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This five-year programme, which has a total budget of EUR 31.5 million, aims to provide support to European and Asian organisations to enable them to share strategies, advanced technologies and know-how in addressing Asian environmental issues.

Asia Pro Eco Programme website:

http://europa.eu.int/comm/europeaid/projects/AsiaProEco/index_en.htm

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The Concept

The project concentrates on the critical points of management of industrial chemicals, including pesticides during their life cycle i.e. focusing on their production, transport, storage, trade, use and disposal in developing countries.

The project activities proposed encompass the know-how transfer and the introduction of good practices through strategy workshops and technical training courses, on topics such as:

- environmental monitoring
- inventory of obsolete pesticide stocks and risk assessment
- policy development for environmentally sound transportation and storage of chemical products
- chemicals management in small- and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs)
- safety measures when handling chemicals

The Objectives

The overall objective is to support local stakeholders in the development and implementation of environmentally sound and sustainable management of chemicals and pesticides in urban and semi-urban areas.

Specifically, the project aims to support counterparts in India and Vietnam in the enhancement of capacities for:

- improvement of the management with chemicals and pesticides
- inventory and risk assessment tools

- environmental monitoring techniques
- monitoring of environmental pollution
- safety measures when handling chemicals

The Stakeholders

The project has been put together in a way that will embrace the following local stakeholders

- government agencies
- officials from municipalities
- plant protection (agricultural) services
- universities/colleges
- small and medium sized enterprises (SMEs) and their associations of chemicals and pesticides
- dealers of chemicals/pesticides and
- agricultural associations, forwarding associations.

Project Components

1. Introduction of pragmatic approaches to improve the sound chemicals management issues in urban and semi-urban areas in development countries
2. Introduction of concepts and methods for chemical safety
3. Introduction of measures for the safe and efficient handling, transportation and storage of industrial chemicals in SMEs
4. Establishment of environmental monitoring systems in local/regional institutions in urban and semi-urban areas

The Implementing Partner Institutions

Deutsche Gesellschaft für Technische Zusammenarbeit (GTZ) GmbH

GTZ is a government-owned corporation with international operations. GTZ promotes international cooperation which contributes to sustainable development worldwide. The GTZ Convention Project Chemical Safety (CHS) cooperates with main programmes of the German technical assistance in developing countries.

Plymouth Marine Laboratory (PML)

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EHE-SRMC provides industrial hygiene, safety and occupational health monitoring services. It has expanded to be an internationally recognized centre for environmental health research, and offers a comprehensive range of advisory and training services to more than 120 industries all over India. EHE-SRMC is a technology transfer centre for the Confederation of Indian Industry (CII), under support from the Technology Development Board of Government of India and very recently has become a collaborative centre of ILO-CIS.

Vietnam Environment Protection Agency (VEPA) Pollution Control Division (PCD)

VEPA is responsible for the national management of environmental protection in Vietnam, including pollution control, waste management, chemical safety and emergency response, mainly assigned to PCD. VEPA is focal point in Vietnam for international agreements such as the Stockholm and Basel Conventions.