



Danish Ministry of the Environment



Expert Workshop “***The future of European Environmental Policy : what role for the Resource Efficiency Roadmap and what role for the Environment Action Programme ?***”

A workshop organised by Bruxelles Environnement (BE), with the support of the Danish Ministry for the Environment (DK) and the Polish Ministry for the Environment (PL)

Brussels, 13.09.2011

Context

During the BE Presidency in the second half of 2010, a series of events and studies were organised by the administration of the Brussels Region (IBGE-BIM – Brussels Environment) in order to feed the debate on the final assessment of the 6th EAP and the preparation of its successor (see www.eapdebate.org for the full list of events and studies and for the outcomes of this initiative.)

On 20 December 2010, the Council adopted conclusions on improving environmental policy instruments (see <http://register.consilium.europa.eu/pdf/en/11/st05/st05302.en11.pdf>), including the overall framework for EU Environment Policy after 2012. In this regard, the Council sent a very clear message to the Commission that, in this regard, a 7th Environment Action Program is essential. The European Parliament more recently (in its resolution adopted on the 6th July 2011) also made a call for the Commission to come forward with a proposal for the 7th EAP.

On 26 January 2011, the European Commission published its flagship initiative “a Resource efficient Europe”; it is one of the EU2020 flagship initiatives “which aim at building smart, sustainable and inclusive growth for Europe”. The Roadmap to a Resource Efficient Europe is expected by mid-2011. The Roadmap will describe the vision of a more resource-efficient economy in 2020 and 2050, it will propose new policy initiatives that enhance synergies between policies, in particular to stimulate greater innovation for short-term and long-term economic and environmental benefits.

The objective of this expert workshop, organised by Bruxelles Environnement, with the support of the Danish Ministry for the Environment and the Polish Ministry for the Environment is to discuss what environmental challenges will not be covered by the Roadmap to a Resource Efficient Europe. The workshop will also enable the continuation of the debate on how the future Environmental Action Programme will help in improving and implementing environmental policy.

Programme

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9.00 Welcome and Introduction by Barbara Dewulf, Bruxelles Environnement

9.15-10.45 Session 1 - Resource Efficiency policies ; is it covering all environmental challenges for the future?

Chair/moderator: *Joanna Mackowiak-Pandera*, Under-Secretary of State at the Ministry of Environment, Poland

Speakers:

- *Kurt Vandenberghe*, Cabinet Commissioner Potocnik
- *Lars Mortensen*, EEA (European Environment Agency)
- *Pieter de Pous*, EEB (European Environmental Bureau)
- *Peter Borkey*, OECD (Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development)

10.45-11.15 Coffee

11.15 Intervention by *Evelyne Huytebroeck*, Minister for the Environment of the Brussels-Capital Region

11.30-13.00 Session 2 - How can the future Environment Action Programme help to develop better environmental policy instruments?

Chair/moderator: *Hubert David*, EEAC (European Environment and Sustainable Development Advisory Councils)

Speakers:

- *Raymond Van Ermen*, EPE (European Partners for the Environment)
- *Paula Baker*, Committee of the Regions
- *Axel Volkery*, IEEP (Institute for European Environmental Policy)

13.00-14.00 Lunch

14.00-15.30 Session 3 - How can the future Environment Action Programme help to implement European environmental policy?

Chair/moderator: *Mr Søren Søndergård Kjær*, Deputy Secretary of State, Denmark

Speakers:

- *Alexandre Affre*, Business Europe
- *Michael Nicholson*, IMPEL
- *Barbara Dewulf*, Bruxelles Environnement

15.30 Conclusions of the workshop by *Jean-Pierre Hannequart*, Director General, Bruxelles Environnement

Practical information

Date > 13.09.2011 - 9 am to 4 pm

Venue > The workshop is organized at the venue of IBGE, the Environment Administration of the Brussels Region (max. capacity: 80 persons). Address: Gulledele 100, 1200 Brussels.

Working language > English (no interpretation available)