

## 24<sup>th</sup> Plenary meeting of the EPA Network, 23<sup>rd</sup> – 24<sup>th</sup> April 2015

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| Thursday 23 <sup>rd</sup> April                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |                                                           |                                                                                                                           |                                                                                                                |
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| Time                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                | Item                                                      | Details                                                                                                                   | Speakers                                                                                                       |
| 08:30 – 09:00 Registration                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |                                                           |                                                                                                                           |                                                                                                                |
| <b>Session 1: Opening Session, incl. internal matters</b><br>Chair: Inita Stikute                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |                                                           |                                                                                                                           |                                                                                                                |
| 09:00–<br>09:15                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     | Introduction to the meeting                               | Welcome, housekeeping matters,<br>presentation of the draft agenda                                                        | Inita Stikute                                                                                                  |
| 09:15–<br>09:45                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     | Welcome and host<br>presentation                          | Welcome<br>Country presentation<br>Information on environmental priorities and<br>objectives of the Latvian EU presidency | Alda Ozola<br>Ministry of Environmental<br>Protection and Regional<br>Development of the<br>Republic of Latvia |
| 09:45–<br>10:00                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     | Update from the EPA<br>Network secretariat                |                                                                                                                           | Diana Nissler                                                                                                  |
| 10:00–<br>10:15                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     | New mechanism for<br>financing the Network<br>secretariat | Update, next steps regarding the<br>Memorandum of Agreement                                                               | Georg Rebernig                                                                                                 |
| 10:15–<br>10:30                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     | EPA Network Impulse<br>Paper                              | Follow-up, reactions to the paper and further<br>activities                                                               | Maria Krautzberger                                                                                             |
| <p><u>Objectives and expected outcome:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>To agree on the meeting agenda (paper 1.1).</li> <li>To hear about the environmental situation in Latvia, and the environmental priorities of the Latvian EU presidency.</li> <li>To agree on next steps and timeline for developing the Memorandum of Agreement for the future financing of the EPA Network secretariat.</li> <li>To hear about reaction to the Impulse paper, discuss if further action is required.</li> </ul> <p><u>Preparation:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>New participants Jalmar Mandel, Catalin Matei, Jerzy Kulinski and Terry A'Hearn to briefly introduce themselves. Paper 1.2 provides a list of all participants.</li> <li>Consider the changes regarding the new financing mechanisms marked in paper 1.3.</li> <li>Consider the main points from the meeting between a delegation of EPA heads and COM First VP Frans Timmermans in paper 1.4.</li> </ul> |                                                           |                                                                                                                           |                                                                                                                |
| 10:30 - 11:00 Coffee break                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |                                                           |                                                                                                                           |                                                                                                                |

| <b>Session 2: News from the Interest Groups and other networking activities</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |                                                                                            |                                                                                                                   |                                                                                                |
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| <b>Chair: Kristín Linda Árnadóttir</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |                                                                                            |                                                                                                                   |                                                                                                |
| 11:00–<br>11:45                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     | Interest and task group activities and issues                                              | 1) IG Noise report on railway noise<br>2) IG West Balkan<br><br>3) TG Citizen Science<br>4) Better Regulation IG  | Urs Walker, BAFU<br>Rene Vukelic,<br>Croatian EPA<br>Allan Reid, Scottish EPA<br>Paul Leinster |
| 11:45–<br>12:00                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     | European Union Network for the Implementation and Enforcement of Environmental Law (IMPEL) | Update on IMPEL activities: Challenges for implementing EU environmental law                                      | John Seager, IMPEL                                                                             |
| 12:00–<br>12:15                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     | Overview of other environmental network and their activities                               | Overview of other environmental networks, discussion on if and how the EPA Network could benefit from cooperation | Diana Nissler                                                                                  |
| <p><u>Objectives and expected outcomes:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• To obtain a concise overview of the work of the different interest groups.</li> <li>• To consider the railway noise report (paper 2.2) and share ideas about its further use.</li> <li>• To approve the draft work plan of the West Balkan IG.</li> <li>• To take note of the results from IMPEL's study on challenges to implement environmental law</li> <li>• To look into options for enhancing cooperation with other networks.</li> </ul> <p><u>Preparation:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Please consider the compilation of IG activity reports (paper 2.1).</li> <li>• Please take note of the new report on railway noise. The EPA Network plenary is invited to come up with suggestions for the launch and further use of this report (paper 2.2).</li> <li>• You are invited to consider the summary of the IMPEL study on implementation challenges (paper 2.3), or the full report (paper 2.4), and to come up with questions or feedback during the plenary.</li> </ul> |                                                                                            |                                                                                                                   |                                                                                                |
| 12:15 – 12:30 Group photo                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |                                                                                            |                                                                                                                   |                                                                                                |
| 12:30 – 13:30 Lunch break                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |                                                                                            |                                                                                                                   |                                                                                                |

| <b>Session 3: Environmental Policy – update on EU and global developments</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |                                                                                     |                                                                                                                                                                         |                            |
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| <b>Chair: Ilir Morina, Lea Kauppi</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |                                                                                     |                                                                                                                                                                         |                            |
| 13:30–<br>14:00                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           | Exchange between the European Commission and the Network                            | Update on EU environmental policy                                                                                                                                       | Karl Falkenberg,<br>DG ENV |
| 14:00–<br>14:30                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           | EU Framework Programme for Research and Innovation ‘Horizon 2020’                   | Learn about and discuss various opportunities for EPAs to participate in, and benefit from ‘Horizon 2020’. DG RTD will also share ideas for the new programming period. | Renzo Tomellini,<br>DG R&I |
| 14:30–<br>15:00                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           | EEA update of current priorities and overview of EEA engagement in global processes | Presentation and discussion                                                                                                                                             | Hans Bruyninckx            |
| 15:00–<br>15:30                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |                                                                                     | Opportunity for further questions and discussion                                                                                                                        |                            |
| <p><u>Objectives and expected outcome:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• To provide an informal update of EU Environmental policy developments and of EEA activities and to give the opportunity to engage with the European Commission.</li> <li>• To explore how EPAs can participate in, and benefit from, the EU research programme ‘Horizon 2020’.</li> </ul> <p><u>Preparation:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Members should come prepared with specific questions on EU environmental policy for Karl Falkenberg, and on the research framework programme “Horizon 2020” for Renzo Tomellini.</li> <li>• If your EPA is already involved in Horizon 2020 activities, it would be interesting to learn about this involvement. How do you think it contributes to reaching the objectives of your EPA?</li> </ul> |                                                                                     |                                                                                                                                                                         |                            |
| 15:30 - 16:00 Coffee break                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |                                                                                     |                                                                                                                                                                         |                            |

| <b>Session 4: Promoting a Green Economy – global and EU framework</b><br><b>Chair: Hans Bruyninckx</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |                                                                                    |                                                                                                                                 |                               |
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| 16:00–<br>16:30                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               | Green Economy in Europe<br>– the knowledge base                                    | Overview of European level evidence of a<br>Green Economy                                                                       | Stefan Speck, EEA             |
| 16:30–<br>17:00                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               | Green economy transition<br>in the EU:<br>implications for knowledge<br>management |                                                                                                                                 | Hans Bruyninckx,<br>EEA (tbc) |
| 17:00–<br>17:30                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               | Green Economy data for a<br>greener European<br>Semester                           | Intervention on how environmental data might<br>support the greening of the European Semester<br>and national Reform Programmes | Louis Meuleman,<br>DG ENV     |
| 17:30–<br>18:00                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |                                                                                    | Opportunity for further questions and discussion                                                                                |                               |
| <p>Objectives and expected outcome:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• To update the EPA heads on various developments and activities regarding Green Economy at international and EU level.</li> <li>• To obtain a better picture on availability of green economy data, and how they are / could be used at national and European level to green the European Semester.</li> </ul> <p>Preparation:</p> <p>Please come prepared to talk about</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• the input your EPA provides to the national government for the European Semester process.</li> <li>• the involvement of your EPA in international policy processes to promote a green economy</li> <li>• the data and reports you produce to support decision-making on green economy at national level, and the kind of impacts you observe</li> </ul> |                                                                                    |                                                                                                                                 |                               |

| <b>Friday 24<sup>th</sup> April</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |                                                            |                                                                                                |                                               |
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| <b>Time</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              | <b>Item</b>                                                | <b>Details</b>                                                                                 | <b>Proposed speakers</b>                      |
| <b>Session 5: Promoting a Green Economy – insights and experiences from European countries</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |                                                            |                                                                                                |                                               |
| <b>Chair: Reinier van den Berg</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |                                                            |                                                                                                |                                               |
| 09:00–<br>09:30                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          | Restructuring Iceland’s economy after the financial crisis | How the financial crisis gave an impulse to focus on green economic sectors                    | Kristín Linda Árnadóttir                      |
| 09:30–<br>10:00                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          | Greening a company in an economy in transition             | Report from a business representative on motivation, incentives, expectations and results      | Krišjānis Kalnciems,<br>Passive House Latvija |
| 10:00–<br>10:30                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          | Germany on the way to a green economy                      | Presentation                                                                                   | Maria Krautzberger                            |
| 10:30–<br>11:00                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          | EPA Network Green Economy Event in Brussels                | Update on concept and preparations, opportunity for further questions and discussions, wrap-up | Lea Kauppi (tbc)                              |
| <p><u>Objectives and expected outcome:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• To exchange experiences and ideas on how EPAs contribute to a Green Economy at national level.</li> <li>• To explore ways in which a green economy can boost economic growth, or even be part of a strategy to overcome an economic crisis.</li> <li>• To identify questions and issues to be raised during the EPA Network Green Economy event on 5 June in Brussels</li> </ul> <p><u>Preparation:</u><br/>Please be prepared to talk about:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• How your EPA contributes to the development of a Green Economy at national level. Initiatives and activities that have had a significant impact should be particularly interesting to the plenary.</li> <li>• Please consider the current draft agenda for the EPA Network event on Green Economy (paper 5.1) and the draft background paper (paper 5.2). You are invited to suggest questions or statements for discussion to be raised during the event.</li> </ul> |                                                            |                                                                                                |                                               |
| 11:00 – 11:30 Coffee break                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |                                                            |                                                                                                |                                               |

| <b>Session 6: Closing Session, incl. new and emerging issues</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |                                                                                                                           |                                                                                    |                          |
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| <b>Chair: Anta Jantone, LGVM</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |                                                                                                                           |                                                                                    |                          |
| 11:30–<br>12:00                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 | EU Free Trade Agreements with the US (TTIP) and Canada (CETA) and their potential effects on environmental policy-making. | Presentation and discussion                                                        | Maria Witmer             |
| 12:00–<br>12:30                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 | Integrated Environmental Licensing in Portugal                                                                            | Presentation and discussion                                                        | Nuno Lacasta             |
| 12:30–<br>12:45                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 | Next meeting                                                                                                              | The 25 <sup>th</sup> meeting will take place on 24-25 September 2015 in Reykjavik. | Kristín Linda Árnadóttir |
| 12:45-<br>13:00                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 | Conclusions and AOB                                                                                                       | Summary of conclusions and action points                                           | Diana Nissler            |
| 13:00                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |                                                                                                                           | End of the meeting                                                                 |                          |
| <p><u>Objective and expected outcome:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• To highlight and share ideas on topics of interest to other EPAs.</li> <li>• To inform about the next EPA Network plenary meeting.</li> </ul> <p><u>Preparation:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• consider participation in the stakeholder conference on plastic and microplastic pollution in the aquatic environment, initiated by UBA Austria (paper 6.1)</li> </ul> |                                                                                                                           |                                                                                    |                          |