waste products • Providing trainings and publicity for enterprises on PRTR systems • Approbation of new forms of reporting by pilot area enterprises; quarterly data gathering • Ratings of enterprises on the basis of results • Recommendations for coordination group of Ministry of Environment on PRTR system implementation in Kazakhstan	Kazakhstan	

Volgograd-Ecopress (Russian Federation)						
Category	*Title*	*Period*	*Project status*	*Outcomes / Proposed outcomes*	*Countries*	*Supported by*
2	Partnerships between NGOs and business focused on the implementation of PRTR Protocol	2006	Ongoing	• Roundtables with participation of NGOs and business to discuss PRTR benefits for different stakeholders • Translation of relevant European Community materials into Russian for further dissemination among the EECCA countries and NGOs	Russian Federation; EECCA	UNECE Working Group on Environmental Monitoring and Assessment (preliminary phase)
1	Local and regional PRTR development	2002 – 2004	Finished	• Local and regional PRTRs formed with the participation of 60 enterprises (http://www.prtr.vlink.ru)	Russian Federation	Local Russian Federation enterprises
1	PRTR awareness-raising campaign for NGOs of the European part of Russia	2005	Finished	• Training workshop for the NGOs from the European part of Russia • Recommendations for PRTR activities at the national level (mini-campaigns) • Publication on NGOs experiences with PRTR in Russia	Russian Federation	International Pops Elimination Project (IPEN)
1	Development of local PRTR concept	2005	Finished	• Development of PRTR concept • PRTR concept discussion with stakeholders in Volgograd District	Russian Federation	Administration of Volgograd District, IPEN

Volgograd-Ecopress (Russian Federation)

Category	Title	Period	Project status	Outcomes / Proposed outcomes	Countries	Supported by
2	Multi-stakeholder cooperation in the development of the PRTR Protocol in the Russia	5 – 6 July 2006	Finished	Workshop with participation of NGOs, local authorities and business on possibilities and constraints for national PRTR development in Russia	Russian Federation	Netherlands

Journalism to Raise Environmental Awareness (Mexico/USA)

Category	Title	Period	Project status	Outcomes / Proposed outcomes	Countries	Supported by
1	PRTR networking in Central and South America	2005 – 2006	Ongoing	To strengthen PRTR awareness through NGO networking and media outreach • Articles published in major newspapers in Spanish	Costa Rica, Mexico, Latin America	MacArthur Foundation
1	North American NGO PRTR capacity-building proposal	2006 – 2008	Proposed	Support for NGO members of the North American Commission for Environmental Cooperation (CEC) Advisory Committee for North American PRTRs and of the Mexican Environmental Secretariat (Semarnat) Technical Advisory Committee for the PRTR in Mexico requested in May 2006	Canada, Mexico and United States	

Legend

Category	Activity	Description
1.	Preliminary or related activities	PRTR-related activities held among stakeholder groups (NGOs etc), localities or sectors as preliminary to national-scale PRTR projects; also capacity-building activities in related chemical, waste or information management initiatives (e.g., SAICM)
2.	National workshop to identify PRTR goals	Identification of the main goals and key issues for national PRTR development
3.	Feasibility study to assess existing capacity for a PRTR	In-depth study of capacity needs
4.	Design of the main PRTR characteristics	Detailed design of technical, legal and institutional approaches
5.	Pilot trial	Pilot in a specific region of the country or specific sector to test the proposed PRTR system and the mechanisms contemplated for reporting from key polluting facilities. Should include efforts to raise public awareness
6.	Development of the national proposal	Development of a full proposal, including any necessary legal instruments. Should include detailed review of capacity-building needs, as well as specific plans for raising public awareness
7.	National PRTR workshop	The workshop, with broad participation (including at political level), will review the PRTR proposal and launch a final proposal for a national PRTR
8.	National PRTR implementation	Activities undertaken to implement a national PRTR system
9.	Regional and international PRTR implementation activities	Activities undertaken on subregional, region-wide or international level in support of implementation of PRTRs and/or the UNECE Protocol on PRTRs