

Submission from Latvia

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As a most successful activity on public awareness in last two years we would like to mention Public Awareness Campaign: "Özone Layer Friendly School" which took place in 2006. In the scope of UNEP/Latvia project: Institutional Strengthening for implementation of the Montreal Protocol in Latvia (IM/2110-99-16) were implemented public awareness campaign "Özone Layer Friendly School". There was prepared teaching aids for better teaching of subjects related to the Ozone Layer, organized 5 regional training workshops for teachers of primary school as well as teachers for chemistry, biology, geography, physics etc. (totally 403 participants). Also there was an organized different competition on ozone layer thematic – Drawings, Projects, Caricatures and Hats. Totally there participated 142 schools.

Also for better handling of ozone depleting substances as well as equipments containing ozone depleting substances in 2006 and 2007 there was organized several workshops on better practice in refrigeration and fumination sectors. Actually these are the only uses of ozone depleting substances, where effort was needed to limit emissions of ozone depleting substances.

As the future steps for further activities in phase out of ozone depleting substances we are envisaged to organize activities to fully phase out methyl-bromide for critical uses, because there are still some use of this ozone depleting substance.