**Data collection seminar in Kyiv**

***27 participants from Armenia, Azerbaijan, Belarus, Georgia, Moldova, the Russian Federation, Ukraine and experts in environmental science from Aarhus University and the project team attended a Data collection workshop on 8-9 July, 2013 in Kyiv, Ukraine. The workshop was organized under the Regional Pilot Project 3.***

The Regional Pilot Project 3 “Development and implementation of air pollution assessment system to estimate effects of different urban planning and transportation schemes in the partner countries” aims to build and implement an integrated monitoring system THOR in close collaboration with the local authorities, experts and civil servants in the ENPI east countries. The THOR model system includes several meteorological and air pollution models capable of operating for different applications and different scales. The system can be operated by local civil servants and used:

* for operational air quality forecasting and management from regional to local scale for information and warning of the public,
* to quantify human exposure, impacts on human health from air pollution and the subsequent costs,
* to carry our forecasting for pollen,
* to use models in combination with measurements to carry our integrated monitoring, and
* to support policy development.

The workshop aimed to achieve common understanding of the goal of the project, discuss the potential pilot cities and data availability as well as data compilation methodology and strategy but also to facilitate the dialogue between local experts and the project team.

Discussions were organized in three main groups divided according to the following subjects:

1. Stationary sources
2. Road transport and spatial data
3. Air quality measurements and input data needed for urban background and street modeling.

In all three groups problems related to data confidentiality, data availability, templates for data compilation have been discussed and solutions to problems have been analyzed and agreed upon.

The Regional pilot project 3 started in April 1, 2013 and will continue till September 2014.

