



‘Towards a Shared Environmental Information System in the European Neighbourhood’ project (ENPI-SEIS)

PROPOSED AGENDA POINTS FOR ITEM 6.

Wednesday, 13 July 2011, 9:30-12:30
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BACKGROUND

The EEA is implementing the above project in the period 2010-2014 with a view to increasing capacities of the relevant authorities in six ENP East countries (Armenia, Azerbaijan, Belarus, Georgia, Republic of Moldova and Ukraine) and the Russian Federation and in nine ENP South countries (Algeria, Egypt, Israel, Jordan, Lebanon, Morocco, Palestinian Authority, Syria and Tunisia) in the domain of monitoring, data management, assessment and indicator-based reporting on the environment.

The Shared Environmental Information System (SEIS) is an EU initiative to modernise and simplify the collection, exchange, access and use of the data and information required for the design and implementation of environmental policy.

During the first Consultation meeting with the countries held in November 2010, the following priority areas were identified for the ENP East for the initial phase of cooperation: water, particularly freshwater both in terms of quality and quantity (with the Black Sea as first marine waters), municipal/household waste, as well as air emissions, climate change and eventually air quality.

UNECE was identified as a key partner in implementing activities related to the ENP East component of the project based on its long-standing experience in working in the region, and in particular the work done within the Joint Task Force on Environmental Indicators since 2009.

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Item 6 of the third session of the Joint Task Force on Environmental Indicators in the morning of 13 July 2011 is to be co-chaired by the JTF Chair and EEA. It is aimed at representatives of Armenia, Azerbaijan, Belarus, Georgia, Republic of Moldova, Ukraine and the Russian Federation, as well as Eurostat, CIS-STAT, UNSD, the Black Sea Commission, while other JTF members are also welcome to attend.

The proposed discussion points for the half-day session on 13 July are as follows:

- Presentation of the ENPI-SEIS project work plan, partners, priority areas and current activities (by EEA)
- Update on the on-going activities related to the review of environmental indicators at the EEA
- Overview of activities of relevance for the region (Eurostat, CIS-STAT, UNSD, the Black Sea Commission)
- Links to other on-going regional projects in the identified priority areas in the ENP East region and the Russian Federation
- Round table discussion on recent developments in the ENP East countries and the Russian Federation on environment-related indicators, in particular in the identified priority areas.