
York Environmental Sustainability Institute and CAPACITIE Event

European Environment Agency 'State of the Environment Report 2015'

Room 204, Ron Cooke Hub, University of York, 11th March

The European Environment Agency (EEA) is mandated in its governing regulation to publish a [State of the Environment Report](#) every five years, to address the state of, trends in, and prospects for the environment in Europe. The next edition of this report will be published in March 2014 with an official Brussels launch on 4th March.

The product includes two main reports, a synthesis and an assessment of global megatrends along with a suite of 87 short thematic, country-level and cross-country comparison briefings. The product has been developed in close collaboration with both the EEA member and cooperating countries and the European Commission.

The EEA take responsibility for promoting and communicating the product within the Commission and Environmental Information and Observation Network (Eionet) partners facilitate the delivery of the messages within their countries. Previously, UK efforts at promoting SOER had been focused around government. For 2015 we are making a first attempt to engage with academia to bring these data sources to a wider audience potentially stimulating further data usage and research. The planned events at the York Environmental Sustainability Institute and the Lancaster Environment Centre mark the first in what we hope will be a series of seminars throughout 2015.

Event Programme

09:45 Arrival and Coffee

10:00 Welcome and introduction to the York Environmental Sustainability Institute

Professor Sue Hartley

10:05 Introduction from the UK NFP team

10.15 UK Biodiversity indicators

Dr James Williams (Biodiversity Indicators Manager, JNCC) will provide an overview of the biodiversity indicator set which forms one of the key inputs to the UK SOER contribution. He will focus on how the indicators contribute to assessment of progress against the Aichi Targets within the Strategic Plan for Biodiversity, 2011-2020.

11.00 Networking coffee with posters

11.20 State of the Environment Report 2015 / Late Lessons from Early Warnings 2

Jock Martin will present on the whole SOER project explaining its purpose, the report's background and its structure – before covering the synthesis report in detail.

David Gee will present on: [Late lessons from early warnings: science, precaution, innovation](#), which is an EEA publication developed in collaboration with a broad range of external authors and peer reviewers.

13.15 Networking lunch

14.00 Close

Late lessons from early warnings: science, precaution, innovation



The 2013 Late lessons from early warnings report is the second of its type produced by the European Environment Agency (EEA) in collaboration with a broad range of external authors and peer reviewers. The case studies across both volumes of Late lessons from early warnings cover a diverse range of chemical and technological innovations, and highlight a number of systemic problems. The 'Late Lessons Project' illustrates how damaging and costly the misuse or neglect of the precautionary principle can be, using case studies and a synthesis of the lessons to be learned and applied to maximising innovations whilst minimising harms.