European Environment Agency

e-EIONET work-conference 2003 – Hotel Rodina , Sofia, Bulgaria
18th and 19th of September 2003

Pan European Environmental data exchange and handling

Preliminary Agenda

Main purpose is to promote, explain and discuss the EIONET approach towards harmonised, electronic collection, handling and provision of data reported on the European environment with member countries and cooperating countries.

Thursday, 18.09.03

8:30 **Registration in the conference hall**

Plenary room (all sessions)   *(Helpdesk in training room)*

9:00 **Introduction**
- Welcome by the host and presentation by EEA on status of e-EIONET and the aims of the work-conference

9:30 **Conceptual issues in Reportnet data flows and development**
- Extending the country performance benchmarking on data flows
- General development lines for Reportnet
- Follow up of the Vienna user questionnaire
- Review of Environmental Reporting in Europe

11:00 Coffee

11:30 **Extending network and applications – part I**
- Status of CARDS programme (Balkan integration)
- Activities of the EECCA tools and guidelines WG
- Pan European data usage in the Kiev report
- The European emission pollution register (EPER)

13:00 Lunch

14:00 **Building and managing content for Reportnet tools**
- Current status of key functions
  Reporting Obligations Database
  Data Dictionary
  Central Data Repository
- General further development plans for Reportnet

15:30 Coffee

16:00 **Data handling by EEA data service and European Topic Centres**
- EEA data and map service
- ETC feedback on the services provided
- EEA data handling questionnaire
- The role of clearinghouses - example on Biodiversity

17:30 End of first day
Social Event *(sponsored)*

Friday, 19.09.03

Plenary room   (ca 100 seats)   *Training room (12 seats)*

Parallel training/technical sessions

8:30 *CIRCA groupware*   **EECCA technical issues**
- Current situation in EIONET   - Issues on the infrastructure
- CIRCA 3.2 on LINUX   - Status of metadata collection
- CIRCA future   - Hands on available tools

11:00 Coffee

11:30 **ZOPE usage**   *Reportnet Data Dictionary for ETC data managers*

- ZOPE principles   *- Basic concept*
- First steps   *- Information definition*
- Publishing platforms   *- Content maintenance*

13:00 Lunch

14:00 **Extending network and applications – part II**
- Member state experiences
  On the development of national EIONET structures
  On International institutions building data exchange networks
- Progress on thematic networks
  Eurowaternet, others

15:30 Coffee

16:00 **Summary/Farewell**
Plenum / Forum

Saturday 20.09.03 *Full day excursion (sponsored) in Sofia and to the vicinity including the Rila monastery – work conference participants are invited to attend*

General Information: All sessions not in Italics will be provided also in simultaneous translation English/Russian/English. Access to the Internet for laptops brought by participants will be provided in the plenary room.

[*] EECCA stands for "12 countries of Eastern Europe, Caucasus and Central Asia"