The 4th pan-European assessment "The Belgrade report"

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Environment for Europe process – from Dobris to Belgrade



1991 Dobris 1993 Lucerne







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1995 & 1998 \\
\text{Sofia} & \rightarrow & \text{Aarhus} & \end{array}$

2003 Kiev 2007 Belgrade



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Environment for Europe process

A multilateral partnership of the countries in the UNECE region to promote environmental protection and sustainable development in the region;

A common platform for cooperation on improving the environment and for working towards the convergence of environmental policies throughout the region;

A framework to discuss key environmental policy issues, develop programs, launch negotiations on legal binding instruments and partnerships and initiatives;

A political platform for the environmental initiatives of subregions, with the decisions made at ministerial level



Kiev Ministerial declaration (23 June 2003):





EEA mandate for the Belgrade report: To produce.....

- Short, policy oriented report
- Indicator based
- Responding to Belgrade agenda
- Support in assessing progress on EECCA strategy
- Based on recent information
- Progress and benchmarking
- ✓ Basis for action
- ✓ Awareness raising



Towards an indicator based report

For sustainable and more policy relevant process

- EEA Core set of indicators
- EECCA proposed core set
- Environment and health indicators (WHO)
- Complemented by+++
- Assessments at the regional scale where information is limited or gaps are identified
- Case studies
- Outlooks & scenarios (where available)



The Belgrade report – timing

- Data gathering and indicator production: from January 2006
- Writers meeting: 16 17 March, 2006
- Writing phase: April August 2006
- Compilation first draft & translation Russian:
 September 2006
- Extensive review & consultations on drafts: Oct 2006-February 2007
- Processing comments & final editing: Dec 06-March 07
- **Report(s) to printer:** expected June 2007
- **Report launch:** 10 October 2007 in Belgrade





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Belgrade consultation & dissemination processes - novelties

- Development of the Belgrade review tool (in En & RU) allowing wide participation of EECCA experts &institutions;
- The review tool to become a dissemination tool when the report is ready
- Two dedicated consultation meetings funded under EU TACIS activity:
 - EECCA NGOs &others 16-17 Nov;
 - UNECE/WGEMA 27-29 Nov



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Partnership...partnership...

Main reports in 2007	Available	Organization
Assessment of the EECCA strategy	Sept 2007	EAP Task Force / OECD
OECD Environmental Outlook	2007 – early 2008	OECD
Mid-term Review of the WHO Budapest process	Mid-2007	WHO
UNEP – GEO4	Sept 2007	UNEP
IPCC report	2007	IPCC secretariat
Assessment of	2007	UNECE
transboundary waters and		Secretariat
international lakes		Water convention





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- 5. Marine environment
- 6. Sustainable consumption and production
- **7. Sectoral integration** (energy, transport, agriculture, tourism)



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Chapter 2 Environment and health and quality of life

Environment and health strategies and policies

- EECCA strategy; EU 6 EAP
- EU Environment and Health Action Plan
- WHO Budapest process

From policies to action

Progress in implementation on the pan-European, regional, and national level

Human impacts of natural and man-made hazards

heatwaves

long term environmental impacts on humans coexistence of natural and man-made hazards



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Major environmental impacts on health in Europe

Noise – an emerging E&H concern

Air pollution and health, including indoor air quality

Water and sanitation

Complexity of interactions between E&H

Challenges for research and action in E&H





Ministerial Conference

10-12 October 2007, Belgrad

Assessment and Implementation: the evaluation of progress in implementing the agreed commitments; also assessment of difficulties and challenges

Capacity Building and Partnership: sub-regional issues; further measures for capacity building for the Eastern Europe, Caucasus and Central Asia sub-region and South Eastern Europe sub-region

The Way Forward: the future of the "Environment for Europe" process



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