



European Network of Environmental and Managing Authorities

Draft Agenda

ENEA-MA Plenary Meeting

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Morning session (inauguration of the Polish Network)

Chairing: Polish partners

09:30 Arrival and registration of participants

10:00 Welcome and introductory presentations

Andrzej Kraszewski, Minister of Environment

Elżbieta Bienkowska, Minister of Regional Development

10.35 Introductory remarks of the representative of the European Commission

Georges Kremlis, Head of Unit, DG Environment, Cohesion Policy and Environmental Impact Assessments Unit

10:50 Official signing of the Declaration on the establishment of the Polish Network of Environmental and Managing Authorities

11.00 *Press conference/Coffee break*

11:20 Establishment of the Polish Network of Environmental and Managing Authorities

Piotr Otawski, Deputy Head, General Directorate for Environmental Protection

11:40 Discussion (including reflections of the Assembly of Marshalls and NGOs)

12:20 *Lunch*

Afternoon session (ENEA-MA)

Chairing: Georges Kremlis (Head of Unit, DG Environment, Cohesion Policy and Environmental Impact Assessments Unit)

13:30 The progress in the implementation of Operational programmes and environmental requirements regarding Cohesion Policy funding:

- Introduction, DG Environment
- Roundtable discussion among the Network's members (both environmental and managing authorities) reflecting on the following questions:
 - What is the progress in the implementation of Operational programmes (projects)? Are there any environmental issues slowing down this progress? What are good practices to overcome such challenges?
 - Is there a need for reviews of your Operational programmes and why? If yes, in which directions will the reviews go: will more or less environment focus be given to programmes?
 - Is the Cohesion Policy funding addressing major needs to comply with the transition periods (in the EU12 in particular) for the investment heavy Directives or not?
 - Lessons to learn for the next programming period.
 - Other issues of concern as proposed by the Network's members.

15:20 Coffee break

15:40 NGOs intervention:

- Current work on financing biodiversity from Structural Funds and the future of the integrated funding approach
Peter Torkler, WWF

16:20 Other relevant issues and closure remarks

- Future of ENEA-MA and Working groups
- Territorial cohesion
- Other issues (*tbi by Network's members and the Commission*)

17:30 Closure