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ENVIRONMENT DIRECTORATE
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ANNUAL REPIN MEETING:
Draft Annotated Agenda

10-12 June 2009

ACTION: Delegates will be invited to adopt the proposed Draft Agenda

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REPIN – A REGIONAL PARTNERSHIP FOR BETTER ENVIRONMENTAL POLICY IMPLEMENTATION

The Regulatory Environmental Programme Implementation Network (REPIN) was created in 1999 in Chisinau under the OECD/EAP Task Force umbrella as a mechanism for dialogue on issues of environmental compliance assurance in Eastern Europe, Caucasus, and Central Asia (EECCA). Over its ten-year history, the Network evolved and currently its scope of work covers environmental policy implementation and financing.

The Network gathers policy makers from environmental ministries and environmental enforcement managers/practitioners, as well as representatives of the non-governmental sector. REPIN is open to the participation of officials and experts from OECD countries and Central and Eastern Europe (CEE) and facilitates the know-how transfer and donor assistance to network members.

The Network holds annual meetings to discuss and agree on the work programme, country-specific projects, and monitor their implementation. The REPIN's working methods emphasise policy dialogue and peer learning, and analysis and good practice guidance to support reform efforts.

The REPIN work has helped to revise policies and legislation, to reform environmental enforcement institutions, and to upgrade the knowledge and skills of environmental officials and experts. A suite of practical tools to assist EECCA governments to implement reforms have been developed. Country-specific demonstration projects have been used to both design and apply such tools.

REPIN is a member of the International Network for Environmental Compliance and Enforcement (INECE). This work also draws from, and, where appropriate, contributes to, activities of other international partnerships, including the IMPEL Network of the European Union (EU) and the Environmental Compliance and Enforcement Network for Accession (ECENA).

To learn more about REPIN/EAP Task Force's programme of work and budget, see:

Programme of Work and Budget for 2009 (http://www.oecd.org/dataoecd/38/1/41424338.pdf)

Progress Report on Achievements in 2008 (http://www.oecd.org/dataoecd/38/3/41424175.pdf)

Summary Record of the 2008 REPIN Meeting (http://www.oecd.org/dataoecd/38/51/41424078.pdf)

Major outputs that resulted from regional policy dialogue:

Guiding Principles for Reform of Environmental Enforcement Authorities in Transition Economies (http://www.oecd.org/dataoecd/36/51/26756552.pdf)

Assuring Environmental Compliance: A Toolkit for Better Environmental Inspectorates (http://www.oecd.org/dataoecd/61/62/34499651.pdf)

Guiding Principles of Effective Environmental Permitting Systems (http://www.oecd.org/dataoecd/21/59/37311624.pdf)

Integrated Environmental Permitting Guidelines for EECCA Countries (http://www.oecd.org/dataoecd/54/31/35056678.pdf)

Handbook for Appraisal of Environmental Projects Financed from Public Funds (http://www.oecd.org/dataoecd/10/63/38786197.pdf)

For regular updates please consult www.oecd.org/env/eap

ANNUAL MEETING
of the Regulatory Environmental Programme Implementation Network
(10-12 June 2009, Chisinau)

The 2009 Annual Meeting of the Regulatory Environmental Programme Implementation Network (REPIN) in Eastern Europe, Caucasus and Central Asia (EECCA) is organised by the OECD/EAP Task Force Secretariat in cooperation with the Ministry of Ecology and Natural Resources of Moldova. The main objective of the meeting is to discuss intermediary products from a number of on-going REPIN projects, most importantly on administrative fines for environmental offences, environmental liability, and indicators of environmental compliance assurance. The meeting will be preceded by a workshop on Medium Term Expenditure Framework (MTEF).

OUTLINE OF THE AGENDA

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10 June 2009, registration starting at 10:30 a.m.
WORKSHOP ON MEDIUM TERM EXPENDITURE FRAMEWORKS

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11 June 2009, registration starting at 8:45 a.m.

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1. Welcoming remarks

2. Adoption of the agenda

3. Review of progress with work programme implementation and future plans

4. Performance indicators for environmental compliance assurance systems

5. Draft Guidance on administrative fines for environmental offences

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12 June 2009, meeting starting at 9:30 a.m.

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6. Scoping the project on environmental liability

7. Cooperation with REPIN partners

8. Other business and closure

ANNOTATIONS TO THE AGENDA
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10 June 2009

The ***Workshop on integrating the environment sector into medium-term expenditure frameworks*** aims at launching a regional survey that will identify the major achievements and challenges of integrating the environmental sector into medium-term budgeting processes in EECCA countries.

10:30 – 11:00   Registration

11:00 – 11:20   **Workshop opening**

Ms. Violeta Ivanov, the Minister of Ecology and Natural Resources of Moldova and Co-Chair of the EAP Task Force will welcome participants.

Ms. Angela Bularga (EAP Task Force Secretariat) will introduce the objectives and agenda of the meeting.

11:20 – 12:00   **Introduction of the Medium-Term Expenditure Frameworks (MTEF) concept**

Ms. Nelly Petkova, EAP Task Force Secretariat, will introduce the main elements of medium-term budgeting and the benefits from the extension of this approach to the environmental sector. The participants will be invited to provide feedback on progress with MTEF application in their own countries.

The Secretariat developed a briefing note "*Introduction to Medium-Term Expenditure Frameworks*" in support to the discussion.

12:00 – 13:30   Lunch

13:30 – 14:45   **Country-level experience with integrating the environmental sector into the MTEF process in EECCA**

Mr. Iurie Nastase, Ministry of Finance of Moldova, will share Moldova's experience with introducing and implementing MTEF in practice.

Ms. Anastasia Lovidova, Ministry of Finance of Russia, will present Russia's experience with implementing three-year budgets.

Ms. Nelly Petkova and *Mr. Mykola Pylypchuk*, Ministry of Environment of Ukraine, will present the main outcomes and recommendations of a study, conducted in Ukraine.

14:45 – 16:00   **Experience with integrating the environmental sector into the MTEF process in the OECD member countries**

Mr. Ján Marušinec, from the Slovak Republic will share his country's experience with implementing MTEF. Workshop participants will be invited to discuss the relevance of the presented experiences for their work in budgeting environmental programmes in their own countries.

16:00 – 16:30   Coffee break

16:30 – 17:30   **Launch of a survey of the experience of EECCA countries with integrating the environmental sector into the MTEF process**

Ms. Nelly Petkova will introduce the objectives and core elements of the survey, as described in the document "*Survey questionnaire on medium-term expenditure frameworks and the environment*". Workshop participants will be invited to provide comments on the objectives and thematic coverage of the survey.

17:30 – 18:00   **Discussion of implementation arrangements and follow-up activities**

The discussion will focus on specific arrangements to implement the survey. Workshop participants will be invited to provide their feedback on the proposed schedule and specific actions, and signal any input that they could provide.

18:00   **Adjourn**

Thursday, 11 June 2009

8:45 – 9:30   Registration

Item 1   **Welcoming remarks**

9:30 – 9:45   *Ms. Violeta Ivanov*, the Minister of Ecology and Natural Resources of Moldova and Co-Chair of the EAP Task Force, will welcome the participants.

Item 2   **Adoption of the Agenda**

9:45 – 10:00   *Ms. Angela Bularga* will introduce the *Draft Agenda* [REPIN(2009)1/A] and documentation for the meeting. Participants will be invited to discuss and adopt the Draft Agenda.

Item 3   **Review of progress with work programme implementation and future plans**

10:00 – 10:15   Brief presentation from the Secretariat on the implementation of the REPIN Work Programme since the last annual Network meeting in Tashkent, Uzbekistan (June 2008).

10:15 – 10:45	Presentations on country-specific projects

Ms. Kazken Orazalina (Committee for Environmental Regulation and Control) will give a summary on the pilot use of performance rating of territorial environmental departments in Kazakhstan.

10:45 – 11:15	*Coffee break*

11:15 – 11:45	Presentations on country-specific projects (continued)

Ms. Ellena Yakobidze (Inspectorate for Environmental Protection) will share experience from a two-year project to establish a national information system for environmental compliance assurance data in Georgia.

11:45 – 12:30	Work plans for 2010 and possible outputs by the 2011 Astana Ministerial Conference

Ms. Angela Bularga will deliver a brief presentation on future plans. REPIN members will be invited to provide feedback on plans and establish priorities.

12:30 – 14:00	*Lunch*

Item 4	**Performance indicators for environmental compliance assurance systems**

14:00 – 15:00	*Ms. Angela Bularga* will present the final version of the Guidance on Performance Measurement in EECCA. Participants will be invited to discuss and endorse this document.

15:00 – 15:30	Brainstorming on the Outline for a technical guidance

Item 5	**Draft guidance on administrative fines for environmental offences**

15:30 – 16:00	*Mr. Eugene Mazur* (EAP TF Secretariat) will introduce the latest draft of the document "*Determination and Application of Administrative Fines for Environmental Offences: Guidance for Environmental Authorities in EECCA Countries*" and report the results of the March 2009 expert meeting in Tallinn, Estonia.

16:00 – 16:30	*Coffee break*

16:30 – 17:30	Discussion of the key recommendations of the guidance document and its eventual approval by the Network members.

18:15	**Social event**

Friday, 12 June 2009

Item 6   **Scoping the project on environmental liability**

9:30 – 10:00   *Mr. Eugene Mazur* will introduce the discussion paper "*Environmental Liability for Damage to Natural Resources in OECD Countries: the Concept and Key Approaches*".

10:00-10:20   *Ms. Maryna Yanush* (consultant) will present preliminary findings of the comparative analysis of environmental liability systems in selected OECD and EECCA countries.

10:20 – 10:40   *Mr. Andrei Terentiev* (Russian REC) will present the methodology and plan of activities of the review of environmental liability practices in EECCA countries.

10:40 – 11:00   Coffee break

11:00 – 12:00   Discussion in **small groups** of the priorities for the EAP Task Force work on environmental liability and the scope of the review of EECCA practices and other prospective project outputs (analytical report or guidance).

12:00 – 12:30   Reports from the small groups and concluding discussion

12:30 – 14:00   Lunch

Item 7   **Cooperation with REPIN partners**

14:00 – 14:30   Latest developments in the INECE and IMPEL Networks

                  Mr. Henk Ruessink (Dutch Environmental Inspectorate) will update the REPIN members on key projects of the sister networks.

14:30 – 14:45   The World Bank project on strengthening environmental protection in Zaporizhya

                  Mr. Alexei Slenzak (World Bank) will deliver a brief presentation on the project's objectives and key elements.

14:45 – 15:00   NGO-led assessments of activities under the European Neighbourhood Policy (ENP)

                  Mr. Ilya Trombitsky (Eco-Tiras) will inform REPIN about a civil society initiative to conduct independent assessments of environmental actions under the ENP implementation plans

Item 8   **Other Business and Closing Remarks**

15:00 – 15:15   Participants will be invited to raise any other matters. The host authority and the Secretariat will make closing remarks.

15:15   **Adjourn**

LIST OF MEETING DOCUMENTS

TITLE	Document No.	Availability	
		Eng.	Rus.
Draft annotated agenda	ENV/EPOC/EAP/REPIN/A(2009)1	X	X
Introduction to Medium-Term Expenditure Frameworks	ENV/EPOC/EAP/REPIN(2009)2	X	X
Integrating the environment sector into medium-term expenditure frameworks in EECCA: Survey Questionnaire	ENV/EPOC/EAP/REPIN(2009)3	X	X
Measuring Results of Environmental Regulation and Compliance Assurance: Guidance for Countries of Eastern Europe, Caucasus, and Central Asia	Publication	X	X
Determination and Application of Administrative Fines for Environmental Offences: Guidance for Environmental Authorities in EECCA Countries	ENV/EPOC/EAP/REPIN(2008)7	X	X
Environmental Liability for Damage to Natural Resources in OECD Countries: the Concept and Key Approaches	ENV/EPOC/EAP/REPIN(2009)1	X	X

Additional background papers will be distributed or displayed during the meeting.