

Kick-off Meeting: Introduction to the Global NIP Update II Project (GEF ID 11945 and 12123)

Introduction to RECETOX SCRC Czech Republic and Lessons Learned from GEF 10785+10924 Projects (Session 1)

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Introduction to RECETOX - SCRC Czech Republic

The RECETOX is a leading Czech research institute covering a broad range of basic and applied research on toxic compounds in the environment and their effect on human health

Faculty of Science, Masaryk University

Brno, Czech Republic

RECETOX functions

- Research activities + application of research results
- Education programmes
- Open-Access Research Infrastructure including a biobank
- 4 Science to Policy and Society platforms

National Centre for Toxic Compounds (2005)

Stockholm Convention Regional Centre for Capacity Building and the Transfer of Technology (SCRC) (2007)

WHO collaborating centre for chemical exposure (2023)

Brno Living lab (2024)



SCRC CZ in brief

Established in 2007, endorsed by COP4 in 2009 + successfully evaluated in 2013, 2015, 2019 and 2023 (mandates extended for additional 4 years). Funded by the Czech Republic, Ministry of Environment (partial funding for staff + contribution to operation of monitoring networks)

- overarching focus is chemicals management and management of wastes containing toxic chemicals by providing training, capacity building, expert support and consultations in a number of fields
- provides support to the Stockholm Convention on POPs contracting Parties (countries) in its geographical region of the Central and Eastern Europe and beyond
- collaboration with RECETOX researchers and the RECETOX Research Infrastructure



- Building **analytical, monitoring and risk assessment** capacities - globally
- Building **laboratory capacities** in Armenia, Kazakhstan, North Macedonia, Kenya, Ghana, Montenegro
- **PCB analyses** in Armenia, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Ukraine, Turkey and Moldova
- **monitoring networks** in CEE, Africa, Arab countries, Pacific Islands (air, water) - MONET
- **risk assessment project(s)** in Kazakhstan, Ukraine, Balkan countries, Mauritius
- development of **data repository and visualization** tool for the GMP (gmp-pops.org)
- **national inventories,**
- **since 2011:** support in updating of **National Implementation Plans (NIPs)** - Czechia, Serbia, Ukraine, Moldova + 7 countries in GEF projects (10785 and 10924)
- development of the **legal framework** – Bosnia and Herzegovina, Serbia, North Macedonia, Turkey
- practical solutions for **decontamination/remediation - VietNam, Ethiopia +** in cooperation with Czech company Dekonta Ltd. work in Mongolia and Kazakhstan took place

implemented via Stockholm Convention Regional Centre (SCRC Czech Republic) in collaboration with the RECETOX Research Infrastructure



Team and focal points for 12123/9732

Kateřina Šebková (SCRC Director)

Nina Pavliuk (Project Assistant)

Lukáš Pokorný (Communication support)

other RECETOX POPs experts (i.e. Katarína Řiháčková, Lisa Melymuk, Petra Příbylová, Petr Kukučka, Jiří Kohoutek, Jana Borůvková, Jiří Kalina, Richard Hůlek, Jana Klánová, Pavel Čupr, Branislav Vrana (depending on a needed expertise)

+ experts from project countries -> for inventories and other deliverables

Countries covered

- Serbia and Tajikistan (GEF 12123) and Ukraine (GEF 9732)
- NFP Serbia - Mr. Ivan Djuričkovič, NFP Tajikistan - Mr. Umidjon Ulugov,
- NFP Ukraine - Ms. Irina Olenkievich

Experience from the Global NIP Update Project



Role of the RECETOX

- executing agency + daily implementation of the project, administrative arrangements - expert and partner recruitment in all countries
- support to NFP and beneficiary countries in achieving project deliverables, strengthening country capacity, organizing trainings, meetings and prioritization exercise on the basis of identified challenges and gaps
- preparation of specific formats to facilitate transition to NIP toolkit and also facilitate submission of information under 6th cycle of Article 15 reports

Key achievements of 10785 and 10924

- agreement to carry out many activities on regional basis + sharing with other countries in the region/sub-region
- close collaboration with NFP and inter ministerial core team, strong expert teams
- 6 countries completed their inventories
- 5 NIPs already completed, 3 already politically endorsed, 1 submitted to the secretariat

Main challenges

- 7 countries is a lot + heavy chemicals management agenda (meetings - ISP CWP, plastic treaty, COPs 2025) - time constraints to fit all the meetings/trainings in
- institutional changes in some countries (change of NFP, structure of the lead ministry etc.)

Lessons Learned and Recommendations



One concrete country example from GEF 10785 project

- step-by-step strengthening - trainings, inventory format, GGKP webinars, exchange among countries during trainings and beyond
- establishment of monitoring networks - air and water, specific studies
- first data on new POPs, risk assessment training - establishment of poison centre, involvement of health sector, targeting vulnerable populations and informal workers in waste management sector.

Recommendations for the countries

- collaboration with customs and national statistical office
- regular online meetings of experts with regional centre to track the progress (monthly), use of templates, emphasizing quantitative information and practical use of it. Linkages to established national policies
- prioritization exercise and inventory validation back to back - cross-cutting clustering of topics. Use of online tools and guidance documents+ webinars at GGKP platform

Opportunities for collaboration or available support

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We look for collaborating with you all!

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