

# Improved environmental monitoring and assessment in support of the 2030 Sustainable Development Agenda in South-Eastern Europe, Central Asia and the Caucasus

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## Main Objectives

Improved environmental monitoring and assessment in support of the 2030 Sustainable Development Agenda in South-Eastern Europe, Central Asia and the Caucasus

- To strengthen capacities of national environmental authorities and statistical agencies to collect, produce data in accordance with SEIS
- To improve accessibility and use of regularly updated and high quality environmental indicators, within the framework of SEIS, to respond to international indicator-based reporting obligations, including monitoring progress towards the Sustainable Development Goals.

## **Morning session: Data use, accessibility and harmonisation**

- **Measuring Progress: Towards Achieving the Environmental Dimension of the Sustainable Development Goals.**  
Matthew Billot, United Nations Environment Programme.
- **Earth Observations Data Cube: Big EO Data for Sustainable Development.**  
Gregory Giuliana, University of Geneva.
- **Citizen Science**  
Martin Brocklehurst, European Citizen Science Association.
- **Data information and Knowledge for Action**  
John Matuszak, National Council for Science and the Environment.
- Introducing the gap analysis reviews for the project on improved environmental monitoring and assessment in support of the 2030 Sustainable Development Agenda in South-Eastern Europe, Central Asia and the Caucasus

## **Afternoon session: Linking data with action**

- **Introduction: Trends and implementation of the Aarhus Convention.**  
Maryna Yanush, UNECE Environment Division.
- **Open Data for SDG reporting**  
Johannes Mayer, Head of International Cooperation, Environment Agency Austria.
- **Administrative and Statistical Data for the SDGs.**  
Taeke Anton Gjaltema, UNECE Statistical Division.
- **Integrating data from different sources for the bigger picture.**  
Steven Vale, Regional Adviser, UNECE Statistical Division.
- **Using State-of-the-Environment-Reporting to address the Sustainable Development Goals.**  
Galina Georgieva, European Environment Agency (EEA).