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## International SAICM Implementation Project (ISIP)

In 2010, in an effort to demonstrate SAICM implementation via IPEN Participating Organizations, IPEN launched an International SAICM Implementation Project, also known as ISIP. ISIP aims to mobilize resources for initial enabling activities pertaining to national priorities, in keeping with the work areas set out in the strategic objectives of section IV of the SAICM Overarching Policy Strategy.

In particular, the ISIP supports the Governance objective of SAICM's Overarching Policy Strategy paragraph 26, which calls for enhanced "cooperation on the sound management of chemicals between Governments, the private sector and civil society at the national, regional and global levels."

In addition, ISIP builds on the 2008-2009 Global SAICM Outreach Campaign to raise awareness about SAICM and strengthen collaboration among the public interest, health and labor sectors.

### ISIP Objectives

ISIP's four objectives include:

- Promoting the need for sound chemicals management
- Advancing National SAICM Implementation
- Promoting global SAICM implementation by global civil society
- Building capacity among NGOs developing countries and countries with economies in transition

**Title of Activity:** Preparation of the Assessment Report and Conducting Awareness-Raising Activities on E-Waste and Batteries Management in Belarus (Extension of ISIP 1 Project)

**NGO:** Center for Environmental Solutions

**Country:** Belarus

**Date:** February 2011

### Elements of SAICM Covered:

Activities relating to identification and assessment of where issues relating to the sound management of chemicals arise during the lifespan of electrical and electronic products, including the design of such products, green chemistry, recycling and disposal, in particular in the context of the requirements of the Basel and Stockholm conventions, participation in the workshop on electronic waste be held in the margins of the meeting of the Open-ended Working Group meeting of the Basel Convention and follow up recommendations and options for the SAICM OEWG and ICCM3 (ICCM2 decision II/4)

## **Definition of e-waste and near end of life items and the hazardous chemicals contained in them:**

See summary of the E-waste report in frame of ISIP 1 project: <http://ipen.org/project-reports/preparation-assessment-report-and-conducting-awareness-raising-activities-e-waste-0>

## **Description of the situation with regard to e-waste that is generated in the country vs. waste that enters the country:**

See summary of the E-waste report in frame of ISIP 1 project: <http://ipen.org/project-reports/preparation-assessment-report-and-conducting-awareness-raising-activities-e-waste-0>  
(All batteries are coming from abroad)

## **Description of the current practices for dealing with e-waste and near end of life electrical equipment:**

See summary of the E-waste report in frame of ISIP 1 project: <http://ipen.org/project-reports/preparation-assessment-report-and-conducting-awareness-raising-activities-e-waste-0>  
(Almost everything goes directly to landfills).

## **Project Outcomes:**

### **Description of the activity conducted:**

During the time of the project the following activities were performed:

1. Initiation of pilot projects on batteries collection in several establishments in Minsk. The projects are organized in co-operation with the Ministry of Environment of the Republic of Belarus. 5 containers are made and agreements about their installation are made with:
  - Belarusian National Technical University;
  - International Sakharov Environmental University;
  - IBB (Conference/hotel and business centre);
  - Office building on Masherova,9 (where CES is located),
  - CES ecological mobile exhibition.
2. Producing of information for public: 2 types of informational posters and the leaflet about batteries collection were designed and printed;  
Informational roll-ups about batteries and e-waste are produced and included into CES mobile exhibition.
3. Providing recommendations on e-waste/batteries management for the Ministry of environment;
4. Providing information on e-waste/batteries to journalists and NGOs.

### **Impact on target groups:**

The project contributed to the on-going discussion on the situation with e-waste management in Belarus, as well as provided some support to efforts on collection of the batteries in Belarus. The real impact of the project activities will be visible only after few months of operation of containers, and feed-back received from the shops on usage of informational materials.

### **Impact on target policies:**

During the project implementation CES was able to provide contribution to the ongoing development of a National Waste Management Strategy. Specifically we provided recommendations on e-waste and batteries management, which were developed in the frame of the current and previous ISIP projects on e-waste/batteries. CES recommendations were positively received, but the development of the strategy is still ongoing.

### **Outreach to stakeholders:**

In the project implementation the following major stakeholders have been involved:  
Ministry of the Environment;  
NGOs;

Universities and educational organizations; and Supermarkets and shops.

The project contributed to advancing relationships with these stakeholders, and CES will continue to work with these organizations after the end of the project. CES will continue to provide support to e-waste/batteries collection in Belarus.

**Deliverables, outputs and/or products:**

- Containers for batteries collection;
- 2 types of informational posters on e-waste/batteries;
- Informational leaflet on e-waste/batteries;
- Informational roll-up on e-waste/batteries;
- 5 Informational e-newsletters on situation with waste management in Belarus (sent to environmental NGOs community in Belarus and journalists)

**Communication efforts:**

The main communication effort was focused on the general public by disseminating prepared information about e-waste and batteries. Also, we have worked with mass media and news related to the project have been published in Narodnaya gazeta ([www.ng.by](http://www.ng.by)), Rodnaya pryroda, Greenbelarus.info, iso14000.by, Dikaya priroda (wildlife.by), listserves Greenbel and econetworkby.

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**NGO Recommendations for next steps:**

Main steps should be:

1. To continue dialog with national and local authorities and cooperate with them to create really working scheme of e-wastes management in Belarus.
2. To support the population with informative materials to educate a great part of the population.