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Virtual capacity-building event

Information systems used by environmental permitting and inspection authorities

AGENDA

23 July 2021, 12h – 15h CET

Virtually through ZOOM

Registration link:

<https://meetoecd1.zoom.us/j/92594525887?pwd=dnYxMINzYTV2VDRObHVUN0JuNmpzZz09>

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Background

Environmental permitting and inspection authorities face daily challenges on how to protect the environment and communities from pollution in an efficient and effective manner without placing undue strain on public finances and creating an excessive administrative burden. The recent acceleration of applying digital solutions has provided huge opportunities to permitting and inspection authorities to better collect and control data, cut down on bureaucracy and focus available resources on environmental protection instead of administration. However, many environmental regulators have invested in emerging technologies while failing to secure basic infrastructure for handling core business such as permitting platforms and data handling systems that can easily capture and compile inspection data.

Meeting objectives, expected outputs and outcomes

This meeting will showcase a range of information systems used by permitting and inspection authorities in Europe for purposes such as permitting, and inspection planning and results. It will cover low-technology off-the-shelf solutions as well as more advanced bespoke systems. The meeting will also discuss potential pitfalls and next steps in the development of such systems.

Participants

Participants will include representatives from permitting and inspection authorities of Eastern Partnership and European countries, and representatives of the OECD Secretariat.

The meeting is organised under the EU4Environment Programme. It falls under component 3.2 on Environmental Compliance Assurance and Liability Regimes, which seeks to strengthen environmental compliance assurance and enforcement systems and instruments in Eastern Partnership countries at national and regional levels.

About EU4Environment

The “European Union for Environment” (**EU4Environment**) aims to help the six partner countries: Armenia, Azerbaijan, Belarus, Georgia, Republic of Moldova, Ukraine preserve their natural capital and increase people's environmental well-being, by supporting environment-related action, demonstrating and unlocking opportunities for greener growth, and setting mechanisms to better manage environmental risks and impacts.

The Action is funded by the European Union and implemented by five Partner organisations: OECD, UNECE, UNEP, UNIDO and the World Bank based on a budget of some EUR 20 million. The Action implementation period is 2019-2022.

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Agenda

Time	Item
12h00-12h10	<p>Welcome and introductions</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Krzysztof Michalak, Senior Programme Manager, Green Growth and Global Relations Division, OECD Environment Directorate • Olga Olson, Policy Analyst, Green Growth and Global Relations Division, OECD Environment Directorate
12h10-13h25	<p>Presentation of environmental information management systems, their challenges and potential</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Simon Bingham, International Development Manager, Scottish Environment Protection Agency, United Kingdom: Lessons learnt from system development • Anna Doeser, Scientist, Scottish Environment Protection Agency, United Kingdom: Recording basic regulatory activity using Microsoft Forms; a simple solution for consistent data collection and entry • Johannes Birgir Jensson, Digital Services Leader, Environment Agency of Iceland (video presentation): The journey to open source technology to reduce costs and increase security • Aimee Brincat, Deputy Director, Environment and Resources Authority of Malta: ERIS – The Maltese Environmental Management Information System for Permitting Applications <p><i>A digital poll and Q+A</i></p>
13h25-13h35	<i>Coffee break</i>
13h35-14h40	<p>Presentation of environmental information management systems, their challenges and potential (continued)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Kealan Reynolds, Inspector, Environmental Protection Agency, Ireland: The development of enforcement tools using an ICT system • Jochem Pansier, Information Provision Manager, Environment Agency - Central and West Brabant, the Netherlands: Environmental Administration System • Marinus Jordaan, Senior Staff Officer, and Pieter Vreeburg, Head Data Analyst, DCMR Environmental Agency - Rijnmond, the Netherlands: Data to insights – How the DCMR opens up its data collection in order to get useful insights of compliance of the industry sectors they regulate <p><i>A digital poll and Q+A</i></p>
14h40-14h55	<p>Open discussion</p> <p>Moderated by Simon Bingham, International Development Manager, Scottish Environment Protection Agency.</p> <p>Participants are invited to engage in an open discussion and to share their experiences and challenges of using information systems for environmental permitting, inspection and enforcement.</p>
14h55-15h00	<p>Item 5. Conclusions</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Krzysztof Michalak, Senior Programme Manager, Green Growth and Global Relations Division, OECD Environment Directorate