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Establishing a regional environmental information and assessment network-of-networks

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Aim: to explore potential drivers and topics for a regional environmental information and assessment network-of-networks and to identify expectations of how a regional network-of-networks should function and to gauge the level of support for its establishment.

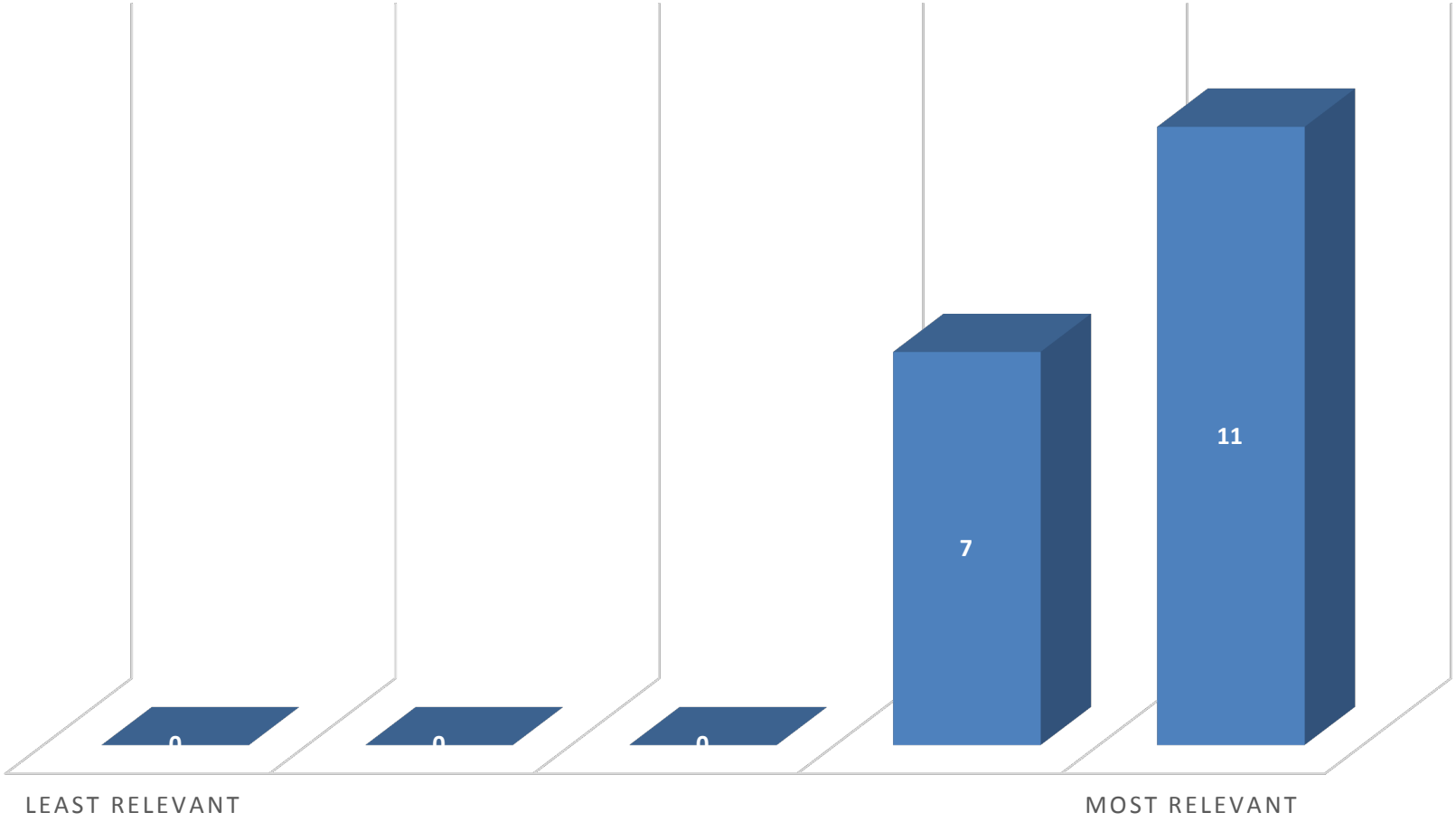
Questionnaire

1. How would you estimate the relevance of establishing a regional environmental information and assessment network-of-networks?
2. What would be your proposals for the objectives for the regional network-of-networks?
3. Please list up to 5 topics that could be "top priorities" for events organized by the regional network-of-networks.
4. Please list up to 5 key factors that would motivate you to join the regional network-of-networks.
5. Please indicate how your organization could contribute to the establishment and development of the regional network-of-networks.
6. Please indicate any other information you think may be relevant.

Respondents

- Armenia
- Azerbaijan
- Republic of Belarus
- Bosnia and Herzegovina
- Bulgaria
- Georgia
- Kazakhstan
- Kyrgyzstan
- Republic of Moldova
- Russian Federation
- Serbia
- Turkmenistan
- Ukraine
- Uzbekistan
- UNEP

Relevance



Objectives

- Providing a new and innovative approach to the sharing of knowledge, ideas, lessons learnt and good practices between relevant environmental networks and countries.
- Determination of future needs and associated measures.
- Involving national and regional networks - facilitate horizontal and vertical interactions between networks and relevant experts.
- Providing and sharing information on current trends.

Topics

- A platform to share knowledge and know-how across environmental networks in the pan-European region. Suggested topics include:
  - Innovative technologies;
  - Geospatial;
  - Sustainable Development Goals;
  - Biodiversity;
  - Air quality;
  - Renewable energy;
  - Green economy;
  - System of Environmental-Economic Accounting;
  - Shared Environmental Information System.

- The platform would allow for a regular process of interactions, covering topics such as:
  - Improving coordination and communication;
  - Streamlining of environmental reporting and the State of Environment Reporting;
  - Monitoring methods and tools;
  - Data interoperability and compatibility.

Factors that would motivate to join the regional network-of-networks

- Sharing of information, experiences and knowledge.
- Involvement of relevant (national and international) experts.
- Additional visibility of national authorities in charge of environmental monitoring and assessment.
- Expanding cooperation and communication across the pan-European region.

Level of support

- Involving experts and transferring existing skills and experience in the process of creating and developing a regional environmental information and assessment network-of-networks.
- Disseminating information on the activities of the regional network-of-networks on the national level and the development of appropriate communication services.
- Sharing experiences with the pan-European region.

Thank you for your attention