First webinar on Data Management and Infrastructure

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Objective of the webinar:	Following countries feedbacks with regard to the H2020 reporting exercise and use of the spreadsheets, we updated the spreadsheets package and data dictionaries to support the production of H2020/NAP indicators. The first webinar is here to present the updates and allow you to ask questions to the EEA, INFO/RAC experts and thematic experts.

Background

In the framework of ENI II South Project, the European Environment Agency (EEA) together with the Information and Communication Regional Activity Centre (INFO/RAC) of the UN Environment Programme/MAP offers to the countries a series of tools and platforms to collect standardised, updated and comparable information among the countries in order to put in place the H2020 data flow and to ensure the SEIS principles in the region.

The webinar focused on finding common solutions to overcome reporting difficulties examine different situations and answer countries questions.

This webinar supported partner countries in preparation of the upcoming capacity building country visits**.**

Items on the agenda

1. Presentation of spreadsheets and description of the changes

2. Demo of INFO/RAC Data Centre (IDC) to access the envelopes for data submission

3. State of the art concerning the reporting process at country level

4. Questions and answers

5. Technical missions in the Countries and next steps

Summary

Following countries feedback on the H2020 reporting exercise and use of the spreadsheets, EEA in cooperation with thematic experts updated the data dictionaries to support the production of H2020/NAP indicators.

The first webinar presented updates and used an interactive question and answer approach to foster collaboration between the EEA, INFO/RAC experts and thematic experts in the countries.

EEA opened the meeting by running a tour de table, in order also to check the connections and the microphones considering the large number of participants. The webinar started with outlining the objective and state of the art of the country reporting process.

Cristian Di Stefano presented the INFORAC Data Centre (IDC), including the following issues: process to recover the password; testing the envelope and explained different functionalities such as setting up hyperlinks to retrieve data from external repositories, creation of new envelopes and data submission.

The webinar was recorded and will be distributed to all the participants.

Regional consultant asked about the access to the platform (IDC and InfoMapNode SDI). EEA considers that the access to edit/create and or modify are given to the data reporters nominated in the countries.

EEA specified that the data are accessible to the regional consultation via the [Mediterranean Data Repository (MDR)](#) except specific restrictions. It is also possible to access the EEA's database on request or to provide manual extractions on demand.

ETC/ICM presented all the changes on the data dictionaries related to the water component. All the changes are described in the table that is now available on the [ENI SEIS II South project website](#).

Following the numerous comments received from the countries, UNEP MEDPOL presented the changes that occurred in the data dictionaries for waste and industrial emissions.

Morocco recognised that the new 12 regions are considered in the [newest versions of the spreadsheets](#) except for the waste component. The new subdivision was corrected by INFORAC and sent after the webinar to Morocco.

On the other hand, Morocco asked about the possibility to report at a finer scale when data are available. The IDC has a possibility to upload additional files. INFO/RAC encourages to add additional data that will be integrated with the spreadsheets rather than modifying the spreadsheets.

Countries asked about the type of data collection formal Vs informal. MEDPOL clarified that the indicator referred to formal waste collection.

INFO/RAC presented the future data model and the possibility to use web forms in the future to make the reporting. Countries will have the possibility to upload directly the spreadsheets that will be converted into xml in the IDC. QCs will automatically run against the web forms.

The development requires a couple of weeks; INFO/RAC will need to evaluate more precisely following a discussion with Eau de Web contractors in charge of this task.

Tracasa offered to collaborate with INFO/RAC and Eau de Web as they have already developed a data model for the H2020 data flow. This will considerably reduce duplication of effort and optimise the work to be delivered. At this regard, INFO/RAC agreed to organise a Skype meeting with Eau de Web, Tracasa and EEA.

Regional consultants are currently visiting the countries, therefore it is important to upload as soon as possible all the documents and take on board all changes in order to make the country visits efficient and effective.