



# Basel Convention Regional Centre Bratislava and its regional role and activities

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## Basel Convention



on the Control of transboundary movements of hazardous wastes and their disposal

- Adopted: 1989
- Entered into force: 1992
- 180 Parties
- Key objectives:
  - to minimize the generation of HW in terms of quantity and hazardousness
  - to dispose of HW as close to the source of generation as possible
  - to reduce the movement of HW
- Control system for the Transboundary Movements of Hazardous wastes
- Environmentally Sound Management (ESM) of Hazardous Wastes

# Background information



1995 decision on Establishment of the BCRC in Bratislava as an unit within the Slovak Environment Agency (SEA)

1997 BCRC starts its regional activities

Main role of the BCRC - to assist 19 countries from Central and Eastern European Region with implementation of the Basel Convention

- Information exchange

- Regional workshops

- Projects coordination and management

- Awareness raising programmes



# Countries served by BCRC Bratislava



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## Priority areas (1997-2002)



- Adoption and implementation of Basel Convention into national legislation
- Setting up environmentally sound hazardous waste management systems
- Introduction of the waste management information system at a national level
- Technologies for environmentally sound treatment and disposal of hazardous waste
- Promotion of public awareness programmes
- Control system for hazardous waste movement



# Preparation of the Business Plans



- Core functions of BCRCs adopted by COP:
  - Training
  - Technology transfer
  - Information
  - Consulting
  - Awareness raising
- Information about the legislative framework in served countries
- Implementing the Obligations of the Convention
- The Environmentally Sound Management of Basel Convention Priority Waste Streams



## Centre's activities



- Organization of regional workshops and trainings
- Coordination of regional projects
- Participation in Basel Convention Partnership programme (PACE, ENFORCE)
- Cooperation with relevant UN offices (RC, SC, Montreal Protocol)
- participation in preparation of strategic documents (Strategic Framework for the Basel Convention)
- Synergies activities
- Participation on national activities and workshops in served countries
- Participation on waste management activities in SK

## Regional workshops and trainings



- Illegal traffic problems and how to prevent them
- Prosecution of illegal traffic of hazardous wastes and other wastes
- Basel protocol on liability and compensation for damage resulting from transboundary movement of hazardous waste and their disposal
- Environmentally sound management of different waste stream as from the waste from electrical and electronic equipment, used oils, used lead batteries, waste containing POPs and PCBs and pesticides
- Workshops aimed at strengthening of cooperation and coordination of Basel, Rotterdam and Stockholm Conventions
- Workshops aimed at promotion of partnership programmes (MPPI, PACE)





## Projects coordination



The centre's experts assist with coordination of many regional or national projects with the aim to implement Basel Convention principles and obligations into national legislation and to approach with harmonisation of national legislation to related European Directives and regulations.



## E-waste Projects coordination



- Establishment of a system for the environmentally sound management of waste from electrical and electronic equipment in Moldova (Belarus and Albania are planned)
- Technical assistance in the capacity building for e-waste management in Moldova
- Capacity building for e-waste management in Serbia (PACE)
- Assessment and the strategy of the e-waste is selected Mediterranean countries
- Awareness raising project in Moldova (PACE)



## Projects coordination – used oils and used batteries



- Development and establishment of a lubricating oil management system in Bosnia and Herzegovina
- Development of instrumental framework, implementation schedule and guidelines for the ESM of waste oils in Bosnia and Herzegovina
- Development of a practical guideline for the environmentally sound management of used lead batteries in Mediterranean countries



## Project coordination – legislation



- Preparation of the health care waste strategy management in the Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia
- Legal assistance for the elaboration and adaptation of national legislation for the effective implementation of the Basel Convention in Bulgaria, FYRoM and Serbia and Montenegro



## Project coordination – synergies



- Strengthening the national capacities for the coordinated implementation of Basel, Rotterdam and Stockholm Conventions in the Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia
- Capacity building to promote synergies on the coordinated implementation of the Basel, Rotterdam and Stockholm Conventions in Belarus, FYRoM and Moldova
- Strengthening the capacity of Croatia, Montenegro and Serbia to monitor and control the transboundary movements of chemicals and hazardous wastes



## Ongoing activities



- Technical assistance for the capacity building of e-waste management in Moldova
- Establishment of a system for the environmentally sound management of WEEE in Belarus
- Capacity building in e-waste and used batteries management in Albania
- Assistance in preparation of joint action plans for coordination and cooperation among MEAs in served countries



# Main current activity in Slovakia



- Proposal of a new waste law with 8 articles and 10 amendments
- Main new ideas:
  - Recycling fund cancellation
  - New waste information system creation
  - Implementation of the EPR in different waste streams
  - Coordination centre establishment as a non-profit institution with the main role to complete duties for a specific waste stream
  - The tightening of metals buyout from physical persons

# Main current activity in Slovakia



- Basic information and definitions
- Main strategic documents
  - Waste management programme
  - Waste prevention plan
- Duties for physical and legal entities
- Extended producer responsibility
- Specific waste streams
  - Used oils
  - Construction and demolition waste
  - Waste from generation of  $\text{TiO}_2$
  - PCB management



# Main current activity in Slovakia



- Waste from households
- Transboundary movement of waste
- Administrative tools
- Authorities in waste management
- Responsibilities, penalties



*Thank you for your attention.*

*More detail information about the project:*

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