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1. DIRECTOR'S OPENING STATEMENT



Ladies and Gentlemen,

You are reading the annual report of CENIA, Czech Environmental Information Agency, an organisation which has successfully completed its transformation from the former Czech Environmental Institute. This process involved more than just changing our name. In addition to a new style of management, the organisation implemented a process management model for the first time. Ad hoc assignments from the Ministry of the Environment changed to contractual cooperation and obligations. This transition made the organisation's work more transparent for its establishing authority. It also enabled us to better define internal processes and obtain grants to finance them.

The new management style was essential in order to achieve these changes. Whereas in the past our focus was on individual segments of the environment each viewed separately, today we take a comprehensive look at how the interaction among various individual components affect the environment as a whole. Having horizontal integration in CENIA is a prerequisite of implementing the MDIAR process (Monitoring, Data, Information, Assessment, Reporting).

In 2006 we succeeded in meeting all significant conditions for establishing an environmental assessment centre, and this will remain one of our main goals for the year to come.

Jiří Hradec

2. ORGANISATION PROFILE

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(hereinafter referred to as CENIA)

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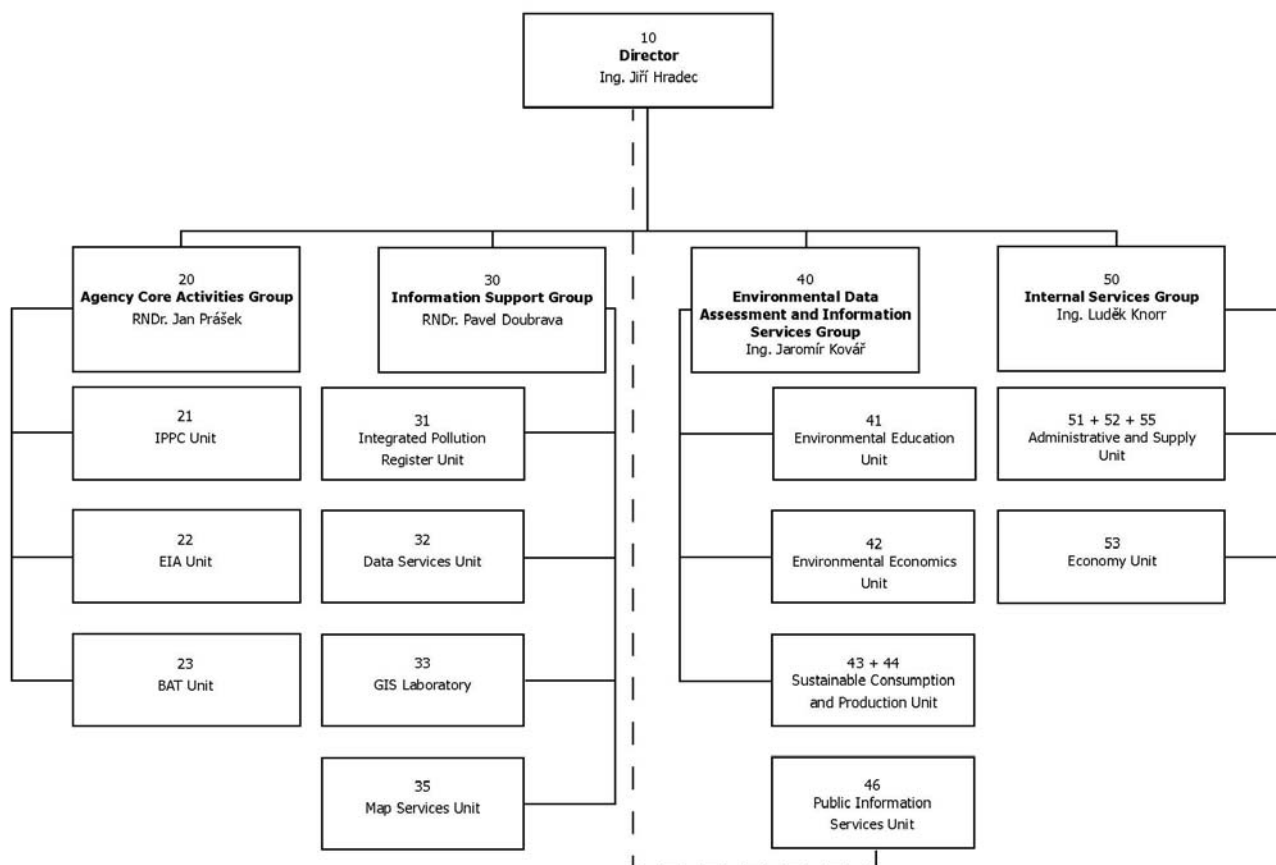
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As of 1 April 1992, pursuant to Decision No. 7/92, the Ministry of the Environment of the Czech Republic (hereinafter referred to as ME) established the Czech Environmental Institute (hereinafter referred to as CEI) pursuant to Section 31 of Act No. 576/1990 Sb., on management rules concerning budgetary means of the Czech Republic and municipalities in the Czech Republic, as amended. Pursuant to Provision No. 1/05 ME the Institute was renamed CENIA, as of 1 April 2005.

Organisation Structure as of 31 December 2006



3. BASIC PERSONNEL DATA

As of 31 December 2006, CENIA had 90 employees, 49 female and 41 male. Eight employees worked part-time. The average registered number of FTEs stood at 84 employees.

The founder (ME) specified the average registered number of FTEs at 83.61 employees, which has not been exceeded by CENIA.

Table 1: Employee classification based on age and gender

Age	Male	Female	Total	%
20	0	0	0	0.00
21-30	17	21	38	42.22
31-40	8	9	17	18.89
41-50	7	13	20	22.22
51-60	5	5	10	11.11
61 and over	4	1	5	5.56
Total	41	49	90	100
%	45.56	54.44	100	-

CENIA employs mainly professional employees. As of 31 December 2006, 68 employees were university educated, 6 were improving their qualifications in a bachelor's or master's programme parallel to their employment, and another 2 employees participated in a postgraduate programme.

Table 2: Employee classification according to education and gender

Education	Male	Female	Total	%
Basic school	0	0	0	0.00
Training centre	1	2	3	3.33
Vocational school	0	0	0	0.00
Full secondary	1	1	2	2.22
Full secondary vocational	8	9	17	18.89
Advanced vocational training	0	0	0	0.00
University	31	37	68	75.56
Total	41	49	90	100

Table 3: Aggregate average salary

Average gross monthly salary	23,610.50 CZK
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In 2006 an even balance was achieved between the newly coming workforce and the workforce leaving the organisation. Due to CEI's transformation into CENIA, the organisation was left by employees whose work activities did not correspond with the organisation's new tasks, while new highly qualified employees were taken on who started to participate both in meeting the objectives of the transformation project and in fulfilling the operational tasks for ME.

Table 4: Aggregate numbers of started and terminated employment relationships

Started	25
Terminated	22

Table 5: Employment duration

Duration	Number of employees	%
Up to 5 years	76	84.44
Up to 10 years	4	4.44
Up to 15 years	6	6.67
Up to 20 years	3	3.33
Over 20 years	1	1.11
Total	90	100

CENIA's management provides both general and financial support to its employees in improving, maintaining and acquiring their skills and knowledge, in particular with respect to foreign languages. English lessons are aimed to enable students to pass an internationally

recognised and certified FCE-level examination (First Certificate in English). During 2006 employees' foreign-language skills increased compared to 2005.

Table 6: Language skills – number of employees with a standardized examination

Language skills	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Level 4	Total
English	0	2	9	3	14
German	0	1	0	0	1
French	0	0	0	0	0
Other languages	0	1	0	0	1
Total	0	4	9	3	16

Level 2 – state examination at a Czech language school

Level 3 – FCE

Level 4 – CAE

4. DATA ON ASSETS

The table summarises the amounts of the organisation's assets, accounts receivable and accounts payable as of the financial statements dated 31 December 2006.

Table 7: Data on assets

	CZK
Intangible fixed assets	
Software (account 013)	4,984,317.84
Valuable rights (account 014)	3,766,491.00
Low value intangible fixed assets	
Software (account 018)	1,290,300.58
Tangible fixed assets	
Machines, devices and equipment (account 022 1)	11,084,457.87
Transport vehicles (account 022 2)	4,426,514.53
Fixtures and equipment (account 022 3)	1,014,690.60
Low value tangible fixed assets	
LVTFEA (account 028)	9,483,841.28
Receivables and payables	
Trade receivables (account 311)	0
Operational advances paid (account 314 01)	241,406.53
Other receivables (account 316 3)	211.00
Non-investment suppliers (account 321 1)	-468,057.07
Investment suppliers (account 321 2)	-158,865.00
Prepayments received (account 324)	-40,000.00
Other payables (account 325)	-30,627.43
Registered employees (account 331 1)	8,064.00
Receivables from employees (account 335)	503,882.10
336 12 health insurance payable	-264,311.00
336 21 social insurance receivable	0
336 22 social insurance payable	-606,941.00
Employment tax	-226,554.00
Other payables (account 379)	-1,511,924.00
Deferred expenses (account 381)	169,883.07
Estimated payables (account 389)	-5,209,331.87

5. DATA ON REVENUE AND EXPENDITURE BUDGET

Budgetary Resources

In accordance with the budget specified for 2006, CENIA's economic result was set at CZK 0, while the annual operational subsidy amounted to CZK 41,901,000. This amount included CZK 21,761,000 of wage funds to cover the 84 FTEs and CZK 259,000 of other personnel costs.

Through Budget Measure No. 45 of 30 April 2006, ME made available non-investment resources in the amount of CZK 530,000 from its expert studies funds, which were designated for the purpose of ensuring the activities connected with the administration of the integrated database of waste dumps and old environmental burdens *Contaminated Sites Monitoring System*.

In addition to that, CENIA's budget was increased by Budget Measure No. 129 of 13 June 2006 by CZK 6,950,000 from ME's unspecified funds to ensure the performance of the following tasks:

- Task WP 13 – Expense-to-revenue analysis of information and optimisation opportunities (CZK 1,500,000);
- Preparing supporting documentation for assessment reports on IP applications (CZK 1,200,000);
- Operation of technical working groups (CZK 650,000);
- National reporting and administration of the CDM model (CZK 1,600,000);
- Increase in funds for operating expenses (CZK 2,000,000).

On 13 July 2006, Budget Measure No. 183 made available an ISPROFIN systemic non-investment subsidy in the amount of CZK 1,500,000 for event 215011M026, which was transferred from the budget of the Ministry of Informatics.

On 24 July 2006, ME's External Relations Department issued a decision granting CENIA subsidy no. OPRLZ/4/18/06 for project CZ.04.1.4.2.16.4/0018, entitled ***Partnership for Sustainable Consumption and Production***. This project is co-financed by the Czech Republic's national budget and the European Social Fund. The project's starting date was 1 September 2006 and date of completion is 31 August 2008. Based on this decision, the first payment in the amount of CZK 3,500,000 was made available to CENIA by ME within the September subsidy limit. The budget amendment was specified by Measure No. 221. Pursuant to the terms and conditions of the project, this amount will be used to make advance payments to the project's partners, in accordance with concluded Partnership Agreements.

CENIA succeeded in a tender for a project co-financed by the Czech Republic's national budget, the Capital City of Prague's budget and the European Social Fund. The Ministry of Labour and Social Affairs (hereinafter referred to as the MLSA) issued the Decision on the grant of subsidy no. JPD 3/454 for project CZ.04.3.07/3.1.01.3/3244, entitled ***Multimedia Environmental Yearbook – Environmental Education for Elementary and Secondary Schools***. The starting date was 1 September 2006 and the completion date is 31 August 2008. Pursuant to the project's terms and conditions, CENIA received the first payment of CZK 1,629,571.25 from MLSA and of CZK 191,178.75 from the Capital City of Prague in September.

At the same time, we asked the Department of Finance of ME by our letter of 9 September 2006, Ref. No.: 7977/CEN/06, to increase the binding indicators related to salaries, other personnel costs and the limit on the number of employees in connection with the financial resources allocated for the two above mentioned projects.

The Ministry of Finance approved the transfer of non-investment resources in the amount of CZK 2,957,000 from the budget of the Ministry of Informatics to ME's budget by Budgetary Measure No. 276. These resources have been designated for CENIA in order to ensure the provision of map services within the ***Portal of the Public Administration***.

Through Measure No. 345 of 6 December 2006, ME approved the application for adjustment of resources for salaries and other payments for work performed in relation to the project RD OP in the amount of CZK 526,000 (CZK 493,000 salaries and CZK 33,000 other personnel costs) and to project JPD3 in the amount of CZK 291,160 (of that, CZK 179,760 went towards salaries and CZK 111,400 went towards other personnel expenses).

Through Measure No. 346 of 6 December 2006, resources in the amount of CZK 400,000 were made available to CENIA, which were designated to ensure the implementation of the **REACH** directive.

All these Budget Measures and the receipt of ESF subsidies were reflected in the internal revenue and expenditure budget for 2006.

Table 8: Budgetary financial resources as of 31 December 2006 (in CZK)

2006	Limit set by ME as of 1/1/2006	Budget Measure No. 45 30/4/2006 + 530 000	Budget Measure No. 129 28/6/2006 + 6 950 000	Budget Measure No. 183	Budget Measure No. 221 subsidies from MLSA and Budget Measure No. 345	Budget Measure No. 276	Budget Measure No. 346 + 400 000
TOTAL	41 901 000	42,431,000	49,38,000	50,881,000	56,201,750	59,158,750	59,558,750
Operation	11,829,430	12,359,430	19,309,430	19,309,430	19,309,430	22,175,780	22,575,780
Project OPRLZ	-	-	-	-	2,780,040	2,780,040	2,780,040
Project JPD 3	-	-	-	-	1,424,089	1,424,089	1,424,089
ISPROFIN	-	-	-	1,500,000	1,500,000	1,500,000	1,500,000
WAGES	21,761,000	21,761,000	21,761,000	21,761,000	22,433,760	22,433,760	22,433,760
Other personnel costs	259,000	259,000	259,000	259,000	403,400	403,400	403,400
Social and health insurance	7,616,350	7,616,350	7,616,350	7,616,350	7,993,006	7,993,006	7,993,006
Social and cultural fund	435,220	435,220	435,220	435,220	448,675	448 675	448,675
Number of employees	84	84	84	84	84	84	84

Extra-Budgetary Resources

Foreign financial resources totalling CZK 77,532.29 were received by CENIA in two payments, the amount of CZK 39,653.32 was transferred into the bank account on 24 March 2006 and the second payment amounting to CZK 37,878.97 was received by CENIA on 8 June 2006. Both payments were deposited into the reserve fund and used in accordance with the terms and conditions of the project entitled **Improving Waste Management System in the Municipality Veliko Gradiste** No. 04SER01/11/042 to cover the experts' costs in the first half of 2006. In the third quarter, the amounts of CZK 62,462.44 and of CZK 54,555.15 were received to the account for the above project on 6 September 2006 and 27 September 2006 respectively; a part was used in accordance with the project's terms and conditions for cost reimbursement and a part remains deposited in the reserve fund.

The **Sustainability A-Test** project was terminated in August 2006. The final financial accounting of the project was completed and approved from abroad; a supplementary payment was made to CENIA's account, which was received in two payments – CZK 97,387.76 in August and CZK 11,810.17 in September.

Revenues

Revenues from the sale of services (total CZK 713,744,000) were mainly generated through the following activities:

- provision of excerpts from the IP database CZK 9,500
- services pursuant to an agreement with ME CZK 7,000
- EIA examinations CZK 75,000
- services pursuant to an agreement with MA and EKORA, s.r.o., CZK 111,500
- services connected with the operation of ME's map server CZK 66,940
- JANITOR training CZK 78,000
- LA21 training for the Environmental Education Club CZK 1,500

- seminars on eco-label CZK 21,590,
- provision of the EFP label CZK 180,000
- provision of the right to use the EU eco-label CZK 37,080
- sale of CENIA publications CZK 21,820
- sale of ME publications CZK 23,780
- EE&A diary CZK 9,980
- grant for the publication ‘Environment in the Czech Republic 1989-2004’ CZK 40,000
- EFP seminar CZK 20,425

Based on the total revenues, the obligation to become a VAT payer was not met. The original plan drew on the previous year’s experience and on projections for 2006, which, however, were not fulfilled. Within the total revenue, the failure to achieve the figures planned for this item was offset by exceeded plans for another item, thus avoiding a negative economic result.

Activation of intra-organisational services comprised the amount of CZK 744,760, which mainly meant re-accounting costs for operation and maintenance of company motor vehicles while performing expert tasks. The plan was exceeded, because there was an increase in expert activities and therefore also in the required internal transportation.

Accounts 641-645 /Other Revenues/ consist of interest and exchange rate revenues in the amount of CZK 11,640

Account 649 – other additional revenues consists of:

- financial resources received from abroad, i.e. the amount of CZK 163,460 from Serbia – reimbursement of costs for cooperation pursuant to an agreement;
- FV payment of CZK 23,020 from the European Environmental Agency, Copenhagen for the translation of a publication pursuant to an agreement;
- the amount of CZK 59,760 is comprised of: a CZK 2,200 bonus for a franking machine, CZK 57,560 in overpaid reimbursements for foreign business trips No. 50/2005, 63/2005, 10/2006, 01/2006, 22/2006, 03/2006, 45/2006, 043/2006, 44/2006, 47/2006 and 56/2006 from the Brussels-based European Environmental Commission.

Table 9: Revenues (in thousands CZK)

	Annual plan 2006	Reality as of 31/12/2006	Difference reality vs. plan	% Fulfilment
Sale of own products and services	750	713.74	36.26	95.16
Sale of goods	-	-	-	-
Disposal of property	-	-	-	-
Activation	701	744.76	-43.76	106.24
Change in inventory level	-	-	-	-
Others (641 to 645)	12	11.64	0.36	97
Fund settlement (648)	2,705	2,700.02	4.98	99.82
Other revenues (649)	250	246.24	3.76	98.5
Founder’s contribution	52,738	52,738.00	0	100
Founder’s contribution – OP RLZ	3,500	3,500.00	0	100
ISPROFIN non-investment	1,500	1,500	0	100
Contributions from other providers from the state budget – JPD 3	1,820.75	1,820.75	0	100
Financial resources from abroad	109.20	109.20	0	100
Total revenues	64,085.95	64,084.35	1.60	99.99

Costs

The organisation incurred all costs within its primary activity pursuant to both its foundation deed and the task lists assigned by ME. Because of the inclusion of the JPD-3 project, personnel costs were exceeded by the approved excess amount pursuant to Budget Measure No. 345 of 6 December 2006, i.e. the limit on resources for salaries by CZK 179,760 and

other personnel expenses by CZK 111,400. However, total other personnel expenses were not fully drawn by CZK 56,690. To satisfy the need to secure top-quality professionals, a bonus fund in the total amount of CZK 2,257,430 had to be put to use. This made it necessary to use the amount of CZK 442,590 from the reserve fund to cover the increased costs for obligatory insurance contributions so that a well-balanced economic result from operations could be ensured.

Table 10: Costs (in thousands CZK)

	Annual plan 2006	Reality as of 31/12/06	Difference	% Fulfilment
Material and energy consumption	2716.50	2,716.50	0	100
Out of which: material consumption	2,080	2,079.93	0.07	100
Services	20,052.65	20,052.64	0	100
Total other costs	34,220	34,219.52	0.48	100
Out of which:				
wages	22,254	24,691.19	-2,437.19	110.95
Asset depreciation	6,637	6,636.17	0.83	100
Taxes and charges	6.3	6.3	0	100
Other costs	453.50	453.22	0.28	100
Total costs	64,085.95	64,084.35	0,60	100

Economic Result (Net Income/Loss)

As of 31 December 2006, the organisation's economic result stood at 0. As previously stated, CENIA received CZK 3,500,000 for the HRD OP project and CZK 1,820,750 for the JPD 3 project. Both these projects have an implementation period from 1 September 2006 to 31 August 2008 and both have their own individual bank accounts. These financial resources are intended for redistribution to partners and for payment of costs that shall be gradually incurred. In September, contracts with partners and initial administrative issues were dealt with, and by the end of the year the first payments to partners were made in accordance with the concluded agreements and with the costs incurred. While the project will be financially settled after two years, by the end of 2006 financial resources for neither of the projects were fully drawn from their respective bank accounts. The balances as of 31 December 2006 were deferred in the amount of the expected costs to be drawn in the next period.

As has already been specified above, the following was used in accordance with the plan in order to ensure a well-balanced economic result:

- Bonus fund in the amount of CZK 2,257,430;
- Reserve fund in the amount of CZK 442,590.

Analysis of how Resources for Salaries were Drawn

Neither the CZK 22,254,000 limit on salaries nor the limit of 84 employees was exceeded. Pursuant to BM No. 345, an approved excess amount of CZK 291,160 was drawn (of which CZK 179,760 for salaries and CZK 111,400 for other personnel costs). The limit on other personnel costs in the amount of CZK 292,000 was not fully drawn, CZK 56,690 remained unused.

Capital Expenditures

Capital (investment) costs (TFA and IFA) amounted to CZK 9,425,960. In accordance with the annual plan, equity capital was used to acquire fixed tangible assets, namely the established replacement fund. In the fourth quarter, the following items were acquired: an internal system backup server worth CZK 62,975, a backup system for the map services database worth CZK 106,595, a company car for CENIA's purposes worth CZK 816,240, an information system for CENIA's web presentation worth CZK 416,500 and a year-round project of corporate process management, progress analysis and optimisation and

preparation of groundwork and background documentation for transformation and ISO certification worth CZK 3,473,400.

Overview of Drawing of Financial Resources for Programmes or Projects Funded by EU Budget

CENIA succeeded in winning 5 significant projects in 2006. Between 2007 and 2010, CENIA will head the **European Topic Centre on Water (ETC/W)**, a consortium funded by the European Environment Agency. This project will help promote Czech Republic's interests in the area of water policy at the European level. Two projects were gained within the *Transition Facility* grant programme. The first aims to develop and obtain data and information on the environment through the construction of a station for satellite data reception. The second will ensure an improved efficiency of public administration in technical environmental protection by interlinking the individual componential information systems.

Two projects started to be addressed by CENIA as early as September 2006. The project **Multimedia Environmental Yearbook** funded by the European Social Fund will supplement CENIA's activities in the field of Environmental Education and Awareness. Promotion of the implementation of voluntary instruments in environmental protection within the business sector will be introduced by the **Partnership for Sustainable Consumption and Production** funded by the Human Resources Development Operational Programme (HRD OP).

6. INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION

The continued development of CENIA's foreign activities in 2006 was connected with an increase in the number of business trips abroad – a total of 78 trips were made at total costs of CZK 886,560. From that number, CZK 198,290 was reimbursed by foreign partners. Some trips took place in order to gain new knowledge and experience, e.g. a one-week exchange stay at the company Golder Associates in Calgary, Canada, which focused on the exchange of information and experience in the area of obtaining, organising and visualising spatially-defined data and on becoming familiar with the EIA project management system and with the use of geo-information technologies.

CENIA's experts participated in two Twinning projects in Romania centred on the introduction of the European Pollutant Emission Register (EPER) and on the implementation of European environmental legislation at the national level.

Table 11: International business trips in 2006

Country	Number of trips
Belgium	17
Denmark	16
Italy	4
Canada	3
Korea	1
Latvia	1
Luxemburg	1
Hungary	1
Germany	2
Poland	1
Austria	17
Romania	4
Slovakia	4
Slovenia	1
Serbia	5
Total	78

In 2006 CENIA acted as the national coordinator (NFP) in relation to the **European Environment Agency (EEA)**. At the same time, professionals from CENIA took an active part in the activities of a number of working groups, e.g. in the areas of various sectoral issues (energetics, agriculture, transport), technical environmental protection (chemical substances) and dissemination of environmental information, thus fulfilling the function of the National Resource Centre (NRC) in the given areas.

In 2006 CENIA succeeded with its bid to create a new consortium – the **European Topic Centre on Water (ETC Water)** for the period 2007–2010, which gives the cooperation with EEA a new dimension starting in 2007, when CENIA becomes the main component of the **EIONET** network, and as such will collect and evaluate information on the condition of the water component of the environment for all EEA member states. Among other things, this will provide the Czech Republic with an opportunity to influence the policies even before they come into existence, i.e. not only as an EU member state.

CENIA's Director participated in the activities of the **Network of European Environmental Protection Agencies (EPA network)**. This is a working group of the directors of the EU member states' environmental agencies, whose purpose is to create, based on discussions, an experience-oriented base of best problem solving recommendations and procedures formulated and implemented into environmental policy at both the European and national levels. Within the EPA network, CENIA also participates in the activities of the Working Group for Contaminated Sites and Soil Protection.

In close relation to the European initiatives centred on building a single European information infrastructure, CENIA is preparing the transposition and implementation of the new European **INSPIRE** Directive, which aims to create a single European spatial data infrastructure. As a continuation of this initiative, which has already taken the material form of a legal regulation which will become effective during 2007, the European **Shared Environmental Information System** is being created. Here, too, CENIA plays the role of the coordinator of this activity in the Czech Republic. Within this system, data will be obtained, validated, processed, interpreted and published. At European level, the objective of all these activities is to provide support in formulating and updating environmental policies, to simplify reporting obligations, to provide support in building national information infrastructures and to create the conditions for the creation of value added services.

In the areas of the remote research of the Earth and of spatially referenced data, CENIA's Director participated in the activities of the advisory committee for the implementation of the **Global Monitoring for Environment and Security** programme (GMES).

In addition to that, CENIA also participated in the pan-European **GMES Land Monitoring Fast Track Service** project, which is under EEA management, and in the project 'The Geoland Observatory for Spatial Planning' as a user. This project's goal is to use land cover and land use data and combine these data with socio-economic information using GIS instruments and models. The final products are intended to help in territorial spatial planning.

Further, the involvement of CENIA (Environmentally Friendly Products Unit) in the activities of the **EU Eco-labelling Board** and in the **Global Eco-labelling Network (GEN)**, whose Annual General Meeting took place in Seoul, South Korea in October 2006, has also deepened.

Within the framework of OECD, CENIA participated in the activities of the **Working Group on Environmental Information and Outlooks (WGEIO)** in 2006, in which it focused on the problem of material flows and material efficiency indicators.

In cooperation with the Hradec Králové city council, CENIA also participated in a project focused on the implementation of the **Improving Waste Management System** in Serbia.

The area of international project cooperation also included the ending research project **Sustainability A-test** (February 2004 – August 2006), in which CENIA performed the role of a project partner.

7. AGENCY CORE ACTIVITIES GROUP

The group provides professional support in the performance of public administration in the areas of integrated prevention and pollution control and environmental impact assessment and it supports the exchange of information on the best available techniques (BAT). It performs the activities of the Professionally Qualified Person (PQP) pursuant to Act No. 76/2002 Sb., on Integrated Prevention. It operates information systems in the area of integrated prevention and environmental impact assessment.

The group was comprised of 3 units: **the IPPC Unit, the EIA Unit and the BAT Unit.**

Significant Outcomes:

- The following documents were translated: *Reference Document on Best Available Techniques for Waste Incineration*, *Reference Document on Best Available Techniques in Waste Processing*, *Reference Document on Best Available Techniques in Hazardous Waste Storage* (unauthorised translations)
- The *Handbook to the Reference Document on General Monitoring Principles* was published

Table 12: Implementation of the Integrated Prevention Directive, PQP activities

Statements in 2006	Category total
Category 1	36
Category 2	42
Category 3	18
Category 4	51
Category 5	31
Category 6.1-6.5 and 6.7	46
Category 6.6	116
IP changes	137
Total	477

8. INFORMATION SUPPORT GROUP

The group coordinated and optimised information flows within the department of the environment. It ensures the operation of the **Integrated Pollution Register (IPR)** which, by means of a **Central Registration Office (CRO)**, ensures due receipt, verification, validation and publication of data reported pursuant to Annex No. 4 to Government Regulation No. 368/2003 Sb. (data required for reporting into IPR). A detailed overview of the data reported is available at www.irz.cz. In 2006, CRO processed 21 environmental databases for 2005, which included 7,500 reports.

The group was comprised of 4 units: **the Integrated Pollution Register Unit, the Map Services Unit and the Data Services Unit and the GIS Laboratory in Žďár nad Sázavou.**

Significant Outcomes:

- Commencement of work on the ISSR project (Information System of Statistics and Reporting)
- Development and operation of the Environmental Portal (portal.env.cz)

- Operation of the meta-information system of the department of the environment (**mis.env.cz**)
- Operation of the indicator portal (**indikatory.env.cz**)
- Implementation of the Janitor project (see **janitor.ten.cz**)
- Participation in the **EarthLook** project was achieved. It will be implemented between 2007 and 2008. Cooperation was initiated on the project *'Implementation of Instruments for Gathering Environmental Information and Data'* for the Vysočina region
- Technical administration of the **Map server of the Portal of the Public Administration (geoportal.cenia.cz)**;
- Operation of the **Contaminated Sites Database System (sez.cenia.cz)**,
- A new service called **Floods** was launched within the **Internet Viewer of Geographic Military Data (izgard.cenia.cz)**
- Operation of the **Map server–Return of Migratory Birds** - for the Czech Radio (**geoportal.cenia.cz/mapmaker/cro**)
- The **Prague Squirrel** project was launched in cooperation with the Ornita civic association (**Map server – Ornita (geoportal.cenia.cz/mapmaker/ornita)**)
- The database of the project **CORINE Land Cover (CLC2006)** was updated

9. ENVIRONMENTAL DATA ASSESSMENT AND INFORMATION SERVICES GROUP

The group processes and presents information on the condition of the environment (in accordance with Act No. 123/1998 Sb., on the Right to Environmental Information). Collected data were used for the creation of background documentation for ME's conceptual documents and for the assessment of environmental strategies and policies. The group promoted the use of voluntary instruments of environmental protection and engaged in activities in the area of raising environmental awareness. Its foreign activities included membership in the EEA-led Working Groups on Water, Agriculture and Transport and in the OECD Working Group for Environmental Information and Outlook.

The group was comprised of 4 units: **the Environmental Economics Unit, the Environmental Education Unit, the Sustainable Consumption and Production Unit and the Public Information Services Unit.**

Significant Outcomes:

- The launch of the newly designed CENIA website at www.cenia.cz
- Preparation of the booklet *'Costs of Environmental Protection'* (published by the Oeconomia publishing house)
- Cooperation with Arnika on the nation-wide student competition *Waste as a Raw Material*
- 129 teachers were trained at 11 training sessions as part of the promotion of the teaching programme on eco-labelling called *'Whatever Is in the Home Counts!'* (each participant introduced an average of 100 students to EFP, meaning that a total of 12,900 students have been through this activity)
- Cooperation with the European Union Eco-labelling Board - the agency presided the Cooperation and Coordination Working Group and managed the regular meetings of this group
- Preparation of the publication *'EMAS – Corporate and Audit Management System – a Handbook on the EMAS Programme'* (Planeta, issue 1/2007, published by ME)
- Preparation of the professional seminar entitled *'Cleaner Production and its Practical Use'* which was intended for the public and which was held in June
- Management of the project *Partnership for Sustainable Consumption and Production*

- Management of the project *Multimedia Environmental Yearbook*
- Performance of the function of a supporting workplace for EEA's National Focal Point and publication of information bulletins
- Coordination of Czech Republic's reporting obligations towards EU institution
- Creation of a selected environmental bibliography and of a register of periodicals

List of Publications:

- *Statistical Environmental Yearbook of the Czech Republic 2006* (ISBN 80-7212-443-9)
- *Report on the Environment in the Czech Republic 2005* (ISBN 80-7212-444-7)
- *Report on the Environment in the Czech Republic 2005* (ISBN 80-7212-445-5)
- *State of the Environment in the Regions of the Czech Republic 2005:*
Prague (ISBN 80-7212-446-3)
South Bohemian Region (ISBN 80-7212-447-1)
South Moravian Region (ISBN 80-7212-448-X)
Karlovy Vary Region (ISBN 80-7212-449-8)
Hradec Králové Region (ISBN 80-7212-451-X)
Vysočina Region (ISBN 80-7212-450-1)
Liberec Region (ISBN 80-7212-452-8)
Moravian-Silesian Region (ISBN 80-7212-453-6)
Olomouc Region (ISBN 80-7212-454-4)
Pardubice Region (ISBN 80-7212-455-2)
Plzeň Region (ISBN 80-7212-456-0)
Central Bohemia Region (ISBN 80-7212-457-9)
Ústí nad Labem Region (ISBN 80-7212-458-7)
Zlín Region (ISBN 80-7212-459-5)
- *Up to Date Information on the Environment in the Czech Republic 2006* (inf. jigsaw)
- *Green Office* – environmentally friendly products in offices (information jigsaw)
- *Green Household* – environmentally friendly products in households (inf. jigsaw)
- *National Programme for Labelling Environmentally Friendly Products* (inf. jigsaw)
- *Map Sevices* (information jigsaw)
- *CENIA* (a new version of an information jigsaw about the agency's activities)
- *Diary–The Environment–school year 2006/7* (ISBN 80-85087-57-X)
www.cenia.cz/diar

10. PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS

In accordance with its mission, CENIA pursued ever wider contact with the public over the entire year. A database of regular visitors of external seminars is being gradually formed; the address info@cenia.cz is available to anyone interested.

Table 13: List of events

16 February	Environmental Statistics
	A seminar for the general public
7 – 9 March	ECOCITY-12th year of the Environment and Energy Economy Fair, Prague
	Presentation booth
16 March	Waste Management Plans
	A seminar for the general public
3 – 4 April	IPASG - 9th year of the conference Internet in Public Administration and Self-Government, Hradec Králové
	Presentation booth, lectures
20 April	Economic aspects of environmental protection
	A seminar for the general public
27 April	11th meeting of the Czech Government Council for Sustainable Development's Working Group for Local Agenda 21
	A seminar for the general public

3 May	Environment in the Czech Republic 1989-2004
	Senate, Knights' Hall, a seminar for Senators and Deputies of the Czech Parliament
18 May	Voluntary Instruments in Environmental Protection Policy
	A seminar for the general public
23 – 25 May	ENVIBRNO - 13th year of the international fair
	Presentation booth, lectures
25 May	Sustainability A-Test
	A seminar for the general public
29 June	Environmental Portal
	A seminar for the general public
12 July	Creation of New ETCs (ETC/W in CENIA)
	Press conference in the Ramada Hotel
24 – 29 August	Bread Basket - International agricultural fair, České Budějovice
	Presentation at the ME's booth
17 – 20 September	CEECH 2006 - conference in Bratislava
	Participation in the conference
19 October	IPR Results
	A seminar for the general public
26 October	Report on the Condition of the Environment in the Czech Republic in 2005
	A seminar for the general public
23 November	National Reporting – Report on the Environment and the Yearbook
	A seminar for the general public

CENIA's Professional Library - 2006 Statistics:

- library collection 10,717 library units
- library collection discards 0 library units
- library collection growth 355 library units
- number of titles of periodicals subscribed to in 2006 ..109
- of which are foreign titles 18

11. SERVICES PROVIDED TO THE FOUNDER

The below listed tasks arose from the *Binding Plan of Activities for 2006* concluded between the Ministry of the Environment and CENIA, the Czech Environmental Information Agency, under Ref. No. 6810/CEN/06.

Table 14: Performance of ME's Tasks

No.	Task title	Outcomes	Performance
2010	Ensuring the agency function and the function of a Professionally Qualified Person pursuant to Act. No. 76/2002 Sb., on Integrated Prevention	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Statement of a Professionally Qualified Person. 2. Archive of records from performed audits and TWG meetings. 3. Records from Audit Days. 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. 477 statements were issued in response to IP applications and changes. CENIA's employees participated in 24 performance audits of IP conditions carried out by relevant licensing authorities. 2. CENIA's employees participated in 15 meetings of departmental TWGs. <p>An archive of statements and records from meetings and audits is kept.</p>
2015	Ensuring the agency function and the function of a Professionally Qualified Person pursuant to Act. No. 76/2002 Sb., on Integrated Prevention – external cooperation to increase CENIA's capacities	See task 2010.	Increase in CENIA's capacities related to the preparation of statements on IP applications was achieved by means of 26 agreements with external suppliers of documentation for the preparation of the statements.
2020	Ensuring support for the information exchange system pursuant to Act No. 76/2002 Sb. and No. 100/2001 Sb.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Archive of records from TWG meetings. 2. Functional information system. 3. Functional CENIA website with close links to the above mentioned activity. 4. Archive of records from Audit Days. 5. Active participation in ENVI Congress 2006. 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. CENIA's employees organised or participated in 12 meetings of cross-sectional TWGs. 2. Functional EIA/SEA IS (relevant authorities submitted about 4,500 new records). 3. CENIA's website is regularly updated with close links to IPPC issues and to exchange of information. 4. An archive of records from Audit Days is kept. 5. CENIA's employees presented 4 papers at ENVI congress 2006.
3010	Operation and development of ME's map server and of ME department's map instruments and services	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Archive of processed tasks, copied data. 2. Archive of records from performed audits. 3. Archive of contracts and agreements with external partners. 4. Access statistics of map services. 5. New Janitor functionalities (see above). 6. Public presentation of Janitor. 7. Records from Audit Days. 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Performed continuously, 22 new thematic tasks were processed (see http://geoportal.cenia.cz/). 2. Continuous monthly audits within the intra-departmental WG for MS PAP (saved in Domino Document manager: Section of Information Support/records from PS10). 3. Performed continuously (http://castor.cenia.cz/stats/ and http://geoportal.cenia.cz/awstats/awstats.pl?config=geoportal.cenia.cz) 4. An average of 35,000 unique visits per month. 5. Eleven new sets of functionalities of the Janitor system (see records from the Check Days: 12 July and 22 December 2006). 6. Presentations at 4 conferences and seminars. 7. Audit Days took place on 12 July and 22 December 2006.

3020	Operation and development of ME department's data storage and data archive	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Archiving copied data. 2. Archive of complaints and archive of agreements on provided data. 3. Own data storage and archive. 4. Records from Audit Dates. 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Performed continuously. 2. Performed continuously. 3. Performed continuously. 4. Audit Days took place on 12 July and 22 December 2006.
3030	Ensuring the operation and development of the Environmental Portal and of ME's meta-information system	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Functional and updated environmental portal. 2. Records from Audit Dates. 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Functional new portal 'Fakta a data', everyday updates (see http://portal.cenia.cz/ a http://mis.cenia.cz/). 2. Audit Days took place on 18 April, 29 June and 6 December 2006.
3040	Information system of environmental statistics	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Database of the information system of environmental statistics. 2. Presentation extension. 3. Proposal for an automated system of distributed collection of data. 4. Draft design of the encyclopaedia's layout. 5. Presentation of the encyclopaedia's pilot chapter. 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Performed continuously, over 35,000 pieces of information are stored in 6 thematic groups. 2. Was created and made available at: http://perseus.cenia.cz/issar/. 3. Completed, the proposal is ready for implementation. 4. + 5. Postponed until 2007 due to changes in project documentation, which was approved during Audit Days (see records from Audit Days of 29 June and 12 December 2006).
3050	Development and operation of the integrated database of waste dumps and contaminated sites (CSDS)	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. New structure of the CSDS database. 2. Functional presentation of the CSDS database at CENIA's new geoportal. 3. Archive of processed tasks, copied data. 4. Archive of contracts and agreements with external partners. 5. Access statistics of the CSDS database at the geoportal. 6. Records from Audit Dates. 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Partly completed, draft design is ready for implementation on the condition that funding is secured (see record from Check Day of 31 August 2006 – for ME approved by RNDr. Jan Gruntorád, CSc.). 2. Performed continuously, an average of 3,000 distinct visits per month. 3. Performed continuously, the database is regularly updated in June and December (see http://sez.cenia.cz/). 4. Performed continuously. 5. An average of 3,000 distinct visits per month (http://sez.cenia.cz/stats/). 6. Audit Day took place on 31 August 2006.
3060	Ensuring the operation of the Integrated Pollution Register and of the Central Registration Office	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. IPR database. 2. CRO database. 3. Knowledge and communication database. 4. IPR web interface. 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Performed continuously, 2005 data were processed for 967 plants or people reporting to IPR (see www.irz.cz). 2. Performed continuously, 21 environmental databases were processed within CRO, representing over 7,500 reports. 3. Performed continuously (see record from Audit Day of 18 September 2006). 4. A new version of IPR IS was developed and put into operation.

3070	Payment portal services for the purposes of INSPIRE	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. INSPIRE implementation strategy for the Czech Republic. 2. Spatial data integration into one access interface. 3. Payment and distribution portal. 4. Records from Check Dates. 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The INSPIRE implementation strategy will be created in the following years, depending on the approval process of the implementation rules at European level. In 2006 an information and education campaign was conducted and preparations were made for analyses, whose outcomes will be used to create the implementation plan. 2. Technical entry requirements, which will be subject to implementation rules (see 1) remain unclear. 3. Technical entry requirements, which will be subject to implementation rules (see 1) remain unclear. 4. Audit Day took place on 12 September 2006.
4010	Sectoral policies/ background documentation for assessment of environmental policy	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Up-to-date data, indicators and information at the environmental information portal. 2. Assessment of integration of requirements for environmental protection into sectoral policies in conceptual materials adopted between 2005 and 2006. 3. A set of background documentation for the assessment of the State Environmental Policy and of the environmental pillar of the Czech Republic's Sustainable Development Strategy. 4. Assessment report on the application of environmental protection principles in the sectors of the national economy 1989-2004. 5. Travel reports from the meetings of the OECD's Working Body and the outcomes related to its activities. 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Indicators were updated (http://indikatory.env.cz) and a proposal was prepared to incorporate the indicators into the Information System of Statistics and Reporting (ISSR). A proposal was also drafted to incorporate updated SEP indicators into ISSR, and the structure for their assessment was created. 2. A methodology for the assessment of sectoral policies was developed for ME. 3. Indicators within the 2nd situation report on the Sustainable Development Strategy of the Czech Republic (a total of 6 indicators) were processed, including comments on this report's content. 4. A document dealing with the impact of the economic sectors on the Czech environment over the last 16 years was being compiled, it will be completed and updated. 5. Travel reports were handed over to ME. In 2006, no specific outcomes were prepared in relation to OECD meetings. CENIA's representative participated in the meetings of the informal working group for the preparation of the material "Proposal for the Establishment of a Work Group on Material Flows of the Czech Government Council for SD".
4020	Yearbook and Report on the Environment in the Czech Republic 2005	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Report on the Environment of the Czech Republic 2005. 2. Statistical Environmental Yearbook of the Czech Republic 2006. 3. Condition of the environment in individual regions of the Czech Republic 2006. 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. A Draft Report was submitted to public comment procedure in July of 2006, the comments were incorporated and the material was approved by MSO ME on 30 August 2006. The document was discussed and approved by the Government of the Czech Republic on 11 October 2006. In December 2006 the Report was released in the form of a booklet with an attached CD ROM. 2. The editorial board approved the Yearbook on 11 October 2006 and it was published in December 2006 (earlier than in previous years) in a new graphic layout with a circulation of 1,300 copies. 3. Regional reports were compiled on the basis of background documentation provided by regional authorities, and both departmental and extra-departmental institutions. An authorised version of the Reports was available in Sept. 2006, it was printed simultaneously with the Report.

4030	Economic instruments and database of environmental economics	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Processed outcomes of statistical investigations. 2. Functional database at CENIA's website. 3. Background documentation for the Yearbook and the Report. 4. Background documentation for the booklet "Support for Environmental Protection in the Czech Republic". 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Charge (ME) 1-01: processed 206 units Charge (ME) 2-01: processed 220 units Charge (ME) 3-01: processed 313 units Charge (ME) 4-01: processed 14 units Contribution (ME) 1-01: processed 415 units The results of the statistical enquiries will be published in the 2007 Yearbook, chapter "Fee System". 2. The databases in the area of economics and economic instruments were incorporated into the system at CENIA's website or at the Environmental Portal. 3. Economic background documentation and CENIA's database were used in the areas of Programmes of Statistical Enquiries (Yearbook), environmental accounting (Report) and international comparison through indicators + indicators of material flows (Report). 4. Background documentation for the booklet "Support for Environmental Protection in the Czech Republic" was compiled during the first half of 2006 and submitted to ME for publication.
4040	NFP secretariat for EEA	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Biannual report for the meeting of ME senior officers. 2. Biannual bulletin for NRC. 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Reports on Czech Republic's membership in EEA in the 1st and 2nd half of 2006 were submitted to the meeting of senior officers of ME (Ref. No. 7049/CEN/06 and 1780/CEN/07). 2. Bulletins for cooperating organisations (NRC) were replaced by distribution of the news for NRC. Comments on EEA documents were incorporated and CENIA's representatives participated in NFP meetings in Copenhagen 3 times.
4050	Environmental Education and Awareness	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Functional and updated EE&A web pages. 2. Methodical instructions for procedures in education. 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Updated EE&A web pages within CENIA's website. 2. Insufficiently specified goals, aims and scope of methodical procedures resulted in the preparation of concrete materials and events (Diary, educational programme Whatever Is in the Home Counts, seminars and trainings for various groups) and in winning the Multimedia Yearbook project. Two Audit Days took place. Background documentation was compiled for both the Yearbook and the Report on the Environment for the year 2006.
4060	Fulfilling the principles of sustainable development in local conditions (LA21)	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Functional information system. 2. Archive of electronic bulletin's issues. 3. Archive of minutes from the meetings of the CGCSD Working Group. 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Functioning database of LA21 and information system at CENIA's website with direct access to www.MA21.cz . 2. Archive of the bulletin on the same website. 3. Nine meetings of the Working Group were held and the minutes are available on CENIA's website.

4070	Environmentally friendly products and services	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Awarded eco-labels and verification. 2. Specified criteria for assessment of product. 3. Registers and databases related to the given area: Database of products eco-labelled 'Environmentally Friendly Product' Database of companies and organisations – holders of the EFP eco-label Register of ME directives setting the criteria and requirements for the assessment of EFPs 4. Updated website www.ekoznacka.cz. 5. Advisory services for eco-label applicants and for users of environmentally friendly products. 6. Background documentation for a chapter of the Report on the Environment 2006. 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. In 2006, 12 licenses were awarded giving the right to use the eco-label of the Czech Republic and 3 licenses to the right to the EU eco-label. 2. Seven new technical directives were adopted for the assessment of products and services. 3. Databases were updated. 4. Work was started on the revision of the website www.ekoznacka.cz (newly launched in 2007). 5. Information was provided to eco-label applicants by telephone, in electronic form and during seminars and lectures. 6. Background documentation for a chapter of the Report on the Environment 2006 was submitted. Two Audit Days took place.
4080	National EMAS Programme, National Cleaner Production Programme(CP) and other instruments of sustainable consumption and production	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. EMAS Register. 2. List of ISO 14001 certified businesses. 3. Database of certification bodies and environmental auditors. 4. Database of consulting companies. 5. CP Register (signatories to the International Declaration on Cleaner Production). 6. Database of accredited consultants. 7. Database of CP projects. 8. Background documentation for a chapter of the Report on the Environment 2006. 9. Operation of the website of the National EMAS Programme and of the National Cleaner Production Programme. 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. – 7. The web pages www.cenia.cz/emas and www.cenia.cz/cp were created and updated (newly launched in January 2007). Registers and databases relevant to EMAS and CP programmes were updated. There were 20 new registrations. 8. Documentation on EMAS, CP and on voluntary agreements was provided for in the Report on the Environment 2006. 9. Information about voluntary instruments was provided both by telephone and by electronic means of communication. Participation in the preparation of the project 'Partnership for Sustainable Consumption and Production'. Two Audit Days took place.
4090	Distribution of ME publications	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Distribution and promotion of ME publications. 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Distribution of ME publications was conducted throughout 2006, both free of charge and for a fee. Promotion and advertisements were mainly placed on CENIA's website and at the following events: IPASG conference 2006, Hradec Králové, April; Seminar in the Senate, Prague, May; Sustainable Development Week, Prague, May; 15th conference of GIS ESRI and Leica Geo-systems in the Czech Republic, November.

4100	Public information and library services	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Procuring the library collection and ensuring the operation of the CENIA library. 2. Creating the basis for the CENIA information centre. 3. Administration of databases of the Departmental Information Centre DIC, magazines' overviews, events related to the environment and others. 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. New library accessions, including professional magazines, were generated automatically in the on-line Catalogue of the CENIA library. 2. Preparation of statistics for the report on activities for RIC ME and for PLIS guides within organisations in the ME department was performed in accordance with schedule. 3. Update of the REGIS database for CENIA for 2006 was submitted within its deadline. ISO file from the VBMZP database for CENIA for 2006 was submitted within its deadline. Overviews of professional events were processed and submitted for publication in EKO VIS. Information Bulletin No. 1-4/2006 and 6/2006.
4110	Administration of the CDM model - International reporting	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Functional and up-to-date reporting information system (CDM). 2. Complete archive of outgoing reports. 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. CDM – Reporting information system was operated and administered at CENIA's server and it is available at http://cdm.cenia.cz/login.php. 2. All outgoing reports were filed in archives both in CDM and separately at CENIA's server. Overviews of current reporting obligations were quarterly submitted for approval to RKS. Overviews of new reporting obligations that had been entered into CDM were submitted to RKS as needed and, depending on when such new reporting obligations arose.
2040	Implementation of the REACH Directive	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Summary report: gathered information on regulation, viewpoints of professional organisations, background documentation for helpdesk (FAQ) and a case study. 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Summary report was compiled, the 1st version of helpdesk ready for testing.
2050	Ensuring the technical aspect of the operation of the National Biosafety Information System	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Functional BCH information system 2. Records from Audit Days. 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. BCH information system: http://www.cenia.cz/biosafety. 2. Audit Day took place at the BCH seminar on 9 November 2006.

12. FINAL SUMMARY

In accordance with task no. 18105, which was specified by the meeting of senior officers of the Ministry of the Environment on 21 July 2005, the transformation of the Czech Environmental Institute into CENIA, Czech Environmental Information Agency, was successfully completed in 2006. The conclusion of the transformation process was approved by the meeting of senior officers of the Ministry of the Environment on 9 January 2007.

The major part of the implementation of management procedures pursuant to ISO standards (ISO 9001, ISO 14001 and OHSAS 18001) was completed. This created the basis for the organisation to function amidst changes which are mainly oriented towards services to customers (ME and the public).

Project-related activities took up a significant share of CENIA's activities, in particular the European Topic Centre on Water (ETC/W), whose importance extends beyond the limits of both the department and the Czech Republic.

As for international cooperation, it is important to draw special attention to the well-defined and well-functioning relationship with the Copenhagen-based European Environment Agency (EEA).

Stabilisation of funding on the basis of specified procedures, tasks and projects creates the conditions for better efficiency and quicker responses to changing needs of our customers, which, in addition to the Ministry of the Environment, also include the general public.

COMMENT

BCH	Biosafety Clearing House
CEI	Czech Environmental Institute
CENIA	Czech Environmental Information Agency
CGCSD	Czech Government Council for Sustainable Development
CRO	Central Registration Office
CSDS	Contaminated Sites Database System
DIC	Departmental Information Centre
EEA	European Environment Agency
EE&A	Environmental Education and Awareness
EFP	Environmentally Friendly Product
EIA	Environmental Impact Assessment
EMAS	Eco-Management and Audit Scheme
EPER	European Pollutant Emission Register
ESF	European Social Fund
ETC	European Topic Centre
GEN	Global Eco-labelling Network
GMES	Global Monitoring for Environment and Security
HRD OP	Human Resources Development Operational Programme
IFA	Intangible Fixed Assets
IPASG	Internet in Public Administration and Self-Government
IPR	Integrated Pollution Register
ISSR	Information System of Statistics and Reporting
IVGMD	Internet Viewer of Geographic Military Data
LA21	Local Agenda 21
ME	Ministry of the Environment
MSO	Meeting of Senior Officers
MS PAP	Map Services of the Public Administration Portal
PLIS	Public Library and Information Services
PQP	Professionally Qualified Person
NFP	National Focal Point
NRC	National Resource Centre
RIC	Reference Information Centre
SEA	Strategic Environmental Assessment
TFA	Tangible Fixed Assets
TWG	Technical Working Group
WG	Working Group
WGEIO	Working Group on Environmental Information and Outlooks