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***Invitation to 11<sup>th</sup> Eionet workshop on  
resource and waste management***

***Copenhagen, 19 - 20 June 2008***

The European Environment Agency and its European Topic Centre on Resource and Waste Management (ETC/RWM) hereby have the pleasure of inviting you to the 11<sup>th</sup> Eionet workshop on resource and waste management. The workshop will take place on **Thursday and Friday 19 - 20 June 2008** at the EEA in Copenhagen, Denmark.

The objective of the 11<sup>th</sup> Eionet workshop is to present and discuss the ongoing and future work in the area of sustainable consumption and production, including waste and resources, this time with a specific focus on the development of **country fact sheets on waste policies**. We will also invite the European Commission to give an update on the amendment of the Waste Framework Directive and other ongoing waste issues at EU level.

In 2006/2007, the EEA and the Topic Centre published 25 country fact sheets focusing on national policies implemented to divert waste from landfills (available at the Topic Centre website <http://waste.eionet.europa.eu/factsheets>), and the brochure *The road from landfilling to recycling: common destination, different routes* ([http://reports.eea.europa.eu/brochure\\_2007\\_4/en](http://reports.eea.europa.eu/brochure_2007_4/en)). We are now starting updating and expanding the fact sheets to cover additional waste policy fields. The fact sheets also cover to some extent information on economic instruments in waste policies which were discussed in more details during the workshop of the Waste Management Committee in Leiden in May 2007, and where it was agreed that more information on these instruments would be useful for policy-making in the countries.

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At the workshop we will discuss the content of the fact sheets, the information collection process and how it relates to the ongoing Eionet project to make the fact sheets a pilot project for the introduction of a *Shared Environmental Information System* (SEIS) on information on policies. With the help and input from the representatives from the EEA member and cooperating countries we hope to secure not only a good information collection process, but also an easy system for updating the fact sheets.

The EEA and the Topic Centre will also inform countries about progress of other relevant projects and give room for discussions about future work in the area of sustainable consumption and production, including waste and resources. There will as usual be opportunities to network among the representatives.

As the workshop this year will focus specifically on waste policies, the EEA and ETC/RWM kindly suggest to NFPs that, in order to be able to best contribute to and benefit from the discussions at the workshop, the appointed national representatives should be well informed about or working in the area of national waste policies.

The EEA will cover travel expenses and accommodation for **one representative** from each of the EEA member countries and from the six West Balkan cooperating countries (Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Croatia, the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Montenegro, and Serbia). The workshop will start at 10.00 on 19 June and end at 12.00 on 20 June.

Please note that on 20 June after the Eionet workshop, the EEA will hold the kick-off meeting for the SEIS project *Effectiveness of waste policies – fact sheets on waste policies* (project No. 12 in the 2008 SEIS implementation plan, SEIS = Shared environmental information system). This meeting is mainly intended for those countries who have expressed their interest in an active involvement in the SEIS project when commenting on the draft 2007/2008 SEIS implementation plan in November and December last year. However, other countries including the West Balkan countries are of course welcome to participate. The EEA will cover travel expenses and accommodation for one representative from each EEA member country and West Balkan country for the SEIS kick-off meeting by extending the reimbursement for the participation in the 11<sup>th</sup> Eionet meeting for the same expert to the afternoon of 20 June (one expert per country, please see the separate invitation attached for more details).

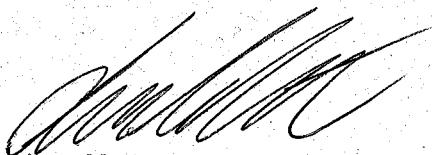
Please find in the enclosure various documents with practical information about reimbursement, logistics, travel and accommodation. We invite you to return your registration form, including ticket ordering form as soon as possible and **no later than 16 May 2008**.

The documents should be sent to Ms Bodil Larsen at [Bodil.Larsen@eea.europa.eu](mailto:Bodil.Larsen@eea.europa.eu) or fax +45 3336 7128. Please also book your hotel room as soon as possible as June is a very busy time of the year in Copenhagen. The West Balkan countries will receive additional information for the reimbursement procedure and the relevant documents.

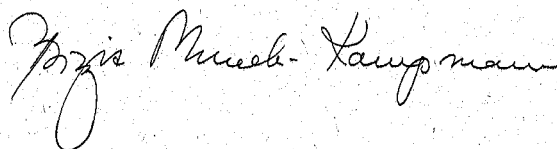
You will receive further details, including a draft agenda in early May at the latest.

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- Ticket order form
- Financial identification
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- EEA travel and reimbursement policy for meetings and interviews
- List of hotels in Copenhagen
- Instructions how to get to the EEA from the airport

