

1st – 8th meetings of the Technical Platform for Cooperation on the Environment

1.3.6 8th meeting: EU LIFE programme (12 Oct 2016)

The 8th meeting took place on 12 October 2016 during the European Week of Regions and Cities (EWRC) 2016. It consisted of a workshop held at the European Committee of the Regions on '[EU LIFE programme: A chance for green business, innovation and job creation preserving the environment](#)'.

- Hervé Martin, European Commission: [The role of the EU LIFE programme for local and regional authorities and its ongoing mid-term evaluation](#)
- Tomasz Pietrusiak, Malopolska Region, Poland: [The benefit of the new LIFE Environment integrated projects: the example of Małopolska Region Air quality Plan](#)
- Tom Andries, Flanders Region, Belgium: [The benefit of the new LIFE Nature integrated projects: the example of BNIP - Belgian Nature Integrated Project for Natura 2000](#)
- Lisa Labriga, Association of Cities and Regions for Recycling and Sustainable Resource Management (ACR+): [How LIFE projects can make a difference for a circular economy – some project examples](#)
- Liliana Chamudis-Varan, Plastics Technology Centre AIMPLAS, Valencia Region, Spain: [LIFE projects contributing to boost a regional circular economy – the example of the Valencia Region](#)
- Michele Pancaldi, Municipality of Ferrara, Italy: [LOWaste - LOcal Waste Market for second life products \(LIFE Project\)](#)

For the summary, of the workshop, see the proceedings on the [OPEN DAYS 2016](#) website.

1.3.7 7th Meeting of the Technical Platform – 13 September 2016

The 7th meeting on 13 September consisted of a seminar on '[The new Environmental Implementation Review \(EIR\): What's in it for regions and cities?](#)', with the participation of EIR representatives of National Environment Ministries. [Summary of the seminar](#)

- Sirpa Hertell, Vice-Chair of the European Committee of the Regions (CoR) Commission for Environment, Climate Change and Energy: [Opening speech](#)
- Aurel Ciobanu-Dordea, Director Implementation & Support to Member States, DG Environment, European Commission [A renewed search for effective solutions to deliver the benefits of our common environmental policies. First findings emerging from the country reports](#)
- Andres Jaadla, CoR member and rapporteur on "EU environment law: improving reporting and compliance": [Better implementation of EU environmental policies – the European Committee of the Regions' view](#)
- Martin Unfried, European Institute for Public Administration (EIPA): [Introduction into root causes for insufficient implementation](#)
- Marie-Charlotte Delvaux, Wallonia Region, ENCORE: [keynote presentation in breakout group A](#)
- Simon. Bingham, Scottish Environment Protection Agency/ IMPEL: [keynote presentation in breakout group A](#)
- Zeno Danner, Baden-Württemberg Region: [keynote presentation in breakout group B](#)
- Siim Vahtrus, EEB/ Justice & Environment: [keynote presentation in breakout group B](#)
- Stephanos Ampatzis, European Commission: [keynote presentation in breakout group C](#)
- Koos Meijer, Dutch Platform Regional Environmental Enforcement Agencies: [keynote presentation in breakout group C](#)
- Sirpa Hertell: [Closing speech](#)

1.3.8 6th Meeting of the Technical Platform - 14 October 2015

The 6th meeting took place on 14 October 2015 during the OPEN DAYS- European Week of Regions and Cities 2015. It will consist of a workshop held at the European Committee of the Regions on **'Regions open for green business: environment legislation as the driving force'**, co-organised with the Environmental Conference of the Regions of Europe (ENCORE).

- Francesco Pigliaru, Chair of the CoR ENVE Commission: [Opening speech](#)
- Louis Meuleman, European Commission: [The European Commission's priorities in promoting green growth at local and regional level](#)
- Marta Subirà, Region of Catalonia, Spain: [Catalonia's strategy on greening the economy](#)
- Amy Robinson, Low Carbon South West, Bristol, UK: [Bristol - European Green Capital 2015 and a regional hub for green growth](#)
- Rolf Holub, Co-President of ENCORE, Region of Carinthia, Austria: [Introductory statement for subsession 2 \(in DE\)](#)
- Adam Struzik, CoR member: [Green growth - an example from Mazovia Region](#)
- Marco Kwak, Attero waste processing company, Province of Drenthe, The Netherlands: [The experience of Drenthe: waste to resources and energy](#)
- Teresa Dorfner, Region of Bavaria, Germany: [Research project ForCycle on resource efficiency](#)

For the summary of the workshop, see proceedings on the [OPEN DAYS 2015](#) website.

1.3.9 5th Meeting of the Technical Platform - 4 June 2015

The 5th meeting took place on 4 June 2015 during the EU Green Week. It consisted of a session on **'Natura 2000 as a source of regional identity and values'**.

- Roby Biver, CoR member: [Welcome/closing remarks; Municipalities in Luxemburg and Natura 2000](#)
- Neil McIntosh, ECNC: [Natura 2000 as a source of regional and local identity - examples across Europe and lessons being learnt from the Natura 2000 Biogeographical Process](#)
- Richard Ennion, Bristol City Council, UK: [Bristol - A European Green Capital that benefits of its urban Natura 2000 sites](#)
- Thierry Mougey, Fédération des Parcs naturels régionaux, France: [Experiences and examples from French regional nature parks in promoting Natura 2000 for regional identity](#)

1.3.10 4th Meeting of the Technical Platform - 8 October 2014

The 4th meeting took place on 8 October 2014 during the OPEN DAYS - European Week of Regions and Cities. It consisted of a workshop on **'Improving waste water management - support from the European Structural and Investment Funds'**

- Bruno Hranic: [Welcome](#)
- Jeroen Casaer: [Structured Implementation and Information Frameworks \(SIIFs\): a tool to promote compliance with the EU Urban Waste Water Directive](#)
- Bruno Rakedjian: [Development of a SIIF in relation to waste water policy at national and regional level: the example of France](#)
- Almut Bonhage: [The view of and best practices of service providers](#)
- Mathieu Fichter: [The potential of ESI Funds in advancing on waste water management](#)
- Manuel González Evangelista: [Practices from the Region of Valencia in Water Waste Management](#)
- Sven Lyko: [Reducing pharmaceutical micropollutants - experiences from the INTERREG IV B PILLS and noPILLS projects](#)

1.3.11 3rd Meeting of the Technical Platform - 4 June 2014

The 3rd meeting took place on 4 June 2014 during the EU Green Week. It consisted of a session on '[Gearing up cities for the circular economy](#)'.

- Mercedes Bresso: [Welcome](#)
- Prof. Maarten Hajer: [City-level Decoupling: governing the transition in European cities](#)
- Merete Kristoffersen: [Copenhagen's experience as European Green Capital 2014 of an integrated approach on circular economy](#)
- Françoise Bonnet: [Advancing local circular economies by moving to zero waste](#)
- Mark Hidson: [Sustainable public procurement to promote resource-efficient cities in Europe - the way forward](#)

1.3.12 2nd Meeting of the Technical Platform - 9 October 2013

The 2nd meeting took place on 9 October 2013 during the OPEN DAYS - European Week of Regions and Cities. It consisted of a workshop on '[Waste management systems - investing in line with the waste hierarchy](#)'.

- Ugo Cappellacci: [Welcome](#)
- Neil Swannick: [Towards zero waste: promoting separate collection and recycling at Greater Manchester Waste Disposal Authority, England](#)
- Günther Langer: [Coupling separate collection of bio waste with high quality treatment by the Abfallwirtschaftsbetrieb München, Germany](#)
- Jan-Mikolaj Dzieciolowski: [Investing in line with the waste hierarchy with the Cohesion and Structural Funds](#)
- Erwin Mohr: [Pay-as-you-throw \(PAYT\) schemes as an important economic instrument at hand for local and regional authorities -examples from Austrian municipalities](#)
- Jean-Pierre Hannequart: [New Extended producer responsibility \(EPR\) schemes - for the benefit of local and regional authorities?!](#)
- Patrick L. Dorvil: [EIB in assistance for local and regional advancements in waste management](#)

1.3.13 1st Meeting of the Technical Platform - 6 June 2013

The 1st meeting took place on 6 June 2013 during EU Green Week. It consisted of two Green Week sessions on "Urban air quality - challenges and opportunities for European green cities" and on "New ways in governance to help cities improve air quality".

Session 8.1 - Urban air quality - challenges & opportunities for European green cities:

- Anna-Maria Spyriouni: [London: improving air quality through transport-based measures](#)
- Yves Gouriten: [Qualité de l'air urbain: la recherche d'un équilibre entre différentes politiques publiques](#)
- Giuseppe Bortone: [Urban air quality - the challenges and opportunities for European green cities](#)
- Charlotte Korsgaard: [Air quality in Copenhagen - challenges and solutions](#)

Session 9.1 - New ways in governance to help cities improve air quality:

- Cornelia Wappenschmidt: [Tackling air quality by city cooperation - the Ruhrgebiet regional air quality plan](#)
- Cor Lamers: [Air Quality Cross Governmental Dossier Teams](#)
- Claudia Terzi: [Tripartite implementation agreements for improving air quality: experiences from the Lombardia case](#)

1.3.14 Driving better implementation in our cities and regions - a key element in the 7th Environment Action Programme

Coinciding with [the launch of the Technical Platform](#), a conference on "[Driving better implementation in our cities and regions - a key element in the 7th Environment Action Programme](#)" took place on 5 December 2012 in Brussels.

- [Programme of the Conference](#)
- [Opening and Introductory Speech](#) by Paula Barker
- **First session: new directions on implementation:** presentations made by [Andre Van de Nadort](#), [David O'Connor](#), [Allan Reid](#), [Esther Pozo-Vera](#) and [Matthias Keller](#)
- **High-level roundtable: future implementation in the light of the 7th EAP:** speeches by [Nilgun Canver](#), [Commissioner Potočník](#), [Mercedes Bresso](#), [Erminia Mazzoni](#) and [Paul Lemass](#)