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MKI is a Dutch NGO established in 1988. The organization has its head office in Amsterdam. Over the years a series of project offices in Albania, Georgia, Kosovo, Kyrgyzstan, Macedonia, Moldova, Montenegro, Serbia and Ukraine became independent NGOs and form today an international network, together with MKI Amsterdam. MKI has been active in more than 20 countries in Central Europe, Eastern Europe, South East Europe, Central and Southeast Asia and Africa. Important themes besides obsolete pesticides have been Integrated Water Resources Management in Russia, Sustainable Platinum Production and Use in Africa and Europe, as well as Green Agenda development plans for local communities on the Balkans, Moldova, Russia and Central Asia.

MKI has been active in obsolete pesticides projects since 2005. In close cooperation with e.g. the International HCH and Pesticides Association (IHPA), MKI implemented its first pesticides safeguarding and capacity building

In the EU FAO project, Milieukontakt International is providing support, advice and training to countries on inventory, PSMS, Environmental Management Plans, Environmental Assessments, supervision during safeguarding and national communication strategies

project *Elimination of acute risks of obsolete pesticides in Moldova, Georgia and Kyrgyzstan 2005-2008* (financed by the Netherlands Ministry of Foreign Affairs). In its projects the organisation has a strong focus on active stakeholder involvement, on communication and on capacity building. At the same time the need to actually solve concrete environmental problems on the ground is always one of the main objectives in MKI's projects. In the frame of the above mentioned project 100, 200 and 90 tons of obsolete pesticides were safeguarded in Moldova, Georgia and Kyrgyzstan, respectively. Since then the organisation has been involved in different POPs pesticides projects in Eastern European, Caucasus and Central Asian Countries as well as in Egypt and Viet Nam, amongst others working with FAO, UNEP, IHPA and Green Cross.

The three pillars of the Milieukontakt approach:

- Building capacities;
- Involving citizens;
- Solving environmental problems.

MKI has developed an effective network of national consultants (Georgia) and national NGO partners in the region (Ekois in Kyrgyzstan and EcoContact in Moldova) who are well placed to support the implementation of activities in the current EC obsolete and POPs pesticides project.

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