



**EEA/UNECE WORKSHOP ON ENVIRONMENTAL INDICATORS
AND NETWORKING**

24-25 February 2003

Palais des Nations (salle XVI, 5th floor), Geneva

The objectives of the Workshop are:

- To develop the awareness and knowledge of National Contact Points (NCPs) – Members of the UNECE Working Group on Environmental Monitoring from the 12 countries of Eastern Europe, Caucasus and Central Asia (EECCE) of the use of indicators in state-of-the-environment reporting to improve reporting at both the national and pan-European levels
- To inform the NCPs on the role of EEA in the international environmental monitoring and reporting process
- To brief the NCPs on progress made in the implementation of Tacis project on strengthening environmental information and observation capacity in EECCA, the 2003 implementation plan, the expected results and NCPs’ involvement.

AGENDA

Monday, 24 February 2003

10.00 - 10.10 **Opening of the meeting/Welcome addresses**

- **Mikhail Kokine**, United Nations Economic Commission for Europe
- **Nicolas Perritaz**, European Environmental Agency

10.10 - 18.00 *Role of environmental indicators in state-of-the-environment reporting*

Facilitator: Yuri Tsaturov, Chair of the Working Group on Environmental Monitoring

10.10 - 11.30 **Core set of environmental indicators – EEA experience**

Presentation by Anita Pirc-Velkavrh, EEA followed by questions and answers.

11.30 - 13.00 **Experience of EU accession and collaborating countries in developing indicators for national state-of-the-environment reports:**



Project “Strengthening Environmental Information and Observation Capacity in the Newly Independent States (presently EECCA)”

11.30 - 12.15 The Estonian experience

Presentation by Andrus Meiner, EEA followed by questions and answers.

12.15 - 13.00 The Swiss experience

Presentation by Nicolas Perritaz, EEA followed by questions and answers.

13.00 – 15.00 Lunch break

15.00 – 15.40 Role of indicator-based reporting in promoting the principles of the Aarhus Convention on Access to Information, Public Participation in Decision-making and Access to Justice in Environmental Matters

Presentation by Olga Speranskaya, Eco-Forum followed by questions and answers.

15.00 – 18.00 Experience of EECCA countries in the use of indicators in national state-of-the-environment reporting

EECCA country-by-country presentations followed by questions and answers.

Tuesday, 25 February 2003

10.00 - 11.45 *Role of environmental indicators in state-of-the-environment reporting (cont'd)*

Facilitator: Ljubov Gornaja, Estonia

10.00 – 10.30 Experience of EECCA countries in the use of indicators in national state-of-the-environment reporting (cont'd)

Continuation of EECCA country-by-country presentations followed by questions and answers.

10.30 – 11.15 Experience of UNEP in working with EECCA countries on the use of environmental indicators

Presentation by Nickolai Denisov/Ieva Rucevska, UNEP followed by questions and answers.

11.15 – 11.45 General discussion on problems with, opportunities for and practical ways of using in EECCA environmental indicators that are used in EEA countries.



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11.45 – 13.00 *Tacis project implementation: Role of EEA*

Facilitator: Mikhail Kokine, UNECE

11.45 – 12.15 **EEA role in the international environmental monitoring and reporting process**

Presentation by Jock Martin, EEA followed by questions and answers.

12.15 – 13.00 **Tacis project on Strengthening Environmental Information and Observation Capacity in EECCA - structure, organization and implementation plan for 2003, questionnaire on the EECCA network structure**

Presentation by Alexey Kostin, EEA followed by questions and answers.

13.00 – 15.00 Lunch break

15.00 - 18.00 *Tacis project implementation: Role of UNECE*

Facilitator: Jock Martin, EEA

15.00 – 15.20 **EEA/UNECE Grant Agreement “Support to the activities of the UNECE Working Group on Environmental Monitoring (WGEM)” - structure, organization and implementation plan for 2003**

Presentation by Yaroslav Bulych, UNECE followed by questions and answers.

15.20 – 16.00 **Task Force on Tools and Guidelines**

Presentations by Valeriy Kosykh and Alexandre Garyants, SPA Typhoon, Obninsk as well as Yaroslav Bulych, UNECE followed by questions and answers.

16.00 – 16.20 **Waste classifications and inventories**

Presentation by Givi Kalandadze, Ministry of Environment of Georgia followed by questions and answers.

16.20 – 16.40 **Air pollution monitoring**

Presentation by Bo Libert, UNECE followed by questions and answers.

16.40 – 17.00 **Remote sensing**

Presentation by Vittorio Barale, Joint Research Centre of the European Commission followed by questions and answers.

17.00 – 17.20 **Environmental reporting: Kiev Conference and WGEM-4**

Presentation by Mikhail Kokine, UNECE followed by questions and answers.

17.20 – 17.30 **Conclusions on Tacis project implementation.**

Closure of the Workshop.