

European Environment Agency

Who we are, what we do...



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The EEA mission

“The EEA aims to support sustainable development and to help achieve significant and measurable improvement in Europe’s environment, through the provision of timely, targeted, relevant and reliable information to policy making agents and the public”

- EEC regulation 1210/1990 (as amended by EC regulations 933/1999 and 1641/2003)
- Decision on location in Copenhagen taken in 1993
- Operational since 1994



What is our mandate?

To provide European decision makers and citizens with access to timely and relevant information and knowledge in order to

- provide a sound basis for environmental policies
- help answer their questions about the environment in their daily lives
- ensure that environmental thinking is brought into the mainstream of decision-making



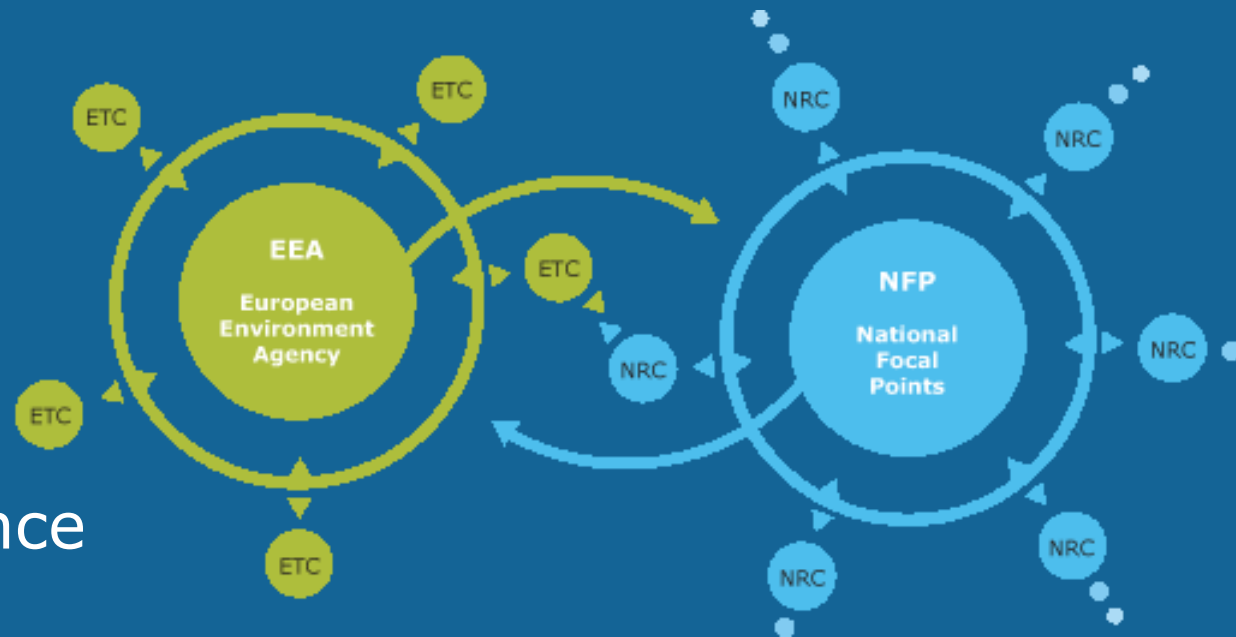
EEA member and collaborating countries



European environment information and observation network (Eionet)

About 300 national institutions

- National focal points
- European topic centres
- National reference centres
- Other institutions



What are the EEA's resources? (2011)

- Annual budget of approx. 41 Meuro
- Approx. 210 staff members
- Five European topic centres

What are our products?

- 5-year state and outlook reports
- Signals
- Reports
- Briefings
- Articles
- Technical reports
- Multimedia content
- Data and information services on the internet



EEA and West Balkans

- strengthening EEA cooperation with the Western Balkan countries with the aim of involving in all EIONET activities
- Capacity development
- Coordinate and participate in development of project proposals
- Cooperate with other agencies/organisations in Europe and beyond on disseminating information and best practices of Eionet



Environment and resource use in West Balkans

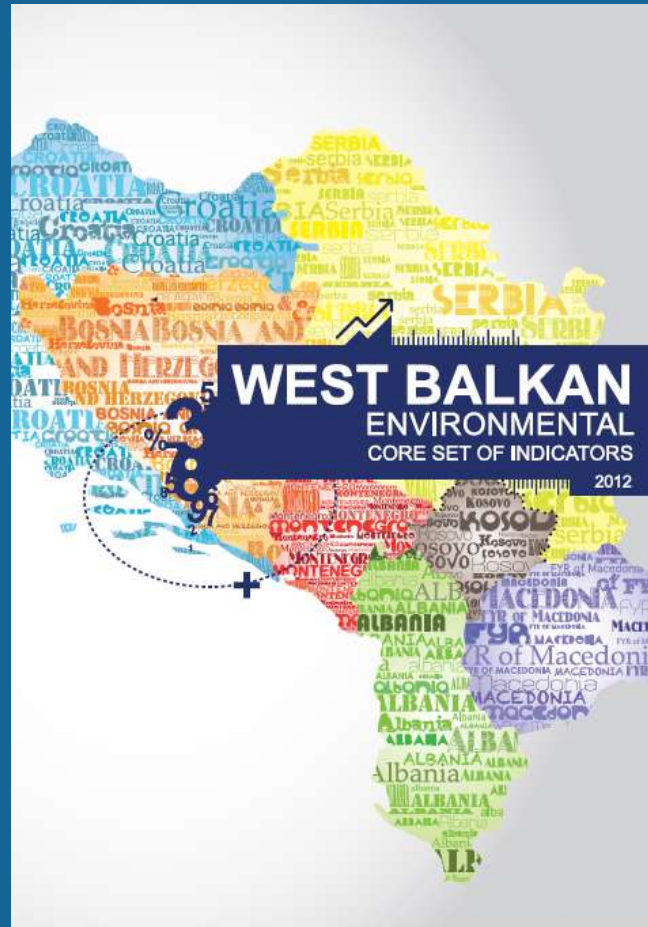
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On-going forest and water related activities at EEA

A- DATABASE DEVELOPMENT

- 1- Development of database on ancient forests in Europe
- 2- Harmonisation of country data sets on wood supply (growing stock, fellings, harvesting)
- 3- Development of riparian forest layer in Europe (Copernicus, Corine, Geoland2)
- 4- Test of the use of High Resolution Layer on forest for biodiversity and for ecosystem assessments

B- INDICATOR DEVELOPMENT

- 1- Freshwater core set indicators and other water quality indicators
- 2- Freshwater resource efficiency indicators
- 3- Development of High Nature Value Forest Area indicator (naturalness assessments)
- 4- Development of a system to evaluate the conditions of the forest habitats of the Habitats Directive (Annex 1)

C- ECOSYSTEM AND ECOSYSTEM SERVICES ASSESSMENT

- 1- Forest and freshwater ecosystem assessments (MAES pilot studies)
- 2- Water productivity of forests
- 3- Water retention capacity of Europe's forests (Ecosystem Services Assessment)



Cont.

- **Evaluation of the pilot study of the State of Europe's Forest on European Forest Types (EFTs) Classification**
- **Update of the Overview of Phytosociological Alliances and the EUNIS Habitat Classification for forests and updated crosswalks between these 2 systems to the EFTs and the CLC**
- **Carbon sequestration in urban and peri-urban 'forests and green areas'**
- **Forest management and adaptation to climate change**
- **Impacts of climate change on forest growth and productivity**
- **Impacts of air pollution on biodiversity, specifically forest biodiversity**

- **D- SHARING KNOWLEDGE AND EXPERIENCES**
- **1- Future water use and the challenge of hydropower development in Western Balkan (11-13 Feb. 2013, Ljubljana) ETC-EIONET**



EEA/SWG Cooperation agreement

- to promote the protection of the environment and to support knowledge based environmental management in the SEE countries
- to support the alignment of regional policies and implementations towards EU
- to share available knowledge and expertise for improving capacities in all related domains for better environmental management and resource use in Europe



Areas*/Modalities of Cooperation	Expert Network			Data flow and assessment			Report Production			Organization of events and activities			Set-up communication tools		
	DAM	CDE	ASR	DAM	CDE	ASR	DAM	CDE	ASR	DAM	CDE	ASR	DAM	CDE	ASR
Climate change															
Agri-environmental indicators															
Green infrastructure (territorial management and cohesion)															
Freshwater (River basin management plans)															
Forestry															

DAM=Information and data management

CDE=Capacity development

ASR=Environmental Assessment and Reporting

** discussed at the meeting with SWG held in the house on 26th of November 2012. Flexible; subject to be modified according to the management plans of parties.*



Thanks for your attention!..

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