

## Meeting of the European Network of Environmental Authorities – Managing Authorities

15-16 May 2014

Titanía Hotel, Athens, Greece

**Thursday 15/05/2014**

**Chairing: DG Environment**

<b>14:30</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>Fulfilment of 'environmental' ex ante conditionalities (EACs)</b>	
	5.a	ERDR & CF, EAFRD and EMFF 'environmental' EACs; action plans; regional dimension of conditionalities; phased projects and EAC, significant prejudice, etc.	<b>Mathieu Fichter</b> , Team leader (Sustainable growth pillar) EC, DG Regional and Urban Policy, Competence Centre Smart and Sustainable Growth Unit <b>Georges Kremlis</b> , Head of Unit, EC, DG Environment, Enforcement, Cohesion Policy & European Semester, Cluster 1
	5.b	Question and answer session	Discussion Member States are asked before the meeting to propose questions related to 'environmental' ex ante conditionalities (ERDF & CF conditionalities: general EIA/SEA, water, waste, SEA for transport plans/frameworks; and EAFRD water conditionality) which should be discussed at the meeting.
<b>15:10</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>European Transnational and Interregional Cooperation Programmes 2014-2020</b>	
	6.a	Introduction: Environmental dimension of ETC programmes	<b>Agata Payne</b> , EC DG Environment, Enforcement, Cohesion Policy & European Semester, Cluster 1+ participating MSs <b>Mathieu Fichter</b> , Team leader (Sustainable growth pillar) EC, DG Regional and Urban Policy, Competence Centre Smart and Sustainable Growth Unit
	6.b	Question and answer session	Discussion Member States are asked before the meeting to propose questions related to the environmental dimension of the ETC programmes.
<b>16:40</b>	<b>Coffee break</b>		
<b>16:00</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>Other ESI Funds and environment</b>	
	7.a	Environmental dimension of EAFRD programmes	<b>Agata Payne</b> , EC DG Environment, Enforcement, Cohesion Policy & European Semester, Cluster 1+ participating MSs
	7.b	Question and answer session	Discussion
	7.c	Environmental dimension of EMFF programmes	<b>Agata Payne</b> , EC DG Environment, Enforcement, Cohesion Policy & European Semester, Cluster 1+ participating MSs
	7.d	Question and answer session	Discussion
<b>17:00</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>Early reflections of the Commission plus wrap-up of the day</b>	
<b>17:30</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>Closure of the day</b>	
<b>19:00</b>	<b>Dinner at "Olive Garden" at Titania Hotel</b>		

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<b>09:00</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>Introduction to the second day and reflections</b>	
	10.a	Question and reflection time (issues to be raised/proposed by MS)	Participants will be asked to raise key issues of concern related to the environment and cohesion policy encountered within the programming (which have not been identified, or adequately reflected within earlier interventions).  Please send at least some questions/themes for discussion in advance to ensure an informed feedback.
<b>09:40</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>Disaster prevention and management</b>	
	11.a	Introduction (TO5, Floods Directive, civil protection, ecosystem based adaptation)	<b>Tbc</b> DG Humanitarian Aid and Civil Protection, DG Regional and Urban Policy and DG Environment
	11.b	Ex ante conditionality on TO5	DG Humanitarian Aid and Civil Protection and DG Regional and Urban Policy
	11.c	Reflections of 1 or 2 MSs	Greece/ plus another interested MS
		EU CIVIL PROTECTION MECHANISM vs COHESION POLICY 2014-2020: national policies to connect the EU Funds	<b>Dr Kelly N SAINI</b> ( Lt Colonel Fire Corps) National Representative in EU for CP President, Working Party for CP (PROCIV), Hellenic Presidency of the Council of European Union
		Implementation of FD 2007/60/EC in Greece, Preliminary Flood Risk Assessment	<b>Maria Gkini</b> , Ministry of Environment, Energy and Climate Change, Special Secretariat for Water, Head of Protection & Management of Water Environment Directorate,
	11.d	Question and answer session	Discussion
<b>11:00</b>	<b>Coffee break</b>		
<b>11:20</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>Business representatives and MSs session on the implementation of the EU Green Infrastructure strategy (this session might be extended after lunch, depending on the interest/case-studies)</b>	
	12.a	Introduction Business representatives' introductions and examples	<b>Vujadin Kovacevic</b> , EC DG Environment, Biodiversity Unit <b>Peter Menke</b> , the European Landscape Contractors Association (ELCA) cooperation "Green City Europe"
	12.b	Question and answer session	Discussion
	12.c	Member States' examples	Interested MSs to submit their examples/approaches from periods between 2007-2013 and 2014-2020: <b>Eftyhia Alexandridou</b> , Director, Greek Biotope/Wetland Centre "Protecting, restoring and promoting wise use of wetlands in the Attica Region as Green Infrastructure elements" <b>Dimitrios Dimopoulos</b> , Head of Environment Unit PIRAEUS BANK, "Sustainable management and financing of wetland biodiversity: The case of Lake Stymfalia" <b>Joanna Kopczynska</b> , Polish Ministry of Environment <b>Venelina Varbova</b> , the Regional Environmental Center for Central and Eastern Europe
	12.d	Question and answer session Closure	Discussion <b>Vujadin Kovacevic</b> , EC DG Environment, Biodiversity Unit
<b>13:30</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>Other business and closure of the meeting</b>	
<b>14:00</b>	<b>Lunch buffet at Titania Hotel</b>		
<b>18:00</b>	<b>Guided tour at the Old Town of Athens</b>		
<b>19:30</b>	<b>Dinner at a traditional tavern</b>		