

# EAP Task Force

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

17-19 June 2008, Tashkent, Uzbekistan

REPIN(2008)1/A

### Draft Annotated Agenda

12 May 2008

The meeting will be held in **Hotel Markaziy** (address: 15 Amir Temur street, Tashkent)

The meeting will start at 10:00 on Tuesday, 17<sup>th</sup> of June and will end at 17:30 on Thursday, 19<sup>th</sup> of June. The registration of participants will take place from 09:00 to 10:00 on 17<sup>th</sup> June at the entrance of the conference hall.

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

# 2008 ANNUAL MEETING OF THE REGULATORY ENVIRONMENTAL PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION NETWORK

## INTRODUCTION

The **Regulatory Environmental Programme Implementation Network** – REPIN – provides policy makers and practitioners in Eastern Europe, Caucasus and Central Asia (EECCA) with a platform to exchange experience and build partnerships with their counterparts from other regions, as well as with representatives of NGOs and the private sector. Until recently, its scope of work included **environmental policy design and implementation**. As of 2008, the REPIN network will facilitate discussions related to **environmental finance** as well. Accordingly, members of the economics/finance divisions of environmental ministries, as well as representatives of ministries of finance and economy will now participate in REPIN meetings.

The 2008 Annual REPIN Meeting will discuss **progress in adopting innovative instruments of environmental management**, as well as **past and future activities** of REPIN at both regional and national levels. On the margins of the meeting, a workshop will be conducted to identify a set of **environmental compliance and enforcement indicators** for EECCA countries.

### Summary of the Agenda

<b>17 June, Tuesday</b>	<b>Item 1.</b>	<b>Welcoming remarks by the Host Authorities and the Secretariat</b>
	<b>Item 2.</b>	<b>Adoption of the agenda</b>
	<b>Item 3.</b>	<b>Results of the Belgrade Ministerial Conference</b>
	<b>Item 4.</b>	<b>Review of progress with the Work Programme implementation</b>
<b>18 June, Wednesday</b>	<b>Item 5.</b>	<b>Introduction to the new Work Programme of REPIN</b>
	<b>Item 6.</b>	<b>Discussion of selected projects</b>
	<b>Item 7.</b>	<b>Other business and closure</b>
<b>19 June, Thursday</b>		<b>Workshop on performance measurement</b>

## ANNOTATIONS TO THE AGENDA

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### Tuesday, 17 June

8:45 – 9:30 Registration

**Item 1**      **Welcoming Remarks**

**10:00 – 10:15**      **Bory ALIHANOV**, Chairman of Government Committee on environmental protection of Uzbekistan and **Angela BULARGA**, Head of Environmental Policy Programme of EAP Task Force Secretariat will welcome the participants.

**Item 2**      **Adoption of the Agenda**

**10:15 – 10:30**      The EAP TF Secretariat will introduce the draft agenda and documentation for the meeting. Participants will be invited to adopt the document [REPIN(2008)1/A]

**Item 3**      **Results of the Belgrade Ministerial Conference**

**10:30 – 10:45**      The Secretariat will report on documents of Category 1 and 2 that were produced for the Belgrade Ministerial Conference and the events organised to promote their messages during the Conference.

Countries will be invited to comment on the outcomes of the Belgrade Ministerial Conference.

10:45 – 11:15 **Coffee break**

**Item 4**      **Review of progress with the Work Programme implementation**

REPIN members will be invited to share their experience from projects implemented under the Network's umbrella in 2007-2008

**11:15 – 11:30**      **4.1 Oral report by the Secretariat**

The Secretariat will present the work plan in 2008 (document REPIN(2008)2) and the process in its implementation.

**11:30 – 12:15**      **4.2 Reform of surface water quality standards**

**Eugene Mazur** from the EAP Task Force Secretariat will report on the expert meeting conducted in May 2008 to discuss the reform of surface water quality regulation in EECCA (document **REPIN(2008)3**). **Nadejda Chilaru**, leading expert of the Ministry of Ecology and Natural Resources, will present the relevant regulatory changes in the Republic of Moldova.

REPIN members will be invited to share their views on the outcomes of this work.

12:15 – 13:00 **4.3 Reform of environmental permitting systems**

**Natalia TROFIMENKO**, Head of Division (Ministry of Protection of Environment in Ukraine) will inform the participants on the progress in reforming the country's permitting system, including the drafting of a new Law on environmental permitting. Participants from **Belarus** and **Kazakhstan** will be invited to provide brief updates on the developments on this issue in their countries. **Eugene MAZUR** will provide a brief report on the training of trainers which took place in Prague in April 2008.

REPIN members will be invited to share their views on the outcomes of this work.

**13:00 – 14:30 Lunch**

14:30 – 15:10 **4.4 Results of a pilot application of industry rating in Ukraine**

**Stefan TATUKH**, First Deputy Chief of the **Lvov Oblast Environmental Agency** and **Zoryana KOZAK**, board member of the Analytical Centre "Society and Environment", will introduce the design and results of the pilot use of an industry rating scheme (document REPIN (2008)CM2).

REPIN members will be invited to share their views on the continuation of this work.

15:10 – 15:40 **4.5 Financing of environmental regulation and compliance assurance**

**Nelly PETKOVA**, EAP Task Force Secretariat, will present main outcomes and recommendations of a study, conducted in Kazakhstan.

REPIN members will be invited to discuss the relevance of conclusions for their countries.

15:40 – 16:00 **4.6 Non-compliance response instruments in Kazakhstan: results of review**

Andrew Farmer (Institute for European Environmental Policy) will present findings and recommendations from a recent study of non-compliance response mechanisms used in Kazakhstan. REPIN members will be invited to take note of this presentation.

**16:00-16:30 Coffee Break**

16:30 – 18:00 **4.7 Reforming Environmental Inspectorates**

**Murat RAKHIMBERGENOV**, Chair of Committee of Ecological Governance and Control of Kazakhstan will deliver "Main Routes of Development of a System of Ecological Regulation and Control in the Republic of Kazakhstan in 2008-2012".

REPIN members will be invited to review the document REPIN(2008)CM2 and to make suggestions on the reform in Kazakhstan. Written contributions should be submitted by June 30, 2008.

**Dmitry GLONTI**, Head of Analytical Service of the Environmental Inspectorate of Georgia will present progress in the implementation of Inspectorate's Strategic Plan [REPIN(2008)CM3].

Network members will be invited to share their views on further reform of environmental enforcement authorities and the role of regional cooperation in this process.

## Wednesday, 18 June

### Item 5      Discussion of the new Work Programme of REPIN

9:30 – 9:45      Overall introduction by the Secretariat with contribution from the EECCA RECs

9:45 – 10:45      Discussion of the draft Work Programme for 2008-2011

All countries and representative the non-governmental sector will be invited to provide their feedback on the key elements of the new work programme, priority projects, involvement of NGOs and the private sector, and work approaches that could be adopted by the Network in order to increase cost-effectiveness. The participants will also be invited to discuss the role of EECCA RECs in the implementation of joint projects.

10:45 – 11:15      Coffee break

### Item 6      Discussion of selected projects

11:15 – 13:00      Small group discussions of selected projects:

- **Group 1: Monetary penalties**  
Moderator: Eugene Mazur, EAP Task Force Secretariat
  
- **Group 2: Training for environmental inspectors**  
Moderators: Andrey Terentiev, Russian REC  
and Angela Bularga, EAP Task Force Secretariat
  
- **Group 3: Medium-term budget planning**  
Moderators: Nelly Petkova, EAP Task Force and Nina Adzhoyan, Armenia

13:00 – 14:30      Lunch

14:30 – 15:30      Reporting back from small groups.

### Item 7      Other business, follow up and closing remarks

15:30 – 16:30      **Henk Ruessink**, Representative of the VROM Inspectorate, will inform members of REPIN about the latest developments of IMPEL and INECE.

Participants will be invited to raise any other questions and agree on follow up.

**16:30**      Adjourn

**16:30 – 18:00**      Bilateral and sub-regional meetings.

## Thursday, 19 June

### **WORKSHOP ON PERFORMANCE MEASUREMENT**

This workshop will aim to discuss past and present work in the EECCA region on environmental compliance and enforcement (ECE) indicators and benchmarking.

- 9:30 – 10:00 Objectives and background of the workshop
- 10:00 – 10:45 **Recommendations on the overall design of performance measurement systems**
- Presentation by the Secretariat and plenary discussion
- 10:45 – 11:15 Coffee break
- 11:15 – 11:45 **Introduction to a proposed core set of indicators**
- Presentation by the Secretariat
  - Plenary discussion of outcome and input indicators
- 11:45 – 13:00 **Discussion in small groups of outcome indicators**
- Group 1: Lawmaking and environmental assessments
  - Group 2: Compliance promotion and monitoring
  - Group 3: Enforcement and quality of decision-making
- 13:00 – 14:30 Lunch
- 14:30 – 15:00 Reporting back from small groups
- 15:00 – 16:00 Lessons learned in countries
- Armenia
  - Belarus
  - Kazakhstan
  - Other countries
- 16:00 – 16:30 Coffee break
- 16:30 – 16:45 Discussion of the guidance document [REPIN(2008)5]
- 16:30 – 17:30 Discussion of the follow up activities
- 17:30 Adjourn

**LIST OF DOCUMENTS**  
**for the 2008 Annual Meeting of the**  
**Regulatory Environmental Programme**  
**Implementation Network (REPIN)**

TITLE	DOCUMENT NO.	AVAILABILITY	
		Eng.	Rus.
Draft annotated agenda	REPIN/A(2008)1	X	X
Draft programme of work (2008-2011)	REPIN(2008)1	X	X
Programme of work in 2008	REPIN(2008)2	X	X
Surface Water Quality Regulation in EECCA Countries: Directions for Reform	REPIN(2008)3	X	X
Good Practice Guide for Professional Development of Civil Servants Involved in Environmental Compliance Assurance	REPIN(2008)4	X	X
Recommendations on Performance Measurement for Environmental Enforcement Authorities of Eastern Europe, Caucasus, and Central Asia	REPIN(2008)5	-	X
A Possible Set of Environmental Compliance and Performance Indicators	REPIN(2008)6	-	X
Strategy for institutional development of the Kazakh Committee for Environmental Regulation and Control	REPIN(2008)CM1	-	X
Boosting Industry's Environmental Performance: Pilot Implementation of a Performance Rating Scheme in Ukraine	REPIN(2008)CM2	-	X
Strategy of the Georgian Inspectorate for Environmental Protection (2007-2010)	REPIN(2008)CM3	X	X