

SEIS development and regular environment assessment since Astana conference

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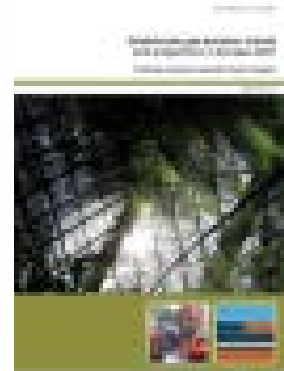
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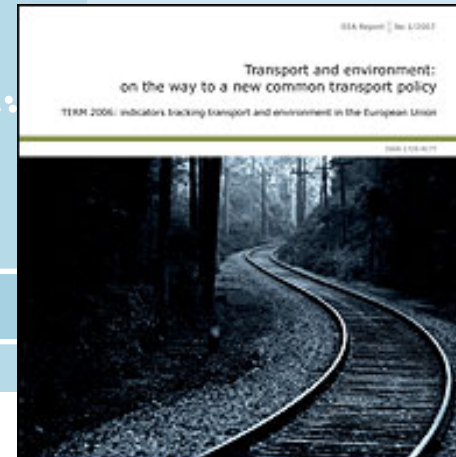
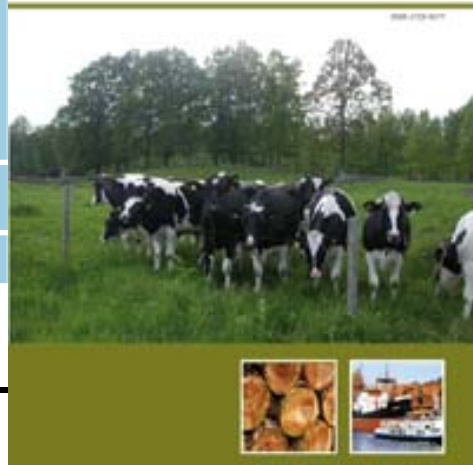
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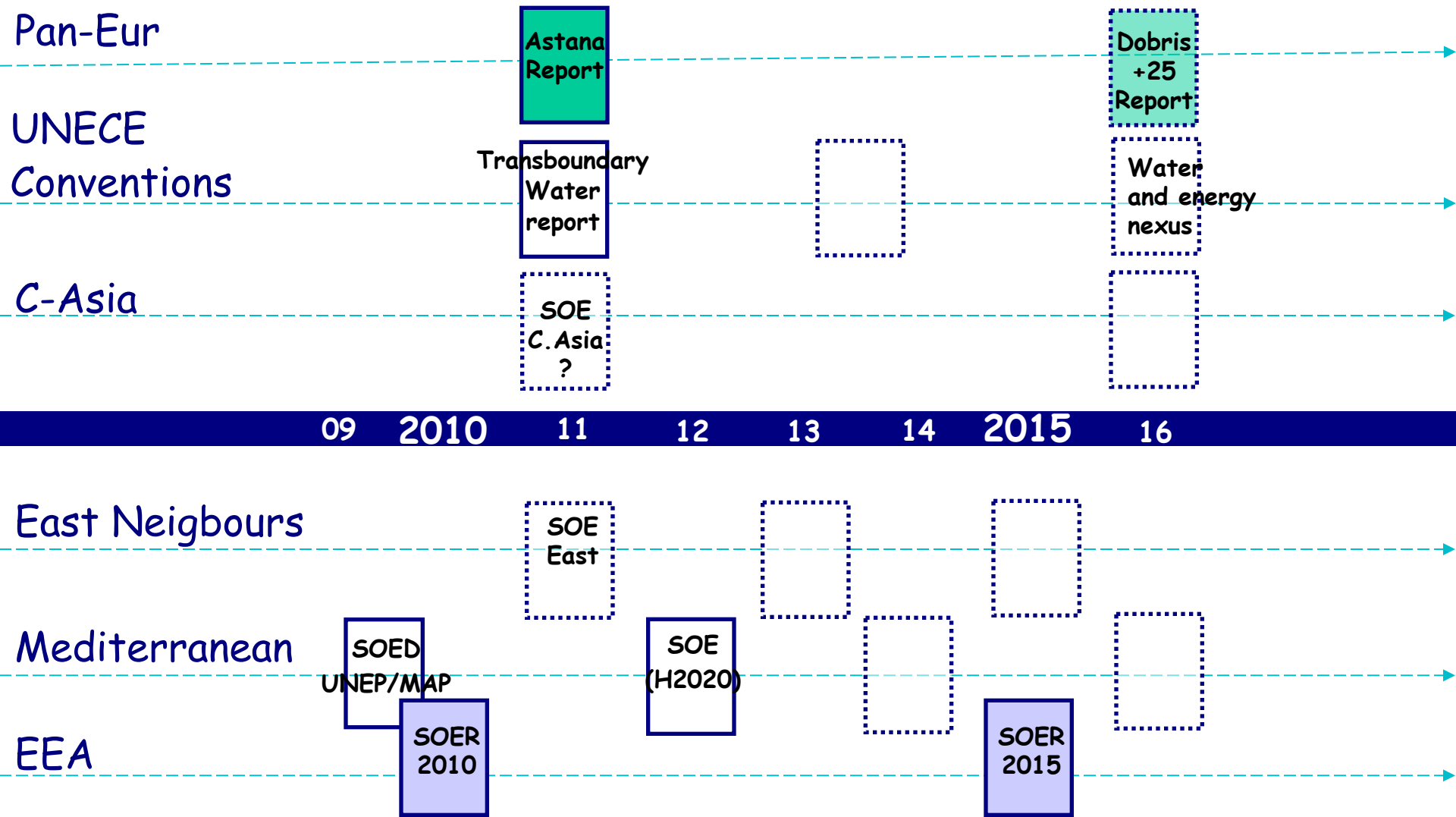


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Information products



What do we face in the future?



Where do we see progress? (1)

In countries:

- Increased use of core indicators/data flows in national SOERs (FYROM, Belarus, Kyrgyzstan, ...)
- A more sustainable national SOER reporting process (Kyrgyzstan, Georgia, ...)
- Modern tools for information sharing (Moldova)
- Increased cooperation between networks (Env & Statistics)
- Reflected in recent EPRs -addressing SEIS and regular reporting (Albania, Croatia, Moldova, Morocco)



Where do we see progress? (2)

- **In Policy and legal initiatives:** clear reference to SEIS in 7EAP, Copernicus, Arctic policy, ...
- **In SEIS-related projects:** found across the region ENP/SEIS, FLERMONECA, AWARE, AoA+, Caspian Environment Information System, ...
- **In organisations:** promoting SEIS principles (UNECE, LRTAP, PRTR, RECs, UNEP, ...)
- **In global processes:** SEIS-related initiatives in Rio+20 outcome, UNEP-Live, ...

➔ *However, progress is uneven and information is patchy*



Why is progress uneven and information patchy?

No joint-responsibility to monitor overall progress in SEIS and regular reporting

- *Required actions:*
 - Establish a partnership for regular information exchange (Eionet-type);
 - Exchange data and information from MEAs & organisations, and strengthen interaction of existing networks
 - Share tool & methodologies
 - Agree on performance indicators for progress
 - Establish stable governance structure (with sustainable funding) to track & assess progress and coordinate future pan-European reporting

Why is progress uneven and information patchy?

No clear responsibility and ownership across the reporting chain

- *Required actions:*
 - Consolidate the national SOE reporting base
 - Increase use/reuse of core indicators
 - Tailor/focus reporting demands on a clear/pre-defined need
 - Review, re-connect and integrate existing processes (pan-European forest, health, EfE, GEO, ...)

Questions for discussion and action

- How to address the **stable governance** of the process to steer and monitor progress?
- How to **monitor and evaluate progress?**
(clear targets & performance indicators ?)
- How to organise and shape **the future assessment process** to reflect the benefits of SEIS?

