Mainstreaming of the environment

1. Stock-taking
2. Recommendations

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Mainstreaming of the environment into 2014-2020 Cohesion Policy

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PAST EXERCISES
The contribution of Structural and Cohesion Funds to a better environment, 2006
A preliminary stocktaking based on the analysis of the financial allocations for 2000-2006 and on a selection of best practices

Greening Regional Development Programmes project, 2004-2007
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Beyond compliance: how regions can help build a sustainable Europe

A toolkit for integrating the environment into regional development

Jenseits der Verpflichtungen: wie die Regionen zur Gestaltung eines nachhaltigen Europas beitragen können
Ein Toolkit zur Integration der Umwelt in die regionale Entwicklung
Πέρα από την συμμόρφωση: τώς μπορούν οι περιφέρειες να βοηθήσουν στην οικοδόμηση της Ευρώπης της αειφόρου ανάπτυξης
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Un insieme di strumenti per integrare l'ambiente nello sviluppo regionale
Túl a kötelezettségeken: hogyan segíthetik a régiók egy fenntartható Európa építését
A környezeti szempontok regionális fejlesztési programokba történő integrálásának eszközrendszere
Ponad wymagania: jak regiony mogą pomóc w budowaniu zrównoważonej Europy
Zestaw narzędzi do implementacji ochrony środowiska w rozwój regionalny
MANDATE
Objective

Stock-taking exercise:

- Examine how environment has been integrated:
  - 2007-2013 implementation
  - 2014-2020 programming

- Recommendations for 2014-2020 implementation...
Tasks

- 2007-2013 case-studies (10-15) 'environmental hooks' + 'catch' – examples + analysis
  - 1 per person/MS?

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- Literature review (Regulations, 6th Cohesion Rep, EEA, Bankwatch, IEEP, national ...)

- Quantitative assessment: vertical & horizontal

Recommendations?
how to integrate environment into implementation of 2014-2020
Composition and working methods

Core Group
AT, BG, EE, EL, HU, IT, SK, Bankwatch, REC, EC

Consultative/Review Group
(EE, EL, ES, FI, IT)

ENV/REGIO
Desk officers

ENEA-MA
Deliverables

Stock-taking report and possible recommendations for 2014-2020

Power Point

Website text
Timing

Core Group Meetings 03/02/15

Core Group Meetings 14/04/15

Consultative Group Meeting 15/04/15 Too early?

Core Group Meetings ?/06/15

Consultative Group Meeting ?/06/15

Core Group Meetings 15/09/15

Consultative Group Meeting (before Open Days)

ENEA-MA Consultations

Final Deliverables + ENEA-MA special event ?/12/15

Open Days Workshop 12-15/10/15

ENEA-MA Consultations

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REVIEW & MORE DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THE TASKS + QUESTIONS
2007-2013 implementation experience

- Do you have any particularly good practice examples/mechanisms supporting environmental integration that should be considered within the WG?
- Do you have any national guidance/documents/websites that would be helpful in this respect?
- Who is doing what?
2014-2020 programming

- Are there any important "environmental provisions/hooks" included in your Partnership Agreement and programmes, etc. that would set a solid framework for supporting environmental integration during the implementation phase?
- Do you have any 'early' evaluations of the programming stage which look at environmental integration?
- Ex ante conditionalities (added value, difficulties, etc.)
- Who is doing what?
Literature review

- Discussion on key documents to be reviewed
- Define the format/'bibliographie raisonnee'
- Who is doing what?
Quantitative assessment: vertical and horizontal

- Both periods
- What categories of spending to be included (indirect)
- Who is doing what? ENV/REGIO? + Bankwatch?
Recommendations or 'lessons learnt' format for the implementation stage

- Do you have any 'preliminary' recommendations at this early stage (e.g. based on the national discussions/evaluations or your personal experience)?

- Who is doing what? All? Core group into sub-teams/pairs looking at specific themes followed by the group discussion?
OPEN DAYS 2015
2015 Open Days: 12-15 October 2015

- THEMATIC FOCUS OF OPEN DAYS 2015: "Europe's regions and cities: Partners for investment and growth"

- Tree thematic priorities + horizontal:
  - Modernising Europe: The regions in the Energy Union and the Single Digital Market
  - Regions open for business: SME development, innovation and job creation
  - Places and Spaces: Urban and rural development, urban-rural integration
Regions open for business: SME development, innovation and job creation

- 99% of businesses in Europe are SMEs
- 2 out of 3 jobs in the private sector businesses
- New EU programmes can draw on considerable experience in SME promotion in the regions
- An opportunity for an exchange of experience:
  - the best practices in the conception and implementation of SME aid schemes and how to foster innovative capacity in SMEs, including links to Smart Specialisation Strategies; and
  - how regions can develop more micro enterprises.
Places and Spaces: Urban and rural development, urban-rural integration

- This sub-theme will focus on how EU regional and urban programmes:
  - can promote more balanced territorial development
  - how to promote rural competitiveness and reduce the rural-urban drift of population
  - the special challenge of border cities and border rural hinterlands will be addressed under this theme.
Workshop proposals by DG

Conditions for participation:

- Workshops must be related to one of the 3 themes of OPEN DAYS 2015 and have a clear link and added value for the European regions and cities;
- Maximum of 4 speakers (plus one chair).
- DG REGIO partnership

Selection criteria:

- Relevance of a chosen topic
- Quality of proposed speakers
Application form: deadline: 27 March

The application should include:
(1) the workshop/debate title (maximum 150 characters) and description (maximum of 250 words); the mobile application displays only 35 characters and the title should therefore be formulated in such a way that the workshop/debate can be identified by its first part, consisting of no more than 35 characters;
(2) the theme under which the session will fall – the themes are described in the application form;
(3) target audience
(4) name and contact details of the coordinator (workshop organiser);
(5) name and contact details of the co-organiser in DG REGIO or the regional partnership co-organiser.
WORK PLAN
STRUCTURE OF THE REPORT
Starting point for discussion

- Literature review
- Environmental hooks in the Regulations 2014-20

Preliminary issues
- Quantitative assessment (direct & indirect) incl. comparison
- Application of EAC
- Application of SEA
- Env. selection criteria
- Major projects
- ....