

Regional meeting – countries of the Eastern Partnership

Bringing together relevant information for regular environmental assessments – building on results from the ENI SEIS II East project to increase their availability, dissemination and multiple use

**5-6 March 2019
President Hotel
Kyiv, Ukraine**

Purpose of the meeting:

- Identify feasible and practical means for modernising environmental information systems and raising the profile of environmental information through its accessibility, sharing and harvesting additional environmental, social and economic benefits;
- Connect relevant people involved in environment and open data/e-government activities and facilitate their work together through sharing of information and knowledge;
- Present activities and results from the ENI SEIS II East project in various thematic areas in the context of open data/e-government and good practices related to the Aarhus Convention and the Protocol on PRTRs. Identify key challenges and future actions;
- Inform on current activities and initiatives related to open data happening in the EU and their potential relevance for ENI East countries;
- Present and discuss the findings of the draft Open Data maturity reports for the ENI East countries and the way forward to address the gaps identified (for each SEIS pillar) – plenary and group discussions;
- Discuss a draft road map to achieve a step-wise implementation of the open data for environment with cross-sectorial inputs and benefits.

Expected Participants:

Senior officials from the Ministry of Environment; the E-Government/Open data authority in the country; the Ministry of Health; the Statistical office; a sectorial ministry/land authority relevant at national level in this field (4-5 representatives per ENI East country).

European Commission (DG NEAR/tbc), EEA representatives, UNECE/Aarhus Secretariat, country experts from EEA members and cooperating countries and Capgemini as speakers.

Language:

Simultaneous interpretation English- Russian- English will be available



Proposed agenda

Tuesday, 5 March 2019	
09:00 - 09:30	Registration
Session 1: Opening and introduction	
09:30 - 10:15	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Opening remarks and setting the scene – European Commission, MENR Ukraine • Access to environment information and regular environment assessments in the context of e-government and open data – Maryna Yanush, UNECE • Data and knowledge management for Europe’s State of the Environment – Galina Georgieva, EEA <p>Comments, questions and answers</p>
10:15 – 10:30	Tour de table of the participants
10:30 – 11:00	<i>Coffee break</i>
Session 2: Common content Environmental data readiness – what can be achieved in the project framework Co-chairs: Ukraine/EEA (tbc)	
11:00 – 12:30	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Streamlining reporting and data sharing: examples from the ENI SEIS II East project and at the EEA for various thematic areas - Jean-Nicolas Poussart, EEA/ENI SEIS project • Data, indicators and assessments online – what was done and what is used – Maryna Yanush, UNECE • Key findings from the draft open data maturity reports for the ENI East countries – PwC <p>Discussion: What do we learn from the findings and where can we achieve progress on data readiness?</p>
12:30 - 14:00	<i>Lunch break</i>



<p>Session 3: Legal framework, institutional cooperation and networking</p> <p>E-government, Open data and legal/institutional arrangements for sharing and disseminating environmental and related information</p> <p>Co-chairs: Country/UNECE (tbc)</p>	
14:00 – 15:15	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Institutional agreements for sharing and disseminating environmental and related information at national level - some good examples by <u>ENI East countries</u>. (approx. 10 minutes/country): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Armenia ○ Azerbaijan ○ Belarus ○ Georgia ○ Republic of Moldova ○ Ukraine
15:15 – 15:45	<i>Coffee break</i>
15:45 – 17:30	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Institutional agreements for sharing and disseminating environmental and related information at national level - some good examples by some <u>EEA member and collaborating countries</u>: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Slovakia ○ Austria ○ Lithuania ○ Serbia • Key findings from the UNECE/SEIS assessment framework – Daniela Docan, EEA <p>Discussion: What do we learn from the findings and where can we achieve progress on institutional cooperation?</p>
<i>End of day 1</i>	

<p>Wednesday, 6 March 2019</p> <p>Session 4: Infrastructure</p> <p>Open data (environmental) portals and services</p> <p>Co-chairs: Country/EEA (tbc)</p>	
09:00 - 10:15	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The EU Open Data Maturity Reports – Cosmina Radu, Capgemini • EU policy developments around streamlining reporting and SEIS – Stefan Jensen, EEA • Key findings from the draft environment open data maturity reports for ENI countries – PwC



10:15 – 10:45	Coffee break
10:45 - 12:30	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Experiences in designing and building portals that bridge Open Data initiatives with environmental data and information: some country examples (EEA member and cooperating countries & ENI East countries). <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Countries to be confirmed <p>Discussion: What do we learn from the findings and how can we achieve progress on information systems?</p>
12:30 - 13:30	Lunch break

<p>Session 5: A road map for environment open data – bringing the pieces together</p> <p>Co-chairs: EEA/UNECE</p>	
13:30 – 14:15	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A summary of each session with key points to be taken further at national workshops/round tables - PwC Introduction of the draft national roadmaps for implementation of environment open data policy – challenges encountered, steps to be taken in the short time, setting priorities - PwC
14:15 – 14:45	Coffee break
14:45 - 16:15	<p>Break out groups per country</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Country groups: the draft national road maps. What is needed and who takes charge – reflections across the SEIS pillars & principles (ca. 30 minutes) Reporting back from the group discussions (ca. 30 minutes) A draft generic road map for open data in environmental to be assembled and agreed – as starting point for the national roundtables developing national, tailor-made roadmaps - PwC
16:15 - 16:30	Next steps and closing – EEA

