

EAP Task Force

Seventh Annual Meeting of the EECCA Regulatory Environmental Programme Implementation Network (REPIN)

17-18 October 2005, Moscow, Russian Federation

REPIN(2005)1/A

Draft Annotated Agenda

The meeting will be held in **Hotel "Izmailovo Gamma-Delta", Moscow, Russia (address: Complex "Izmailovo Gamma-Delta, Izmailovskoye shosse, 71, bld. 4GD, Moscow, metro station "Izmailovski Park". tel. +7 095 737 7000, Internet site: <http://www.izmailovo.ru>.**

The meeting will start on at 9:30 on Monday, 17th October and will end at 18:00 on Tuesday evening, 18th of October. The Registration of Participants will take place from 8.30 to 9.30 on Monday 18th October at the entrance of the Conference hall.

The REPIN meeting will be followed by a conference "Strengthening Environmental Regulation and Compliance Assurance in the Russian Federation" that will start at 9:30 on Wednesday, 19th October and will finish at 13:30 on Thursday, 20th October 2005.

ACTION: Delegates will be invited to adopt the proposed Draft Agenda

REGULATORY ENVIRONMENTAL PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION NETWORK

7th ANNUAL MEETING

17th-18th October, 2005, Moscow, Russian Federation

<i>15-16th October, Saturday/Sunday</i>		Arrival of Participants
<i>17th October, Monday</i>	1.	Welcome Remarks by the Host Authorities (9:30-9:45) Welcome Remarks by the EAP Task Force Secretariat (9:45-10:00)
	2.	Adoption of the Summary Record of the 6th Meeting and the Agenda of the 7th Meeting (10:00-10:15)
	3.	Peer Review of Environmental Compliance Assurance System of Armenia (10:15-14:15) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Introduction of the Peer Review of Armenia and presentation of the results by the Armenian Delegation (10:15-10:45) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Coffee Break (10:45-11:00)</i> • Presentation on the Regulatory, Institutional Framework and Compliance Assurance Strategies (11:00-11:15) • Questions and Answers (11:15-12:00) • Presentation on the Tools, Resource Management and the Stakeholder Cooperation (12:00-12:15) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lunch (12:15-13:30) • Questions and Answers (13:30-14:15) • Conclusions and Recommendations, Next Steps (14:15-14:30) • Questions and Answers (14:30-15:15) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Coffee Break (15:15-15:30)</i>
	4.	Financing Aspects of Compliance Assurance Systems (15:30-17:30) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Presentation of the Finding of the Report (15:30-16:00) • Discussion (16:00-17:30)
<i>18th October, Tuesday</i>	5.	Integrated Environmental Permitting Guidelines <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Report on the completion of the work on the Integrated Environmental Permitting Guidelines for EECCA Countries (9:00-9:15) • Case studies of Ukraine and Kyrgyzstan on the transition to integrated permitting followed by discussion (9:15-10:15)

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Coffee break (10:15-10:45)</i> • Report on training in Kiev and Bishkek, followed by discussion (10:45-11:30) • Introduction of the Guiding Principles of Effective Environmental Permitting Systems (11:30-12:00) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lunch (12:00 -13:00) • Discussion on the Guiding Principles of Effective Environmental Permitting Systems (13:00-14:30) • Presentation of the planned World Bank project activities in Ukraine (14:30-14:45) • Questions and Answers (14:45-15:00) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Coffee break (15:00-15:15)</i>
	6. Review of Progress on Implementing REPIN Work Programme (15:15-18:00) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Economic Instruments (15:15-15:20) • Environmental Standards (15:20-15:30) • Economic Aspects of Compliance Assurance and Financing of Enforcement Efforts (15:30-15:45) • Performance Rating and Information Disclosure (15:45-16:00) • Self-Monitoring (16:00-16:30) • Enforcement and Compliance Indicators (16:30-17:00) • Capacity Building of Environmental Enforcement Agencies (17:00-17:15)
	7. Organisation and Management Issues (17:15-18:00)
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • EAP Task Force meeting in November 2005, REPIN inputs to the 2007 Belgrade Ministerial, INECE Conference, funding, next meeting, etc.
	8. Other Business/Adjourn (18:00)

*19th - 20th October,
Wednesday/
Thursday*

International Conference “Strengthening Environmental Regulation and Compliance Assurance in the Russian Federation”

ANNOTATIONS TO THE AGENDA

Monday, 17th October 2005

8:30 – 9:30 *Registration*

Item 1 **Welcoming Remarks**

- 9:30 – 10:00 – *Mr. Malyshev*, Head, Federal Service for Environmental, technological and Nuclear Supervision, Russia will welcome the participants.
– *Mr. Gillespie*, Head of the OECD/EAP Task Force Secretariat will welcome the participants.

Item 2 **Adoption of the Agenda**

10:00 – 10:15 *Mr. Michalak* (EAP TF Secretariat) will introduce the *Draft Agenda* and documentation for the meeting.

Participants will be invited to adopt the Draft Agenda [REPIN(2005)1/A]

Item 3 **Peer Review of Environmental Enforcement System in Armenia**

10:15 – 15:30 Under this Agenda item, the conclusions and recommendations of the Peer Review of Environmental Enforcement System in Armenia will be the main subject for discussion.

The discussion is expected to be interactive, allowing all the participants to exchange their opinions. Two blocks of Conclusions and Recommendations will be briefly introduced by a member of the review team. The Armenian experts will be invited to comment on the findings. The presentations will be followed by an open discussion during which the Participants will be invited to present their opinions on the content and feasibility of the proposed solutions, as well as share their experience on how similar challenges might have been addressed in their countries.

Participants will be invited to provide their views and adopt the Conclusions and Recommendations [REPIN(2005)3]. As the consensus needs to be reached on the content of this document, the Secretariat will take note of the comments and incorporate them in the final version of the document.

10:15 – 10:45 ***Introduction to the Armenian Review Report***

Ms. Bularga (EAP TF Secretariat) will introduce the overall framework for REPIN's peer reviews and their potential benefits as concerns inter-sectoral dialogue, institutional capacity building, and interactions with stakeholders.

The *Head of the Armenian Delegation* will be invited to summarise the challenges of reforming the environmental enforcement system in Armenia and present his views on the Peer Review of Armenia.

10:45 – 11:00 *Coffee/Tea Break*

11:00 – 12:00 ***Regulatory Framework and Compliance Assurance Strategies***

A short introduction on the topic of “Regulatory Framework and Compliance Assurance Strategies” will be made by a member of the Peer Review Team. The introduction will be followed by a short intervention by the Armenian Delegation and open discussion.

12:15 – 13:00 ***Tools, Resources Management and Stakeholder Co-operation***

A short introduction on the topics of “Tools, Resources Management and Stakeholder Co-operation” will be made by a member of the Peer Review Team. The introduction will be followed by a short intervention by the Armenian Delegation.

12:15 – 13:30 ***Lunch Break***

13:30 – 14:15 ***Tools, Resources Management and Stakeholder Co-operation***

Open discussion on “Tools, Resources Management and Stakeholder Co-operation”

14:15 – 15:15 ***Adoption of the Conclusions and Recommendations and Next Steps***

The Secretariat and the Armenian Delegation will summarise the discussions and propose the Conclusions and Recommendations for adoption, with the adjustments discussed earlier.

The Secretariat will present plans for finalisation of the Armenia review and propose for discussion the preparation of an assessment of the implementation of the Guiding Principles for Reform of Environmental Enforcement Authorities in EECCA for the presentation at the Ministerial meeting in Belgrade

Participants will be invited to adopt the document [REPIN\(2005\)3](#) subject to final revisions resulting from the discussion. The participants will also be invited to comment on the proposed follow up activities.

15:15 – 15:30 ***Coffee/Tea Break***

Item 4. Financing Aspects of Compliance Assurance Systems

15:30 – 17:30 Under this agenda item a report “Funding Environmental Compliance Assurance – Lessons Learned from International Experience” will be presented and discussed. The report has been prepared following the decisions of the Kiev REPIN meeting in 2003 and responding to enforcement officials' request for support to develop financial strategies and management regimes for enforcement agencies that follow the principles of effectiveness and efficiency. The review covers the application of cost-recovery, polluter pays, and other sound principles of public policies together with better mechanisms for cost assessment, improving financial management and budget allocations, as well as increasing efficiency of enforcement activities.

15:30- 16:00 *Mr. Michalak and Ms. Bularga* (EAP Task Force Secretariat) will present the findings of the report.

16:00-17:30 Open Discussion

Participants will be invited to discuss the findings of the report and possible follow-up actions at the national level.

18:00 *Social Event for the participants hosted by the Russian authorities*

Tuesday, 18th October, 2005

Item 5. Integrated Environmental Permitting Guidelines

9:00 – 15:00 The development of the *Integrated Environmental Permitting Guidelines for EECCA Countries* was agreed at the 5th meeting of the REPIN network in Kiev. Since then the document has been drafted, discussed in a series of expert meeting, and published in May 2005. Programmatic studies of the main aspects of the transition to integrated permitting, using the approach of the Guidelines, have been conducted in Ukraine and Kyrgyzstan. A training course for permitting officials on the basis of the Guidelines has been developed and delivered in two sub-regional sessions: in May 2005 in Kiev for representatives of Ukraine, Russia, Moldova and Belarus, and in September 2005 in Bishkek for representatives of Kyrgyzstan, Kazakhstan and Uzbekistan. In addition, a project supporting the reform of the environmental permitting system has been launched in Ukraine with the support from the World Bank and Sweden.

Following further discussions, the Secretariat developed a concise policy document “Guiding Principles of Effective Environmental Permitting Systems” [REPIN(2005)4]. The document presents the key principles of improving environmental permitting systems by introducing integrated permitting for large industry and simplified permitting for small and medium-sized enterprises. The document is intended to create a reference for governments to identify key features of an effective and efficient permitting system, consistent with the Permitting Guidelines. It will also aim to generate high-level political and institutional support for permitting reform in individual countries and facilitate international cooperation on environmental permitting.

Participants will be invited to take note of the publication of the Guidelines, the case studies for Ukraine [ENV/EPOC/EAP/POL(2005)2] and Kyrgyzstan [REPIN(2005)8] and discuss their implementation in the EECCA region.

Participants will also be invited to comment on the “Guiding Principles of Effective Environmental Permitting Systems” [REPIN(2005)4] and discuss their possible presentation at the Ministerial Conference in Belgrade in 2007.

9:00 – 9:15 ***Presentation of the completion of work on the Integrated Environmental Permitting Guidelines for EECCA Countries***

Mr. Mazur (EAP Task Force Secretariat) will present the final version of the Guidelines.

Participants will be invited to take note of the publication.

9:15 – 10:15 ***Case studies on the transition to integrated permitting in Ukraine and Kyrgyzstan***

Mr. Mazur (EAP TF Secretariat) will introduce the final report on the Ukraine case study [ENV/EPOC/EAP/POL(2005)2] and the draft report on the Kyrgyzstan case study [REPIN(2005)8], as well as the plans to carry a third study in Georgia.

Participants will be invited to take note of the reports and ask questions.

10:15 – 10:45 ***Coffee/Tea Break***

10:45 – 11:30 ***Training on Integrated Permitting***

Mr. Mazur (EAP TF Secretariat) will report on the organisation and the outcomes of the two training sessions that were organised in Kiev and Bishkek. The preparations of the training session in the Caucasus in April-May 2006 will also be announced.

Participants will be invited to take note of the report and discuss follow-up activities.

11:30 – 12:00 ***Guiding Principles of Effective Environmental Permitting Systems***

Mr. Mazur (EAP TF Secretariat) will present a draft document [REPIN(2005)4]

12:00 – 13:00 ***Lunch Break***

13:00 – 14:30 ***Guiding Principles of Effective Environmental Permitting Systems (cont.)***

Participants will also be invited to comment on the “Guiding Principles of Effective Environmental Permitting Systems” and discuss their possible presentation at the Ministerial Conference in Belgrade in 2007.

14:30 – 14:45 ***Reforming the Environmental Permitting System in Ukraine***

Mr. Gorbunov (Ukraine) will present the planned joint activities of the Ukrainian government with support from the World Bank and Sweden on environmental permitting reform.

Participants will be invited to ask questions and comment on the presentation.

15:00 – 15:15 ***Coffee/Tea Break***

Item 6 **Review of Progress in Implementing REPIN Work Programme**

15:15 - 18:00 This session will aim to review the implementation of the REPIN Work Programme [NISECEN(2003)2] since its adoption at the 2003 Network meeting in Kiev. Progress in implementing various elements of the Work Programme is presented in the document [REPIN(2005)2]. The subsequent presentations will present details of selected projects and plans for the future.

Participants will be invited to discuss progress on REPIN projects and provide guidance for their further implementation.

15:15-15:30 ***Environmental Standards and Economic Instruments***

Mr. Mazur (EAP Task Force Secretariat) will report on the progress in launching a project on reforming environmental standards in Moldova. *Mr. Mazur* will also introduce a proposal to organise a workshop on environmental policy instruments in EECCA region to be organised back-to-back with the next meeting of the EAP Task Force.

Participants will be invited to take note of progress on the project in Moldova and discuss the contents and organisation of the policy instruments workshop.

15:30 – 15:45 ***Economic Aspects of Compliance Assurance and Financing of Enforcement Efforts***

Mr. Michalak (EAP TF Secretariat) will present the results of the OECD Global Forum on Economics of Environmental Compliance Assurance and a possible follow-up, which could include launching a project to evaluate the effectiveness and efficiency of enforcement and non-compliance tools which exist and are applied by environmental enforcement agencies in selected EECCA countries.

Participants will be invited to take note of the outcomes of the Forum and discuss the proposed activity.

15:45 – 16:00 ***Performance Rating and Information Disclosure***

Mr. Michalak (EAP TF Secretariat) will present progress in implementing a project in Ukraine [*REPIN(2005)5*]. *Mr. Martynov* (Russia) will make a short presentation on the preliminary results of a study on the introduction of the Performance Rating and Information Disclosure scheme in Russia.

Participants will be invited to comment on the project and express interest to carry additional projects.

16:00 – 16:30 ***Improving Self-Monitoring***

Ms. Bularga (EAP TF Secretariat) will present progress in implementing the project on self-monitoring in Kazakhstan [*ENV/EPOC/EAP/POL(2005)4*]. *Ms. Ibrayeva* (Kazakhstan) will inform the audience about the draft chapters on environmental enforcement and self-monitoring as part of the development of the Environmental Code.

Ms. Bularga will also present the outcomes of the special session on self-monitoring organised in June 2005 in the framework of the UNECE Working Group on Monitoring and Assessment, including a possibility of elaborating regional guidelines on self-monitoring in EECCA.

Participants will be invited to comment on the Project and express interest to replicate this experience or propose measures to promote self-monitoring. The outline for regional guidelines will be discussed.

16:30 – 17:00 ***Enforcement and Compliance Indicators***

Ms. Bularga (EAP TF Secretariat) will present the conclusions of a report on the application of enforcement and compliance indicators in Russia [REPIN(2005)6] and a project in Armenia.

Participants will be invited to comment on the projects and express interest to carry additional projects.

17:00 – 17:15 ***Capacity Building of Environmental Enforcement Agencies and Officers***

Ms. Bularga (EAP TF Secretariat) will present two comprehensive projects for strengthening Environmental Enforcement Agencies in Georgia [REPIN(2005)7] and Kazakhstan that have been launched in September 2005 with the funding of the Netherlands and Norway.

Ms. Bularga will also present plans for developing training kit for enhancing skills of environmental inspectors.

Participants will be invited to take note of the projects in Georgia and Kazakhstan and comment on the project plans.

Item 7 **Organisation and Management Issues**

17:15 – 17:30 ***REPIN Inputs to the 2007 “Environment for Europe“ Ministerial Meeting in Belgrade***

Mr. Michalak (EAP Task Force Secretariat) will introduce the item. The next meeting of Environment Ministers from the UNECE region is scheduled for September/October 2007 in Belgrade. The meeting will review progress in implementing the EECCA Strategy and the work of the EAP Task Force of which the REPIN activities are an important part. A number of outputs of REPIN work will be made available at the Ministerial Conference but some of the key products could be presented for inclusion into the Ministerial consideration.

One of such products can be an assessment of the implementation of the “Guiding Principles for Reform of Environmental Enforcement Authorities in EECCA” that was adopted at the previous conference in Kiev in 2003. This document, along with the “Guiding Principles of Effective Environmental Permitting Systems” [REPIN(2005)4], can be presented to the Ministers to report progress and stimulate further commitment to the reform as well as international co-operation and support to the region.

Participants will be invited to comment on the proposed inputs to the Ministerial meeting.

17:30-17:35 ***REPIN Contributions to the INECE Conference, April 2005, Marrakech***

Ms. Bularga (EAP Task Force Secretariat) will present the outcomes of the INECE conference in Marrakech which included the participation of six REPIN representatives.

Participants will be invited to take note of the outcomes of the conference and proposed follow-up activities.

17:35-17:45 ***Date and Place of the Next REPIN meeting***

Mr. Michalak (EAP TF Secretariat) will introduce this item.

Participants will be invited to discuss and approve the venue and time of the next annual REPIN meeting.

Item 8 **Other Business**

17:45-18:00 ***Brief information from ECENA Secretariat***

Mr. Zhechkov (REC for CEE) will report on progress with implementation of the work programme of Environmental Compliance and Enforcement Network for Accession (ECENA) in South East Europe.

Brief Information about ECA Ozone Network

Mr. Koppen (UNEP) will provide information about the Network of Ozone Officers in Eastern Europe & Central Asia and opportunities to mainstream MEA implementation into National Environmental Programmes.

Brief information about “Green Customs” Initiative

Ms. Bularga (EAP Task Force Secretariat) will report on the “Green Customs” initiative led by UNEP and activities that are planned for the EECCA region.

Participants will be invited to raise any other business for consideration by the Network.

18:00 **Adjourn**

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***International Conference on the Strategies for Improving Environmental
Compliance Assurance in Russia:
Policy and Practical Issues***