

Towards a regular assessment process based on SEIS

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Latest SEIS developments in EU/EEA

- SEIS draft implementation plan (EC interservice consultation) 2011
- Short-term: SEIS implementation based on existing EU financial instruments (e.g. Life+, ENTRP, ENPI)
- EEA Strategy 2009-2013 (<http://www.eea.europa.eu/publications/eea-strategy-2009852013-multi-annual-work-programme>)
- COMMISSION Communication towards a SEIS (2008) <http://eur-lex.europa.eu/LexUriServ/LexUriServ.do?uri=CELEX:52008DC0046:EN:NOT>

ENPI/SEIS project update

- ENPI/SEIS country visits by October 2011– Armenia, Azerbaijan, Georgia, Moldova, Belarus
- Country Reports (Armenia available http://enpi-seis.ew.eea.europa.eu/project-activities/country-report/copy_of_country-report)
- Review of existing EECCA core sets of indicators (via Joint Task Force)
- Preparation of SEIS '**Cookbook**'
- Regular ENPI-SEIS newsletters - <http://enpi-seis.ew.eea.europa.eu/communication/leaflet>
- Update of ENPI-SEIS website (<http://enpi-seis.ew.eea.europa.eu/>)
- Annual Steering Committee ENPI/SEIS project: 24-25 Nov. Copenhagen

Framework for SEIS implementation

Stakeholders	Why?	What ? (content)	How? (infrastructure)	Who? (cooperation)
EU				
EEA				
Member States				
ENP				
CA				
Pan-European				
Global				

Europe's Environment- AoA

A SEIS example

- Why? Improve future assessments
- What? Assess what is available
- How? Develop a set of common tools (AoA methodology); agree on selection criteria etc.
- When? For Astana Conference as basis for ministerial decision on future reporting
- Who? EEA together with countries and international partners (UNECE, RECs)

Future steps post-Astana

for SEIS development in support to a regular assessment process

- No SEIS grand master plan
- Step wise approach with a long-term vision and considering regional specific needs
- A shared task with roles for each partner and level
- A regular evaluation of progress as basis for future development

Lessons learnt

- Communication needed at all stages
- Sustained national commitment needed
- No unique model – no standard solution – common legislation difficult to manage complexity
- SEIS is already developing

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what can we do?

At national level:

- Apply SEIS principles in all relevant projects/initiatives at national and regional level
- Revisit the SOER production process (content, network involved, assessment frameworks and indicators) in light of AoA findings;
- Regular sharing of assessments by updating the AoA portal (potentially extended to other thematic areas);
- Put in place a compulsory effectiveness evaluation step before starting new processes

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what can we do?

At regional level (UNECE)

- Continue work on the production of CSI indicators and related data flows
- Start using SEIS for sharing data and information in relation to international env. obligations (each convention, EPRs)
- Gradually also involve monitoring networks in relevant activities and capacity building (alongside reporting experts, statisticians etc.)

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what can we do?

At EEA

- Maintain **AoA portal** as future SERIS upgrade;
- Provide **capacity building** (integrated assessment, forward looking)
- Connect EEA work on **indicators** with related activities in ENPI /CA regions;
- Provide available **EEA tools such** as AoA, REPORTNET, Eye on Earth for national/local use;
- Facilitate contacts and **sharing of good practices** (SEIS cook book);
- Maintain and develop **EoE** as platform for improving **access and sharing of information**;
- Strengthen and develop **country networks and cooperation** (SEIS country visits, workshops).

SEIS implementation in practice

Stakeholders	Why?	What ? (content)	How? (infrastructure)	Who? (cooperation)
EU	policies	Env compliance	INSPIRE GMES	Member States
EEA	Improve Assessments & reporting	Reporting activ.	Indicators SENSE	EIONET
Member States	Streamline & implement	Reporting obligations	Data flows CDR	National and local authorities
ENP	Harmonise and improve	Water, air, waste	AoA, SOER, REPORTNET	Env. & statistics
CA	Build trust cooperation	Water, air	AoA, SOER	MoE, water bodies
Pan-European	monitor env capacity building	Regular report	CSI, SOER, AoA	UNECE members EIONET
Global	interoperability	Data policy standards monitoring	UNEP/Live	ISO, GEOSS, OGC,

Points for consideration

- Is this approach manageable for all actors?
- Do we have the right priority setting ?
- Can this proposal be put forward to the CEP for endorsement as a joint way forward?

Thank you !

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