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Progress with the Belgrade report
(note to EXECOM for its meeting Geneva, 15-16 February 2007)

This note is to inform you of the status of progress with the Belgrade report.

A three-month consultation process (in English and Russian) was completed in January 2007. All comments can be accessed through the EEA Belgrade portal where the draft report was available for commenting (<http://belgrade-consultation.ewindows.eu.org/reports/rep285401> - to view the comments please use your Circa login).

We are now preparing a new draft taking into account the comments received. A second formal round of consultations was not foreseen – instead, however, as the new drafts become available they will be posted on the Belgrade Circa Interest Group (in English). This interest group can be accessed by all members of WGEMA, EXECOM and NFP/Eionet either through the Belgrade portal (link above) or directly using the following link:

http://eea.eionet.europa.eu/Members/irc/enviowindows/belgrade_07/library?l=/report_development/draft_january_2007&vm=detailed&sb=Title.

Again, to view the drafts you will need to use your Circa login.

Due to development schedules, a different timing had to be adopted for a few sections of the report (introduction and conclusions to the whole report, and the environment and health introduction). Consequently, these sections were not included in the above consultation. When these sections are available, we will open up a limited consultation process on them and notify you of this (approximately at the end of February).

Also, in due time when a final draft of the whole report is available (approximately at the end of March), we will notify our WGEMA colleagues and the EXECOM members on the availability of the document for a final look. We do not expect in-depth comments at this stage, but we keep our promise made in November to give the WGEMA access to the latest draft (English only) for a final look before printing.

To summarise, the overview timetable for the completion of the report is as follows:

- Author deadline (final draft) (1st week of Feb)
- Editing (Feb-March)
- Limited consultation (in English) of some final sections of the report not consulted on previously (end Feb)
- Whole final report (in English) made available to WGEMA & EXECOM for a final look (end March)
- Layout of English version + translation into RU (April-May)
- Fine-tuning of report (April-May)
- To the printer (end May)
- Ready for distribution (mid-June)

Finally, discussions have begun with UNECE, UNEP and OECD concerning the launch of the report in order to combine and coordinate it with other events and launches. While the plan is to make available the full report in final form in June, a formal launch of the report is not expected until September or October. This could be on the first day of the conference or before, depending on arrangements. We are also talking with UNEP concerning making a joint launch with their GEO-4 report.

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