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## EECN website redesigned

The European Environmental Communication Networks (EECN) website has just been completely redesigned and updated. We would like to use this opportunity to remind about the basic ideas of the EECN initiative.

Under the EECN umbrella, DG Environment of the European Commission aims to support the activities of networks that are active in the field of environmental public information and communication. "The purpose is to facilitate the sharing of good information and communication practices among the members of these networks and encourage coordinated action on European level" explains Nicholas Hanley, head of DG Environment's communication and governance unit.

The cooperation with the individual networks takes different forms. With some it is a matter of exchanging and disseminating information, whereas others may receive more extensive assistance. An example of the latter is the **Green Spider Network**. Its members are communication and information officers from European environmental authorities. For this network, the EECN Secretariat maintains a network website and assists in organising meetings and other activities. "DG Environment is open to extending similar support to other European networks, provided that they live up to some basic criteria" says Nicholas Hanley. "Interested networks should contact us through the EECN secretariat," he continues.

The exchange of information and best practices among networks is mainly supported by the secretariat through the EECN website. It provides short descriptions of about 25 European networks and links to their websites. There is a repository of best practices and details about potential sources of funding. The website also has an archive of the newsflashes that are produced and published regularly by the secretariat. The newsflashes are distributed to about 200 subscribers, mainly in Europe. They present topics of relevance to professional communicators of environmental information and guide the readers to further details.

For more information, please visit our website at:

**[http://ec.europa.eu/environment/networks/index\\_en.htm](http://ec.europa.eu/environment/networks/index_en.htm)**

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