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## **The International POPs Elimination Project**

*Fostering Active and Effective Civil Society Participation in  
Preparation for Implementation of the Stockholm Convention*

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# **Global Day of Action on POPs in Russia**

**SPES Environmental NGO, jointly with Nizhniy  
Novgorod regional office of Inter-regional Union "For  
Chemical Security" and "Krot" Environmental Group**

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## About the International POPs Elimination Project

On May 1, 2004, the International POPs Elimination Network (IPEN <http://www.ipen.org>) began a global NGO project called the International POPs Elimination Project (IPEP) in partnership with the United Nations Industrial Development Organization (UNIDO) and the United Nations Environment Program (UNEP). The Global Environment Facility (GEF) provided core funding for the project.

IPEP has three principal objectives:

- Encourage and enable NGOs in 40 developing and transitional countries to engage in activities that provide concrete and immediate contributions to country efforts in preparing for the implementation of the Stockholm Convention;
- Enhance the skills and knowledge of NGOs to help build their capacity as effective stakeholders in the Convention implementation process;
- Help establish regional and national NGO coordination and capacity in all regions of the world in support of longer term efforts to achieve chemical safety.

IPEP will support preparation of reports on country situation, hotspots, policy briefs, and regional activities. Three principal types of activities will be supported by IPEP: participation in the National Implementation Plan, training and awareness workshops, and public information and awareness campaigns.

For more information, please see <http://www.ipen.org>

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In the framework of the Global Day of Actions against POPs, SPES Environmental NGO, jointly with Nizhniy Novgorod regional office of Inter-regional Union "For Chemical Security" and "Krot" Environmental Group, implemented project "POPs in Nizhegorodskiy Oblast". Open lessons were conducted in schools, children's clubs and libraries of Nizhegorodskiy Oblast on POPs problems at the global and regional levels. Mass media outlets of Nizhegorodskiy Oblast and Dzerzhinsk published information materials on environmental contamination by POPs in Nizhegorodskiy Oblast and options to address the problem, using the mechanisms of the Stockholm Convention. SPES specialists made topical radio broadcasts ("Felix" oblast radio channel), they designed and disseminated booklets and posters with information on POPs sources in Nizhegorodskiy Oblast. At the final stage of the project, an information picket was conducted in Nizhniy Novgorod to inform the city residents on persistent organic pollutants. To get additional information and project materials, please contact: Dmitriy Levashov, SPES Environmental NGO, e-mail: [levashow@mail.ru](mailto:levashow@mail.ru)