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*Sent via E-mail*

**Subject: Invitation to the joint meeting of European environment information and observation network (EIONET) and Member State Expert Group workshop on Maritime Spatial Planning (MSP) and Integrated Coastal Zone Management (ICZM)**

Dear Madam, Sir,

We have the pleasure to invite you to the joint meeting of the Member States Expert Group on MSP and ICZM on 11 and 12 September 2012. Please note that the timing has been determined in such a way that it allows participation in two events scheduled around this time, i.e. the EIONET meeting on 11 September, and the HELCOM/VASAB WG meeting on maritime spatial planning, which takes place in Helsinki on 13-14 September, can combine those missions.

The workshop will take place in the premises of the European Environment Agency at Kongens Nytorv 6, Copenhagen, Denmark.

The workshop will focus on the links between ICZM and MSP and the increasing general awareness for the need to coordinate both policies in order to come to sustainable coastal management and marine planning, in particular land-sea-interface issues. The EEA is preparing its next coastal report and will present this report for discussion. The Commission will hopefully be able to present a green paper on Marine knowledge, which is scheduled for adoption by the Commission in early September 2012.

You will find the draft agenda attached to this invitation and shortly a list of invitees to the three groups will be forwarded.

Please note that the Commission will not reimburse travel/hotel costs for this workshop.

Please confirm your participation by the **1<sup>st</sup> September 2012** to Ms. Brigitte Fuchs (brigitte.fuchs@ec.europa.eu) with Hana Zahradkova (hana.zahradkova@ec.europa.eu) in copy by clearly stating your name, the name of your institution or organisation and contact details.

Yours sincerely,



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Enclosure:          Draft Agenda