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Addressees

Subject:

Final CLC Regional Workshop - moving towards a digital package due to current situation

Dear Colleagues,

In the framework of the Activity 2.3 of the ENI SEIS II East: “**Pilots on extending CORINE Land Cover (CLC) methodology to areas of the partner countries**”, the European Environment Agency had planned a Final regional event in Chisinau (Republic of Moldova,) 3-4 June 2020.

Due to the unprecedented Covid 19 crisis and the unpredictability of needed measures, the EEA decided to convert the event into a digital format by adding also some additional technical elements and material to support the ENI countries in the future implementation of this activity at national level.

Consequently, instead of a physical meeting, EEA with support from the experts in ETC/ULS will prepare with your input a digital package for use and dissemination at national level. The package will consist first of national input provided by each team according with a standard template, summarizing key results and considerations on the way forward (already received). Secondly, from our side we will include presentations of interesting CLC and Copernicus use cases as to underline the benefits of this activity in support to policy implementation for environment and also beyond. Furthermore we will made available to you also examples on the use of Copernicus land monitoring services in relation to national environmental monitoring obligations. Available video materials on the same topic in the EEA will be attached to the package.



The aim of the digital package is many-fold and in congruence to the workshop idea.

The documents and videos will inform national decision makers responsible for environmental monitoring, heads of units in the ministries dealing with geospatial data and remote sensing as well as other remote sensing experts on the following topics:

- Benefits and potential use of CLC methodology at national and regional level
- Consideration on the possible funding opportunities for future implementation of CLC methodology by accessing European programs
- Lessons learnt from CLC pilot exercises and potential practical use in the specific country context
- Copernicus program, data and services, status and available applications

In addition, the national teams will be supported when drafting a technical description of a national CLC project, which will be included in an application, submitted to possible donors. For this point an interactive dialogue with you is essential, as you know best the needs and priorities in your country as to better shaped your project proposal and have a strong sense of ownership. The ETC/ULS experts have already contacted you and provided a guiding document for formulating your proposals and you are invited to add your national elements to it and return it to us for checking and improving, if necessary. Without this input from your side any assistance provided by us will remain generic and general in nature, therefore we urge you to actively engage in this dialogue.

Furthermore, we can inform you, that all the activities and materials related to the pilot CLC project will be available on the ENI SEIS East project website of the EEA.

Finally, in order to ensure visibility and sustainability of results we are looking into possibilities of publishing your results on the European CLMS Portal. In this way, the pilot studies and their results will receive public attention and can be used for awareness raising and justification in further applications for donor support in continuing the work at national level.

We hope that all these activities can assist your further work in this area and hopefully substitute the regional workshop in an efficient way.

Please provide your presentation on the Pilot CLC till May 15th and keep going the dialogue on the proposal writing.



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Thanking again for your understanding and continuous support,

With kind regards

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