



Environmental policy works

- New EEA State and Outlook report on the European Environment.

Environmental policy works! This was, in short, the conclusion drawn by Professor Jaqueline McGlade, the Executive Director of the European Environment Agency (EEA), at the launch of the State and Outlook Report on the European Environment in Brussels, on November 29, 2005.

However, Professor McGlade also emphasized that, in spite of major improvements, key environmental challenges remain, such as climate change, loss of biodiversity, pressure on land and water resources, air pollution and proper handling of chemicals.

An ABC of the European environment

The 500-page **State and Outlook Report** provides a thorough overview of the development and state of the environment in Europe. The report falls into four parts:

- Part A is an integrated assessment of the development within the atmospheric, the aquatic and the terrestrial environment. It also includes an assessment of the integration between the environment and the economic sectors.
- Part B consists of a four-page summary on each of the EEA's 37 core indicators, providing a progress report on the state of the environment compared to environmental policy objectives.
- Part C analyses the environmental performance of the EEA member countries. These analyses are based on a scorecard allowing the reader to make comparisons between the individual countries.
- Part D is a bibliography providing an overview of the reports published by the EEA since the previous five-year report; "Environment in the European Union at the turn of the century."

All four parts of the report can be downloaded separately from the EEA website:

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