



Environmental Policy Programme: Progress in 2008 and Plans for 2009

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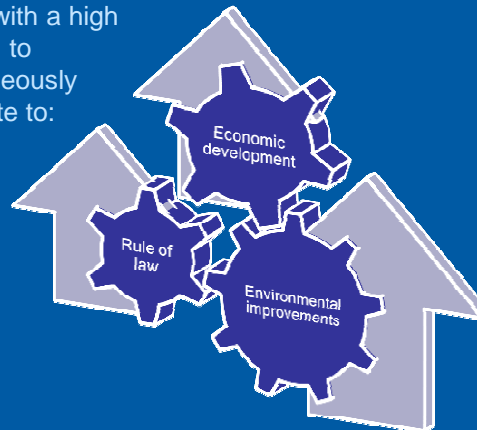
Background

- **Challenges to be addressed:**
 - Several unreformed instruments
 - Limited compliance
 - Lack of incentives and means to achieve environmental results
- **REPIN network - a platform to exchange practical experience and build partnerships**
- **Involvement of NGOs and the private sector**
- **Resources: 3 experts and an assistant**

The overall objective

Support further strengthening of environmental policies and institutions in EECCA countries

Focus on cross-cutting issues, with a high potential to simultaneously contribute to:



Policy Instruments

Compliance and Enforcement

Institutions and Financing

Policy instruments

- **Integrated permitting**
 - A “train-the-trainer” course (20-23 April, Prague)
 - Contribution to the national BAT Conference on 3 April 2008 (Moscow, Russian Federation)
 - Contribution to the World Bank project “Reform of Legal Framework and Enhancing Institutional Capacity for Environmental Permitting in Ukraine”
- **Surface water quality standards**
 - A regional expert meeting (Kiev, 27 May 2008)
 - Policy recommendations summarized in the paper “Surface Water Quality Regulation in EECCA Countries: Directions for Reform”.
- **Monetary penalties and liability (Joint project)**
 - Project scoping during the REPIN meeting in June 2008
 - Rapid survey of legal provisions on administrative fines in EECCA countries



Environmental compliance and enforcement

- **Efficiency of compliance monitoring**
 - Guidelines on operational planning and priority setting for inspection in Georgia
- **Benchmarking and improving inspectorates performance**
 - Workshop on environmental compliance and enforcement indicators, back-to-back with the REPIN annual meeting
 - A set of indicators for assessing performance at the sub-national level developed and piloted in cooperation with the Kazakh Committee for Environmental Regulation and Control
 - Participation in the INECE Global Conference
- **Training for environmental inspectorates (Joint project)**
 - A train-the-trainer workshop in Lviv (10-15 March 2008)
 - Draft guidance paper on training organisation
 - CD-ROM under development
 - Participation in the Global Trainers' Network



Institutions and financing

- **Institutional development of environmental ministries**
 - Pilot projects launched in Armenia, Georgia, and Moldova
 - Issues paper on institutional strengthening for environmental management in EECCA and the Special session of the Task Force
- **Mid-term budgetary planning**
 - Project introduction and detailed discussion at the REPIN meeting in June 2008
 - Information gathering and stakeholder communication in order to launch a pilot project



Programme of work for 2009: Regional activities

- Launching the survey of MTEF use in EECCA countries
- Stakeholder consultations on drafts of the following documents:
 - Guidance on monetary penalties
 - Guidance on the development of individual competence
 - Guidance on industry rating (following a strong request from REPIN members)
- Further discussion on the adoption of an upgraded set of environmental compliance and enforcement indicators



Programme of work for 2009: National-level projects

- **Armenia:**
 - Policy dialogue on institutional strengthening
- **Georgia:**
 - Political economy of institutional reform in the natural resource management sector
- **Kazakhstan:**
 - Inspectorate performance indicators
- **Moldova:**
 - Update and monitoring framework for the institutional development plan
- **Ukraine:**
 - policy advice on implementation of MTEF, permitting



REPIN 2009: Proposed Agenda

- Introduction to Regulatory Impact Analysis: OECD experience and tools (strong demand from countries)
- Discussing the drafts of regional-level products
- Update on reforms in the EECCA countries
- Scoping discussion for the liability project

- Planned for May 2009



Other events in 2009

- **Expert meetings**
 - Monetary penalties
 - Experience with MTEF
 - Compliance and enforcement indicators
- **Participation in the tri-annual IMPEL conference**
 - countries are invited to use TAIEX for getting financing to attend. A “template” proposal could be drafted by the Secretariat