

**The EC CHM Portal ToolKit (PTK),
a tool to improve the participation in the CHM
on national and international level**

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European Community Clearing-House Mechanism

European Union : Contracting Party of the CBD

European Environmental Agency : fp CHM

Partners :

- **European countries**
- **Biodiversity Topic Centre**
- **ECN**
- **EIONET**
- **NGOs and other international organisations**



European Community Clearing-House Mechanism

Development of CHM Portal Toolkit based on Zope since 2003

Being used by 13 European countries, regional organisations and more than 10 networks

Under constant development based on recommendations by users

Belgium and The Netherlands active in advisory committee for development of the tool



Tool for partner countries of the Be and NI-CHM

Recommendations by partners countries made during earlier training courses and workshops

- **Facilitate the update of pages**
- **Implication of other actors in the national CHM**
- **Capacity building in new technologies**
- **Feeling of national ownership of the site**



Tool for partner countries of the Be and NI-CHM

PTK replies to those recommendations !

- **Multi-users with different roles**
- **New technology**
- **Virtual hosting (URL is often http://**.chm-cbd.net)**
- **Instantaneous updating after approval**



Tool for partner countries of the Be and NL-CHM

Training on the PTK to partner countries

Using the PTK :

Benin, Burundi, Burkina Faso, Central African Republic, DR Congo, Comores, Grenada, Guinea, Ivory Coast, Madagascar, Mali, Morocco, Niger, Palau, Rwanda, Togo, Yemen, Zambia

In preparation:

Cameroun, Ghana, Congo, Tchad, Jordan, Iraq, Sudan



Advantages PTK according to partner countries

- **Everybody can add data, not necessary to be IT person**
- **Pages can be added without being visible straight away for the public**
- **Discussion groupes possible**
- **No costs included**
- **Update of the tool guaranteed in the future by the EU**



Thanks for your attention



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