

## BACKGROUND

In February 2008, the European Commission published the Communication "Towards a Shared Environmental Information System (SEIS)" to promote a modern approach to simplify collection, exchange and use of the data and information, according to which the centralised systems for reporting are progressively replaced by systems based on access, sharing and interoperability (COM(2008) 46, 1.2.2008).

The main purpose of SEIS is to propose a set of principles for developing decentralised and interoperable data management systems, also in line with objectives and requirements established by the INSPIRE directive. For this purpose, a new legislative instrument is planned in 2008 which will probably take the form of a revision to the current "standardised reporting directive" 91/692/EC. The Management Board of the European Environment Agency (EEA) agreed that SEIS implementation strategy would benefit from Country visits organised by EEA and the National Focal Point. The scope of the visit is mainly to provide the Country with information on SEIS, discuss the concept and benefits with stakeholders and reach a common understanding on SEIS.

## OBJECTIVES OF THE SEIS COUNTRY VISIT

The objectives of the meeting are:

- to provide platform for a broader discussion, focusing on the concept of SEIS, raising awareness among Eionet and external stakeholders within the country and re-mobilizing existing country Eionet networks around SEIS;
- to obtain feedback on proposed SEIS functions and structure from stakeholders;
- to identify best practices related to SEIS implementation in individual countries in order to share and implement these at EU level;
- to analyze the current readiness of the country for SEIS implementation in relevant areas, mainly:
  - data, information and metadata
  - infrastructure and services;
  - organization and policies (coordination and institutional cooperation at various levels);
- to discuss future developments and provide advice on the SEIS implementation.

The meeting is organised in collaboration with the NESIS project Network recently started to support the ICT aspects of SEIS.

## VENUE

**Museo Regionale di Scienze Naturali**  
Via Giolitti 36 – Torino Tel. 800 329 329

## HOW TO GET THERE

### Public transportation

#### **From railway station "Porta Nuova"**

bus: 68 or 61; get out at the bus stop: Via dell'Accademia Albertina/Via Giolitti, walk along Via Giolitti up to n. 36  
total travel time: 11 minutes

#### **From railway station "Stazione Porta Susa"**

bus: 13 or 56; get out at the bus stop: Via Po/Via Rossini  
walk along Via dell'Accademia Albertina and then walk along Via Giolitti up to n. 36  
total travel time: 21 minutes

#### **From railway station "Stazione Lingotto"**

bus: 18; get out at the bus stop: Via dell'Accademia Albertina/Via Giolitti, walk along Via Giolitti up to n. 36  
total travel time: 39 minutes

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[www.regione.piemonte.it/prontotrasporti](http://www.regione.piemonte.it/prontotrasporti)

For news on GTT urban and suburban transportation system, call toll free 800 019152 or visit the following website: [www.5T.torino.it](http://www.5T.torino.it)

### Beltway exits

**Tangenziale Sud:** Bauducchi-Stupinigi to Milano

**Tangenziale Nord:** Borgaro-Corso Regina Margherita to Piacenza

**Tangenziale per Pinerolo:** Candiolo-Drosso to Torino

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**Simultaneous translation will be provided.**

# SEIS COUNTRY VISIT OF EEA REPRESENTATIVES IN ITALY



**Torino, 23-24 September 2008**

**Museo Regionale di Scienze Naturali**  
**Sala della Crociera**  
**Via Giovanni Giolitti, 36**



*Ministero dell'Ambiente  
e della Tutela del Territorio e del Mare*

**European Environment Agency**



**ISPRA**

Istituto Superiore per la Protezione  
e la Ricerca Ambientale

**SINAnet**



**REGIONE  
PIEMONTE**

## PROGRAMME

23 September 2008

09:00 Registration

09:15 Welcome opening and introduction  
Objectives of the SEIS Country Visit  
*G. Gasparini, MATTM;*  
*S. Jensen, EEA; E. Santori, ISPRA;*  
*S. De Giorgio, R. Piemonte*

### SESSION I Towards a Shared Environmental Information System (SEIS)

*Chairperson: S. Jensen, EEA*  
*Rapporteur: M. Munafò, ISPRA*

09:30 General presentation of SEIS

- Linkages to Inspire and GMES
- SEIS Implementation Plan
- Future legislative framework

*Stefan Jensen, Bernt Rondell,*  
*Giuseppe Aristei, Robert Lowson, EEA*

Eurostat Data Centres: state of play  
*Daniel Rase, Eurostat*

NESIS: A Network to enhance a  
European Environmental Shared and  
Interoperable Information System  
*G. Saio, GISIG*

11:00 Coffee break

11:30 Selection of SEIS projects

- WISE
- Near Real Time Air Quality  
Information

*S. Jensen, B. Röndell, EEA*

13:00 Discussion and conclusions of Session I

13:30 Lunch break

### SESSION II The Environmental Information System in Italy

*Chairperson: G. Gasparini, MATTM*  
*Rapporteur: N. Bonora, ISPRA*

14:30 Inspire in Italy as an instrument for  
environmental policies  
*M. Pasca, MATTM*

SINAnet and Eionet in Italy  
*C. Maricchiolo, M. Munafò, ISPRA*

Regional Focal Point presentation The  
Piedmont experience  
*G. Turco, E. Sarzotti, G. Amadore,*  
*Regione Piemonte*

GMES in Italy  
*M. Dalla Costa, ISPRA*

The role of the National Committee for  
Information Technology in Public  
Administrations  
*R. Benzi, Comitato regole tecniche sui*  
*dati territoriali delle PPAA*

Integration among information networks

- Environment & socio-economics  
*C. Abbate, ISTAT*
- Italy experience in building the  
process for the Environment and  
Health Information System  
*L. Sinisi, ISPRA*
- Official statistical network to  
rationalize environmental data flows  
*V. Vonghia, CISIS- R. Veneto*

16:30 Discussion and conclusions of Session II

17:00 End of the first day

20:00 Social dinner

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### SESSION III General discussion and conclusions



09:00 Round Table – NESIS Session

*Chairperson: C. Maricchiolo, ISPRA*  
*Participants: EEA, Eurostat, MATTM, ISPRA,*  
*PFR Piemonte, Regional EPA, ISTAT,*  
*CNIPA, GISIG, ICCOPS*

#### Implications from SEIS implementation in Italy

- strengths & weaknesses,  
opportunities & threats
- identification of main concerns,  
success stories & best practices
- cost/benefit analysis and Impact  
assessment
- financing opportunities
- steps forward

11:00 Coffee break

11:30 Draft outline of National Report

13:00 Meeting Closeout

#### Websites of interest

EU Commission  
<http://ec.europa.eu/environment/seis/>

EEA/Eionet  
<http://www.eea.europa.eu/about-us/what/shared-environmental-information-system>

ISPRA/SINAnet  
[http://www.sinanet.apat.it/it/notizie/seis\\_website](http://www.sinanet.apat.it/it/notizie/seis_website)

NESIS  
<http://www.nesis.eu/>