

Implementation of the Shared Environmental Information System principles and practices in the Eastern Partnership countries (ENI SEIS II East)

Regional meeting on the implementation of the ENI SEIS II East work plan activities

CONCLUSIONS AND ACTION POINTS

30 May – 1 June 2017
European Environment Agency - Kongens Nytorv 6
MBK A/S - Pilestrøede 61
Copenhagen



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Upcoming events

EIONET National Focal Point meeting

31 May – 1 June 2017



Action points – Session 1. Progress by the countries

- Follow-up of discussed steps in the project governance (e.g. notification of NFP change, setting-up of NIT, signature of the Letter of Intent, EEA presence at NIT meetings)
- EEA to present in synthetic way the progress reported by NFPs – for easy reference and regular update
- Approval of the Regional and National Work plans 2017 in the coming weeks (by the UNECE WGEMA meeting in June)
- Development of project work plans for 2018-2019 by the 2nd Steering Committee – drafts to be shared in autumn 2017



Action points – Session 2. Modalities of cooperation

- Follow-up on EEA/ Eionet opportunities for cooperation
- Project NFPs to liaise with the Aarhus Convention focal points in advance of the next meeting in September 2017
- Preparation for the ETC experts visits to the countries on the thematic components on water and CLC
- Confirming the next steps on the Emerald network activities at regional level in continuation of previous efforts
- Continuous update from the countries on the data, indicators and reports made available online



Action points – Session 3. Support mechanisms for capacity building

- Completing the Study of the effectiveness and relevance for policy making and public information of recent environmental assessments in the ENI East region, and preparation of the final report by end of October 2017
- Summarising the findings of the Self-assessment of SEEA progress at country level and presentation of the results at the next Steering Committee
- EEA to confirm the template for request of national support
- Take forward the process of appointing the National SEIS Assistants in line with the outlined procedure
- Facilitate the sharing knowledge on environmental assessments (tools and methods), indicator based and SoE reporting (process and content) on the basis of the EEA and EU country experience. Interest to cooperate with identified partners: MoE/EPA Slovakia on SoE reporting, EPA Slovenia on indicator-based assessments, CIRAD/MR/MFA France on environmental accounting.



Action points – Session 3. Communication aspects

- Links national-project websites
- Regular input on national news to the project website and newsletter
- Translation of relevant methodological and project documents into Russian/national languages (upon countries request)
- Needs analysis on communication at national level
- Meeting presentations published on the project website



Action points – Session 4. Streamlining the environment reporting

- Continue the regular updates on relevant UNECE and UN environment activities/projects in support of building SEIS.
- UNECE to share with NFP/Eionet a document on forward-looking strategies for the ‘network of networks’.*
- EEA/UNEP/UNECE to prepare for NFP/Eionet a short document outlining cooperation opportunities.*

* *Joint action with NFP/Eionet from the common session*



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Upcoming project events in 2017

- Participation in UNECE WGEMA/JTFEI – June 2017
- Vocational training on environmental accounting – August/Sept 2017
- Workshop for Environmental assessment experts, back-to-back with Eionet NRC meeting – September 2017
- Workshop on Corine Land Cover/Copernicus, back-to-back with NRC meeting – October 2017
- Participation in UNECE JTFEI – October 2017
- Regional workshop on waste statistics (Eurostat project) – October 2017
- 2nd ENI SEIS II East Steering Committee meeting – mid-December 2017 (location to be confirmed)



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