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## Description of CEPTA organisation

The main purpose of the “Centre for Sustainable Alternatives“ (CEPTA) is to promote and broaden sustainable alternatives in number of fields, among which could be counted: sustainable agriculture and forestry, pesticides, waste management, environmental and nature protection; alternative economical systems; long-life learning; education and free-times activities for young people; healthy and responsible lifestyle.

Main priorities based in statute of the CEPTA are:

- creation, coordination and realization of projects in the fields (at the local, national and international level)
- advisory and consultancy
- educative and free time activities (youth clubs, camps, discussions, meetings, trainings, courses etc.)
- surveys and auditing
- support of production and marketing of local products and products of sustainable agriculture (e.g. organic)
- informative activities, promotion, enlightenment
- coordination of activities supporting development of sustainable alternatives

The membership is open for any private or corporate entity for associated membership, which could be after one year of active participation broaden to the full membership. The organisation has a plenary assembly that meets at least once a year; 3-members board and 3-members revision commission.

Activities roofed by the CEPTA started up officially in March 2005. CEPTA was created by several academics and activists, working in different fields and co-operating in different activities. We are focusing on environmental protection and the improvement of human life quality at all levels, starting by public – easy to understand ending by scientific. The organisation web-page is under construction.

In the year 2005 we took part on the project IMP – Integrated monitoring of pesticides, where we had described for the first time the problem and proposed the first solutions in technology of the pesticides monitoring residues. The project was supported by GGF and its results were successfully presented at several events, conferences in different CEE countries (Bulgaria, Ukraine, Poland). CEPTA actively takes part at the activities of the Pesticides Action Network, PAN – Europe and shares our results with other network members. In 2006, we coordinated the preparation phase of a big national project PEPOZ focusing on pesticides use, residues, its monitoring and transparency. Secondly, we co-organized the PAN-CEPTA international seminar, focused on Pesticides residues in food, which took place 22-24<sup>th</sup> June in Modra, Slovakia. The project “Towards more sustainable pesticides use and transparency: Pesticide Residues Action in Slovakia and the Czech Republic” promotes activities strengthening the democracy, public participation and the control over pesticides administration, use in agriculture and food contamination and we prepare the briefing “Towards sustainable pesticides use?”, which includes the most sensitive points in pesticides use and control.