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Duration: 2002 - 2006

Contribution: € 55 million provided to 132 partnership projects

Beneficiaries: Non-For-Profit Organisations in Asia and Europe.

Implementing organisation: European Commission

Facts and Figures

- o 132 projects contracted over five Calls for Proposals
- o Almost 600 NGOs involved
- o Eligible countries (Europe): EU Member States; Croatia, Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Iceland, Liechtenstein, Norway, Turkey.
- o Eligible countries (Asia): Afghanistan, Bangladesh, Bhutan, Cambodia, China, India, Indonesia, Laos, Malaysia, Maldives, Mongolia, Myanmar, Nepal, North Korea, Pakistan, Philippines, Sri Lanka, Thailand, Vietnam.



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Asia Pro Eco: a programme for environment cooperation between Europe and Asia

Europe-Asia partnerships and networks to tackle pressing issues on the protection and remediation of the urban environment



Partnerships for Environment Cooperation

The Objective of the EU-Asia Pro Eco Programme is to draw the EU and Asia closer together through institutional and operational partnerships and networks that tackle pressing issues on the protection and remediation of the urban environment. The programme aims to promote the sharing of innovative technologies, best practises, policies, measures and capacity-building, which can improve environmental conditions and the quality of life of urban populations in Asia. It was specially designed to fund EU-Asia partnership projects in the field of Urban Environment.

Networking for Sustainable Growth

Since its inception, Asia Pro Eco has contributed Euro 55 million for co-financing 132 project partnerships between approximately 500 EU and Asia organisations. The experiences gained from project partnerships between European and Asian organisations, are invaluable as inputs for future planning to improve cooperation between the EC and Asia and to design new approaches for the Asia programs for 2007-2013. The 132 Pro Eco projects spread across Asian countries provide ample scope for decentralising the EU presence beyond that of large EC-funded bilateral projects. The complementary impact of Asia Pro Eco lies in the fact that this programme has established a completely new and very powerful network of partners amongst the Asian and European stakeholders of the programme.

Regional Environment Programme 2007-2010?

For Asia the challenge today is to decouple economic growth from environmental degradation and to contribute to poverty reduction and better quality of life. Despite significant achievements, the Asian industrial sector is characterized by outdated and low efficiency technology, lack of preventive maintenance, improper production management, inefficient use of raw materials, etc. especially in Small and Medium Sized enterprises (SMEs). The objective of the new programme will therefore be to promote economic prosperity and poverty reduction in Asian countries through sustainable growth with reduced environmental impact by industries and consumers. The purpose will be to promote sustainable production, i.e. development of less polluting and more resource efficient (energy, water, raw materials) products, processes and services, and sustainable consumption patterns and behaviour in the Asia region, through an improved reciprocal understanding and strengthened cooperation between Europe and Asia, notably by mobilizing the private sector, i.e. SMEs, retailers and consumer organisations.