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Webinars

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Log-in instructions to join the Eionet webinar on decoupling with Professor Ernst von Weizsaecker

20 January 2015 12noon-13.00 CET

Dear Colleagues,

Thank you for signing up for the EEA Resource Efficiency Webinar with Professor Ernst von Weizsaecker, which will take place on 21 January 2015 from 12noon until 13.00 CET.

Some of you are already familiar with webinars, but for the newcomers, I'd just like to say that the technical (IT) aspect of webinars is quite straightforward. You will need a computer with a fast and stable internet connection, and an external microphone and speakers (or a head set).

If you will be using a laptop, you would probably want to use an external microphone, as the quality of sound from built in microphones is often quite poor. This can be a problem if you want to ask everyone a question.

To log in, we invite you to:

(1)   First do a self-check, to make sure that your equipment is configured properly for Webex

(2)   Log in on 21 January between 11.30 and 11.50 so that we can start at noon sharp

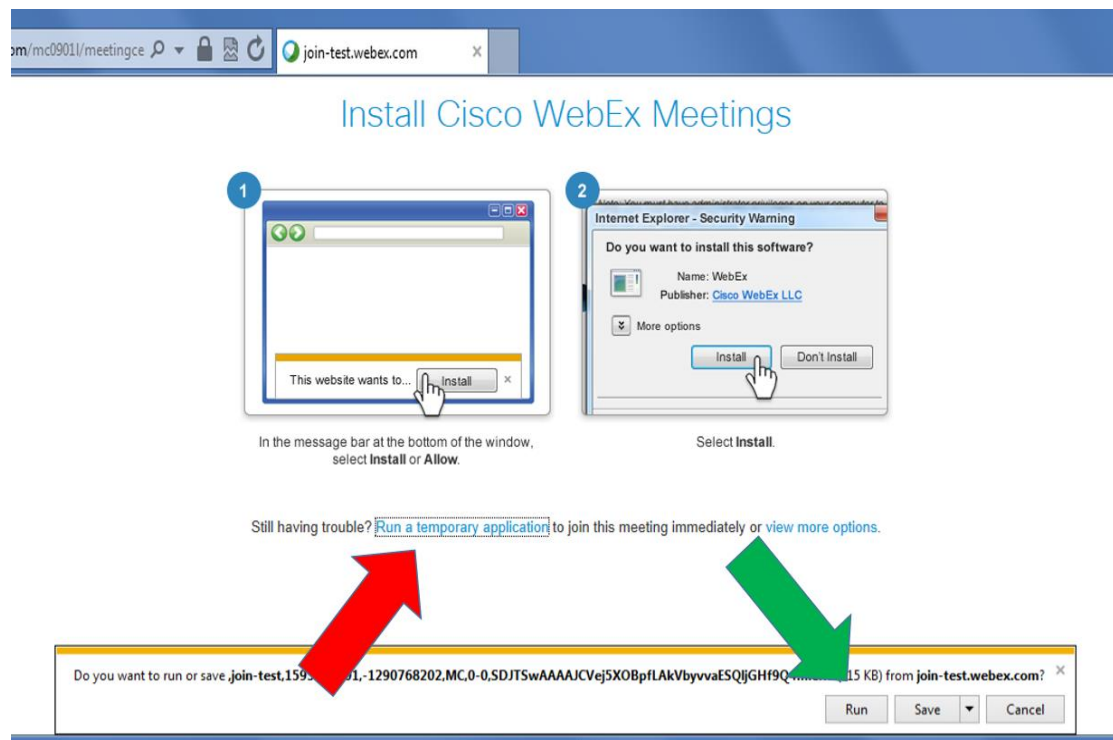Below you will find detailed instructions for these two steps.

In case of problems, you can reach us tomorrow by email at
Marco.Veneziani@eea.europa.eu

(1) Technical test of your equipment (self-check)

Prior to the webinar, we kindly ask you to test your equipment (microphone and speakers, headset, etc.) to make sure that everything is configured properly and in good order.

To do an interactive test with WebEx (self-check which you can do at any time), please click on: http://www.webex.com/test-meeting.html

IMPORTANT: When a welcome screen comes up, we recommend that you don't install anything but instead click on **'run a temporary application'** (illustrated with a red arrow on the figure below) and then when another small window pops up, you click on RUN (marked with a green arrow).

The screenshot above shows a dialogue window for Internet Explorer. If you are using a different browser or operating system, your window may look different, but there will always be an option to 'run a temporary application.' Click on that, and the run the file that pops up or downloads.

The reason why we recommend opting for the 'temporary application' is that nothing will try to install itself permanently on your computer, a step which would typically require an ADMIN password on an office computer.

After the computer checks the configuration, you should get a message 'Congratulations, your system is now set up properly'

(2) On Wednesday, 21 January 2015 please log in for the webinar between 11.30 and 11:50 CET

To log in on Wednesday, please click on the link:

https://eea-event.webex.com/eea-event/onstage/g.php?MTID=ebf054216b9ca8dd262be1a693d21f0d8

and fill in the requested info, using exactly the same email address which you registered with at sign up.

If you are asked for it, the password is eionet

Again, the most important thing is to 'run a temporary application' as described in section (1) above, rather than trying to install Webex software.

When you are logged in, please click the two icons at top right to activate the panels CHAT and PARTICIPANT (there will also be instructions on screen showing how to do this). And take a look around the Webex display. NB, everyone's microphones will be muted on entry, to prevent white noise.

We will start at 12 noon sharp

See you tomorrow!

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INVITATION:
Resource Efficiency webinar special on decoupling, with Professor Ernst von Weizsaecker.
12noon – 1PM (CET) on Wednesday, 21 January 2015

To:
National Focal Points
NRCs for Resource-efficient economy and the environment
NRCs for State of Environment
NRCs for Waste

As part of the series of resource efficiency webinars, Professor Ernst von Weizsaecker will share his thoughts on the patterns of resource use and decoupling. This special one-off webinar for the Eionet network will take place on Wednesday, 21 January 2015 from 12noon till 1PM (CET).

To register, please sign up at:
https://docs.google.com/document/d/1zw6VsKbeJf5_oKeBP8uDvH4 2CKdeoc7m9_AwxyGMxmo/edit
On 20 January 2015, we will email the registered participants detailed log-in instructions for the webinar.
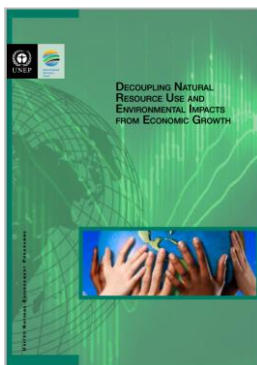
About the Speaker:

One of the most charismatic scientists, politicians, and thought leaders working on sustainable use of natural resources, Professor Ernst von Wiezsaecker was founder and president (1991–2000) of the Wuppertal Institute, the chair of the environment committee at the Bundestag, and member of the Club of Rome since 1992. In 2011, he was elected co-president of the Club of Rome.

He wrote the books *Factor Four: Doubling Wealth, Halving Resource Use* (1995), its follow-up, Factor 5 (2009) and *Limits to Privatization.*

Since 2007 Ernst has served as co-chair of the International Resource Panel, where he co-authored two Resource Panel reports on decoupling:

Decoupling Natural Resource Use and Environmental Impacts from Economic Growth (UNEP Resource Panel 2011)
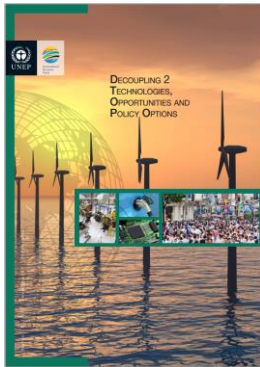
http://www.unep.org/resourcepanel/decoupling/files/pdf/Decoupling_Report_English.pdf

This is the first in a planned series of International Resource Panel reports on decoupling of human well-being from resource use. Conceived as an attempt to scope out the challenges, it presents basic facts and figures on natural resource flows worldwide. Drawing on four country studies (China, Germany, Japan and South Africa) the report shows that breaking the link between human well-being and resource consumption is necessary and possible but in reality is hardly happening.

Decoupling 2: Technologies, Opportunities and Policy Options (UNEP Resource Panel, 2014)

http://www.unep.org/resourcepanel/Portals/24102/PDFs/IRP_DECOUPLING_2_REPORT.pdf

This follow-up report highlights existing technological possibilities and opportunities for both developing and developed countries to accelerate decoupling and reap the environmental and economic benefits of increased resource productivity.

This report examines several policy options that have proved to be successful in helping different countries to improve resource productivity in various sector s of their economy. It also highlights examples that demonstrate significant progress towards decoupling economic growth from resource use.

There is growing evidence that decoupling will be one of the next big opportunities for innovation, wise use of resources, and thus for continued economic development. Policymakers along with corporate leaders with vision and an understanding of political realities can take significant steps to benefit from future resource trends and decoupling opportunities.

About the International Resource Panel
http://www.unep.org/resourcepanel/new/

The International Resource Panel was launched by the United Nations Environment Programme in 2007 to build and share the knowledge needed to improve the use of resources worldwide. Its mission is:

- to provide independent, coherent and authoritative scientific assessments of policy relevance on the sustainable use of natural resources and, in particular, their environmental impacts over the full life cycle; and
- to contribute to a better understanding of how to decouple economic growth from environmental degradation.

Bringing together world renowned scientists, the Resource Panel is a unique science policy interface on the sustainable management of natural resources, seeking to develop practical solutions for policymakers, industry and society.

To date, the International Resource Panel has published twelve reports :

1.   Towards Sustainable Production and Use of Resources: Assessing Biofuels (2009)
2.   Assessing the Environmental Impacts of Consumption and Production: Priority Products and Materials (2010)
3.   Metal Stocks in Society: Scientific Synthesis (2010)
4.   Decoupling Natural Resource Use and Environmental Impacts from Economic Growth (2011)
5.   Recycling Rates of Metals: A Status Report (2011)
6.   Measuring Water Use in a Green Economy (2012)
7.   Metal Recycling: Opportunities, Limits, Infrastructure (2013)
8.   City Level Decoupling: Urban Resource Flows and the Governance of Infrastructure Transitions (2013)
9.   Environmental Risks and Challenges of Anthropogenic Metals Flows and Cycles (2013)
10.   Assessing Global Land Use: Balancing Consumption with Sustainable Supply (2014)
11.   Building Natural Capital: How REDD+ can Support a Green Economy (2014)
12.   Decoupling 2: Technologies, Opportunities and Policy Options (2014)

Nine additional reports are currently under preparation.