

Annual Work Programme 2015

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EEA/Eionet in brief

The EEA aims to support sustainable development and to help achieve significant and measurable improvement in Europe's environment through the provision of timely, targeted, relevant and reliable information to policy-making agents and the public.

The EEA undertakes a comprehensive range of integrated environmental and thematic assessments to support implementation of environmental policies in Europe. These include five-yearly state and outlook of the environment reports; thematic and sectoral assessments; analyses of the effectiveness of policy measures; forward studies; and assessments of the impacts of globalisation on Europe's environment and resources. The EEA is an important source and custodian of environment-related data and indicators, and is a key provider of environmental knowledge and information services.

To achieve its aim, the EEA works closely with EU institutions, especially the European Commission, and in partnership with government departments and agencies, international conventions, UN bodies, the scientific community, the private sector and civil society.

Cooperation with government bodies and research institutions in the European Environment Information and Observation Network (Eionet), created together with the EEA itself in 1993 by the EEA/Eionet Regulation (EEC) No 1210/90, plays a key role in the Agency's work, representing two decades of investing in the creation and sharing of environmental information across Europe. Continued investment in Eionet, including the European Topic Centres, and with the EEA/Eionet cooperation model at its core, remains a central point for the work.

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PART 1: OVERVIEW

EEA MISSION AND GOALS

In line with its Multiannual Work Programme 2014-2018 (MAWP), the EEA, according to its mission, aims to support sustainable development and to help achieve significant and measurable improvements in Europe's environment, through the provision of relevant, reliable, timely, and targeted information to policy-making agents and the public.

The EEA operates in a complex multi-level and multi-actor governance setting at EU, national and global levels, and also works with research institutes and non-governmental organisations (NGOs). The specific role of the EEA is to support policy making at the EU level and to build capacity in countries, using Eionet as its unique partnership to generate two-way quality-assured environmental data and information.

The nature of environmental challenges has evolved over decades, requiring parallel adaptations to information flows and their assessment. Looking ahead at the challenges Europe is likely to face in coming decades, there is an increasing need to speed up the adaptation of environmental information flows and assessments to support transition objectives, while maintaining and improving the knowledge base supporting established and developing policies across the policy cycle.

Continuously emerging, new and updated scientific insights into environment and climate issues improve the knowledge base for environment and climate policies. Fulfilling its science-policy interface role, the EEA will work closely together with the Joint Research Centre, ESTAT and others in seeking to influence activities under – and exploit insights coming from – the EU Framework Research Programme (Horizon 2020), that will play a major role in developing such insights.

Based on this and the mandate set out in the EEA/Eionet Regulation, the key goals of the EEA in the 2014-2018 period of the MAWP are as follows:

Key goals

- To be the prime source of knowledge at European level informing the implementation of European and national environment and climate policies;
- To be a leading knowledge centre on the knowledge needed to support long-term transition challenges and objectives;
- To be the lead organisation at European level facilitating knowledge-sharing and capacity-building in the field of environment and climate change.

KEY ACTIVITIES IN 2015

The Annual Work Programme 2015 (AWP 2015) will continue many lines of work from previous annual work programmes along with some new emphases. Across the four strategic areas structuring the MAWP 2014-2018, the highlights for 2015 are:

Strategic area 1: Informing policy implementation

- implement key monitoring, reporting and verification (MRV) provisions under climate change mitigation legislation, and support the lead-up to UNFCCC CoP 21 in Paris;
- support the mid-term review of the EU Biodiversity Strategy to 2020;
- prepare for the 2016 country reporting on the second round of River Basin Management Plans under the Water Framework Directive (WFD);

Strategic area 2: Assessing systemic challenges

- publish, promote and evaluate SOER 2015;
- prepare support to the monitoring and evaluation of the 7th EAP;
- further develop the knowledge base for transitions, including green/circular economy transitions, through work for example on foresight, uncertainty and risk, and socio-technical systems, especially food.

Strategic area 3: Knowledge co-creation, sharing and use

- improve online access to the latest SOER data and information (referred to as 'SOE-online');
- support the further implementation of Inspire across thematic areas;
- use data from Copernicus to improve the timeliness and quality of EEA products and services;
- communicate around the above issues, focusing on SOER 2015, the lead-up to CoP 21 in Paris, biodiversity, and efforts in connection with the UN Year of Soil.

Strategic area 4: EEA Management

- continue the EEA leadership programme;
- continue the implementation of new Staff and Financial Regulation;
- develop a new personnel database and leave-management system.

The annual work programme will be undertaken with Eionet partners (National Focal Points, National Reference Centres and European Topic Centres), cooperating countries, and a wide range of partner institutions, including the European Commission's Directorate Generals, government departments and agencies, international conventions, UN bodies, the scientific technical and research communities, the private sector, and civil society, in order to assure the relevance and quality of the data, information and analyses that we provide.

2015 BUDGET OUTLINE

No	Strategic Action / Project Group	Direct fund.	ETC - European Topic Centres	Tech. developm., IT infrastruct. and services, data management, communication, meetings (incl. MB/SC), missions and publications	Total funds	FTE – Full Time Equivalent
1	Informing policy implementation					
1.1	Air pollution, transport and noise	0.1	1.0	0.3	1.4	8
1.2	Industrial pollution	0.1	0.3	0.2	0.6	6
1.3	Climate change mitigation and energy	0.1	1.0	0.3	1.4	10
1.4	Climate change impacts, vulnerability and adaptation		0.6	0.2	0.8	6
1.5	Water management, resources and ecosystems	0.1	0.8	0.2	1.1	8
1.6	Marine and coastal environment and maritime activities	0.0	0.8	0.3	1.1	6
1.7	Biodiversity and ecosystems, agriculture and forests	0.1	1.6	0.4	2.1	15
1.8	Urban, land use and soil	0.1	0.8	0.2	1.1	7
1.9	Waste and material resources		0.7	0.0	0.7	4
	Subtotal 1	0.7	7.6	1.9	10.2	69
2	Assessing systemic challenges					
2.1	Resource-efficient economy and the environment		0.2	0.1	0.3	5
2.2	Environment, human health and well-being	0.0	0.1	0.1	0.2	2
2.3	Megatrends and transitions	0.1		0.1	0.2	4
2.4	Sustainability assessments and state of the environment reporting	0.1		0.2	0.2	8
	Subtotal 2	0.2	0.3	0.4	0.9	19
3	Knowledge Cocreation, sharing and use					
3.1	Networking and partnerships			0.2	0.2	9
3.2	Technical systems development			0.7	0.7	10
3.3	Monitoring, data and information management			0.4	0.4	11
3.4	Communication, outreach and user analysis			0.6	0.6	9
3.5	Quality management and operational services	0.0		1.5	1.5	11
3.6	Copernicus operational services			0.0	0.0	5
3.7	Capacity building in West Balkan and European Neighbourhood countries			0.0	0.0	5
	Subtotal 3	0.0	0.0	3.4	3.4	59
4	EEA management					
4.1	Governance and management			0.2	0.2	36
4.2	Administration			0.0	0.0	20
	Subtotal 4	0.0	0.0	0.3	0.3	57
	Total	0.9	7.9	6.1	14.8	204

This table includes funds allocated to operational activities, missions and meetings only (million EUR). The FTE count (204) takes vacancies and part time work into account and is hence lower than the number of posts/positions. Blank cells indicate zero, while 0.0 indicates a figure less or equal to 0.05.

KEY OUTPUTS – PRODUCTION PLAN

	AWP 2015 area	Communication activities	Publication	Web publication	Indicators	Maps and data	Corporate document	Information system	Support and contributions	Workshops and meetings
1.1	Air pollution, transport and noise	x	x	x	x	x	-	x	x	x
1.2	Industrial pollution	x	x	-	x	x	-	x	x	-
1.3	Climate change mitigation and energy	x	x	x	x	x	-	x	x	x
1.4	Climate change impacts, vulnerability and adaptation	x	x	x	x	-	-	x	x	x
1.5	Water management, resources and ecosystems	x	x	x	x	x	-	x	x	x
1.6	Marine and coastal environment and maritime activities	x	x	-	x	x	-	x	x	x
1.7	Biodiversity, ecosystems, agriculture and forests	x	x	-	x	x	-	x	x	x
1.8	Urban, land use and soil	x	x	-	x	-	-	-	-	x
1.9	Waste and material resources	x	x	-	x	x	-	-	x	x
2.1	Resource-efficient economy and the environment	x	x	-	x	-	-	-	x	x
2.2	Environment, human health and well-being	x	x	-	-	x	-	-	x	x
2.3	Megatrends and transitions	x	x	x	-	-	-	x	-	x
2.4	Sustainability assessments and state of the environment reporting	x	x	x	-	-	-	-	x	-
3.1	Networking and partnerships	x	x	-	-	x	-	-	x	x
3.2	Technical systems development	-	-	-	-	-	-	x	-	x
3.3	Monitoring, data and information management	x	x	-	x	x	-	-	-	x
3.4	Communication, outreach and user analysis	x	x	x	-	-	x	x	x	x
3.5	Quality management and operational services	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	x	-
3.6	Copernicus operational services	-	x	-	-	x	-	x	-	x
3.7	Capacity building in West Balkan and European Neighbourhood countries	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	x	-
4.1	Governance and management	-	-	-	-	-	x	-	-	-
4.2	Administration	-	-	-	-	-	x	-	-	-

PART 2: ACTIONS FOR 2015

SA1 INFORMING POLICY IMPLEMENTATION

MAWP 2014-2018 goals and objectives

Goal

Improve content, accessibility and use of European-level environmental information by providing policy-relevant feedback to long-established and emerging policy frameworks, objectives, and targets through reporting on progress in recognised environmental themes across the DPSIR assessment chain.

Key objectives

- Tailor, harmonise and speed up data flows (including near-real time where appropriate), and their integration in information systems for the production of indicators and assessments in order to be relevant and up to date by, in particular, providing targeted technical and methodological assistance to reporting obligations and information requirements under the legislative processes and related SIIFs;
- Timely provision, analysis and dissemination of data sets, indicators and assessments across the policy cycle for the themes and sectors of most relevance for achieving environmental policy implementation and effectiveness analysis at different geographical scales;
- Close important information gaps by further developing concepts, analytical methods, and indicators to better understand the inter-linkages between different themes and sectors in support of enhanced policy coherence;
- Mainstream new data and information needs through incorporating the outcomes of EU's Seventh Framework Programme for Research (7th EAP) and Horizon 2020 research projects, as well as of similar ventures at national and international level;
- Continuous active engagement with stakeholders as a policy-science interface across themes and sectors to ensure relevant findings are taken up and used, thereby contributing to the achievement of significant and measurable improvement in Europe's environment.

Key performance indicators

- Measurable uptake of EEA findings in policy documents;
- Measurable and acknowledged contribution to reporting processes under EU comitology and multi-lateral agreements;
- Timely and reliable delivery of annual briefings and workshops, as well as assessments, indicators, databases, and information services, based on a timetable agreed with EEA stakeholders.

SA1.1 AIR POLLUTION, TRANSPORT AND NOISE

Multiannual objective

To support and inform policy development and implementation in the areas of air pollution, transport and environment, and noise by means of data, information/indicators, and assessments.

Multiannual performance indicators

- Data reported by EEA member countries collected, processed, quality-assured, stored, and disseminated according to agreed deadlines in a timely manner;
- EEA member countries assisted effectively in their reporting, and capacity-building support provided as needed;
- EEA member countries and the European Commission supported in a timely manner with relevant analysis and compilations of reported information and with direct policy support;
- EEA information systems adapted and improved to accommodate changes in reporting and user needs;
- Sound, timely, and policy-relevant indicators and assessments, including policy effectiveness assessments of air pollution, transport and environment and noise, interactions between various environmental areas and policies, and impacts on health, on the environment, climate change and on the economy.

Highlights for 2015

- Further developing EEA information systems to support countries with the reporting of data, particularly under the new or amended reporting regimes for the Fuel Quality Directive, air quality data (AQ e-reporting), and air emissions data under the National Emission Ceilings (NEC) Directive and the UNECE Convention on Long-range Transboundary Air Pollution (LRTAP), and CO₂ emissions from new vehicles;
- Producing targeted reports assessing the state of Europe's air and noise pollution and associated impacts on human health and the environment, and the integration of environmental considerations into transport policies;
- Continuing support to countries and the European Commission by producing data and statistics, fact sheets and indicators tracking progress towards the achievement of targets as defined in relevant EU and international legislation and the implementation of targeted measures, including the long-term objectives of minimising impacts from air pollution and the decarbonisation of the transport sector, etc.

Main ETC Partner

ETC/ACM

Expected outputs

Description	Type	Key partners	Justification/legal reference
Annual reports: reporting status under NEC Directive; EU emissions inventory report under LRTAP Convention	Publication	Eionet Mitigation of air pollution and climate change NRCs DG ENV	National Emission Ceilings Directive (2001/81/EC); LRTAP Convention and its protocols
Annual Transport and Environment Reporting Mechanism report (TERM)	Publication	EP, DG CLIMA, DG MOVE, DG ENV, Eionet Transport and Environment NRCs	Transport White Paper (COM/2011/0044); other relevant Regulations and Directives
Technical studies supporting air pollution, transport and noise assessment reports	Support and contributions	DG ENV, DG JRC	Ambient Air Quality Directive (2008/50/EC); Fourth Air Quality Daughter Directive 2004/107/EC
Updated country air pollution fact sheets	Web publication	Eionet, DG ENV	EC Air quality package, Ambient Air Quality Directive (2008/50/EC), National Emission Ceilings Directive (2001/81/EC)
Annual overview of summer ozone exceedances in Europe - 2015	Web publication	Eionet, DG ENV	Ambient Air Quality Directive (2008/50/EC)
Updated indicators at European level on air pollutant emissions, air quality, noise, transport and environment	Indicators	Eionet, DG ENV, DG CLIMA, DG MOVE, DG ESTAT, DG JRC, DG AGRI LRTAP Convention CCE, WHO	Europe 2020 Semester; resource efficiency scoreboard; EU SDS, EC Air quality package,

Updated compilations of air quality data and statistics, including for cities	Data and maps	Eionet Air quality NRCs DG ENV, DG JRC, DG ESTAT, DG REGIO	Ambient Air Quality Directive (2008/50/EC), Air Quality Implementing Decision (2011/850/EU)
Updated compilations of air pollutant emission data	Data and maps	Eionet Mitigation of air pollution and climate change NRCs, DG ENV, DG JRC, EMEP, CEIP	National Emission Ceilings Directive (2001/81/EC), LRTAP Convention and its Protocols
Updated compilations of data and statistics of CO ₂ and NOx emissions from new cars and from new vans	Data and maps	DG CLIMA, DG ENV, DG JRC	Regulations on the monitoring of CO ₂ emissions from new passenger cars and light-duty vehicles (443/2009, 510/2011), Ambient Air Quality Directive (2008/50/EC), National Emission Ceilings Directive (2001/81/EC)
Updated compilations of noise data and statistics	Data and maps	Eionet Noise NRCs, DG ENV	Environmental Noise Directive (2002/49/EC)
Updated air quality maps for EEA member countries	Data and maps	DG ENV, EMEP	Ambient Air Quality Directive (2008/50/EC); Fourth Air Quality Daughter Directive 2004/107/EC
Annual Eionet workshops on air pollutant emissions, on air quality, on transport and environment, and on noise	Workshops and meetings	Eionet Mitigation of air pollution and climate change NRCs, Eionet Air quality NRCs, Eionet Transport and Environment NRCs, Eionet Noise NRCs	EEA/ Eionet Regulation
Provision of policy support	Support and contributions	DG ENV, DG CLIMA, LRTAP Convention	Air Quality Directives and implementing provisions, National Emission Ceilings Directive, LRTAP Convention and its

			protocols, Environmental Noise Directive, Regulations for monitoring of CO ₂ from new passenger cars and light-duty vehicles etc.
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SA1.2 INDUSTRIAL POLLUTION

Multiannual objective

To support and inform policy development and implementation in the area of emissions from industrial sources by means of data, information/indicators, and assessments.

Multiannual performance indicators

- Data reported by EEA member countries (and/or economic operators) collected, processed, quality-assured, stored, and disseminated according to agreed deadlines in a timely manner;
- EEA member countries and industry assisted effectively in their data reporting towards the European Commission, international bodies, and the EEA; reporting consolidated and streamlined where possible; support for capacity building provided as needed;
- EEA information systems adapted and improved to accommodate changes in reporting and user needs;
- EEA member countries and the European Commission supported in a timely manner with relevant analysis and compilations of reported information and with direct policy support;
- Sound, timely, and policy-relevant indicators and assessments, including policy-effectiveness assessments of industrial pollution and impacts on the environment, health and economy and of co-benefits of policy measures undertaken in these areas.

Highlights for 2015

- Further developing EEA information systems and data flow management processes to support countries and companies with the reporting and quality improvement of data, particularly under the revised reporting regimes for the F-Gas Regulation and the Large Combustion Plant (LCP) Directive;
- Continued support to countries and the European Commission by providing data and statistics, fact sheets and internal EU reports for the confidential data on Ozone Depleting Substances (ODS) and Fluorinated gases (F-gases);
- Further developing the indicator framework for industrial pollution with the purpose of tracking progress towards the achievement of objectives as defined in relevant EU and international legislation;

- Targeted publication of data and reports on pressures on the environment from industrial pollution with a focus on the information reported under the European Pollutant Release and Transfer Register (E-PRTR) Regulation, the LCP Directive, the ODS Regulation, and F-Gas Regulation;
- Continued support to the streamlining initiative in the field of industrial pollution with a focus on the streamlining of reporting processes between the Industrial Emissions Directive (IED) and the E-PRTR Regulation.

Main ETC Partner

ETC/ACM

Expected outputs

Description	Type	Key partners	Justification/legal reference
Annual internal EU reports (confidential) on ODS and F-Gases	Publication	DG CLIMA, Member States (MS), companies	F-Gas Regulation (842/2006/EC), ODS Regulation (1005/2009/EC)
Annual technical reports: reporting on the trade and production of ODS and F-gases, EU submission to the Montreal Protocol	Publication	DG CLIMA, MS, companies	F-Gas Regulation (842/2006/EC), ODS Regulation (1005/2009/EC), Montreal Protocol
Technical report on EU ETS implementation in Member States (MS)	Publication	DG CLIMA, MS	EU ETS Directive (2003/87/EC)
Updated indicators at European level on ODS and F-gases and further development of the industrial pollution indicator framework	Indicators	DG ENV, DG CLIMA, Montreal Protocol	F-Gas Regulation (842/2006/EC), ODS Regulation (1005/2009/EC), Montreal Protocol, Industrial Emissions Directive (2010/75/EU), Large Combustion Plant Directive (2001/80/EC), E-PRTR Regulation (166/2006/EC)
Impact of ODS and F-gases Regulations on past GHG emissions	Support and contributions	DG CLIMA	ODS Regulation (1005/2009/EC), F-Gas Regulation (842/2006/EC), Montreal Protocol, GHG policy area

Updated compilations of E-PRTR data and statistics (including publication on E-PRTR website maintained by EEA)	Data and maps Information system	Eionet Industrial Pollution NRCs, DG ENV, MS reporters and E-PRTR Committee members, UNECE PRTR Secretariat; OECD	E-PRTR Regulation (166/2006/EC)
Updated compilation of LCP data	Data and maps	DG ENV, Eionet, MS reporters	LCP Directive (2001/80/EC)
Support to development of IED reporting and revision of E-PRTR reporting framework	Support and contributions	DG ENV, Eionet, MS reporters	Industrial Emissions Directive (2010/75/EU), E-PRTR Regulation (166/2006/EC)
Annual Eionet workshop on industrial pollution	Workshops and meetings	Eionet Industrial Pollution NRCs	EEA/Eionet Regulation
Provision of policy support	Support and contributions	DG ENV, DG CLIMA, UNECE PRTR Protocol, UN Montreal Protocol, OECD	F-Gas Regulation (842/2006/EC), ODS Regulation (1005/2009/EC), EU ETS Directive (2003/87/EC), LCP Directive (2001/80/EC), Industrial Emissions Directive (2010/75/EU), PRTR Protocol, Montreal Protocol, E-PRTR Regulation (166/2006/EC)
Streamlining of industrial emissions data collection processes under IED	Support and contributions	DG ENV, IEEG members, E-PRTR expert group	Industrial Emissions Directive (2010/75/EU), E-PRTR Regulation (166/2006/EC), EU ETS Regulation (2003/87/EC), UNECE PRTR Protocol, LRTAP Convention, National Emission Ceilings Directive (2001/81/EC)

SA1.3 CLIMATE CHANGE MITIGATION AND ENERGY

Multiannual objective

To support and inform policy developments and implementation in the areas of climate change mitigation and energy by means of data, information/indicators and assessments.

Multiannual performance indicators

- Data reported by EEA member countries collected, processed, quality-assured, stored and disseminated according to agreed deadlines in a timely manner;
- EEA member countries assisted effectively in their reporting, and capacity-building support provided as needed;
- EEA member countries and the European Commission supported in a timely manner with relevant analysis, compilations of reported information, and direct policy support;
- EEA information systems adapted and improved to accommodate changes in reporting and user needs;
- Sound, timely, and policy-relevant indicators and assessments, including policy effectiveness assessments, on past and future effects and/or combined sets of policies and measures in the fields of:

Highlights for 2015

- Start of the first complete reporting year under the Monitoring Mechanism Regulation which will form the basis for implementation and assessments of key parts of the existing 2020 climate and energy policy framework;
- Start of the first year of reporting under the second commitment period of the Kyoto Protocol, including the preparation of the EU initial GHG inventory using a new methodology (2006 IPCC Guidelines), and the related initial UNFCCC review in the autumn;
- Further developing of the EU GHG inventory process, which will become more complex through a transition to new mandatory guidelines, formats and quality-control standards;
- Implementing the first annual review of Member States' GHG-emission inventories under the Effort Sharing Decision will be conducted and constitute an input to the first annual compliance cycle;
- Further developing and contributing to policy evaluation of EU climate and energy policies - including ex-post evaluation;
- Further developing analysis on potential long-term transitions in the energy sector as well as assessment of potential carbon lock-ins;
- Supporting the EU 2030 policy framework discussions and preparations in relation to COP21.

Main ETC Partner

ETC/ACM

Expected Outputs

Description	Type	Key partners	Justification/legal reference
Assistance to the European Commission in relation to Articles 6-9, 12-19, 21, 22 and 24 of the EU GHG Monitoring Mechanism Regulation (525/2013/EC)	Publication Data and maps Information system	DG CLIMA, MS	EU GHG Monitoring Mechanism Regulation (525/2013/EC) and Implementing/Delegated Acts
Implementation of the first annual review of Member States' GHG emission inventories under the Effort Sharing Decision	Publication	DG CLIMA, MS	EU GHG Monitoring Mechanism Regulation (525/2013/EC) and Implementing/Delegated Acts
Technical report: EU GHG inventory 1990-2013 (Official EU submission to UNFCCC); support to emission inventory review activities; support to Member States, GHG inventory reporting; assessment of reasons behind past GHG emission trends	Publication	UNFCCC, DG CLIMA, DG ESTAT, DG JRC, MS	UNFCCC, Kyoto Protocol, EU GHG Monitoring Mechanism Regulation (525/2013/EC) and Implementing/Delegated Acts
Technical report: Energy-related GHG emissions from an end-user perspective	Publication and data	DG CLIMA, ESTAT, DG ENER, DG ENV	EU GHG Monitoring Mechanism Regulation (525/2013/EC), UNFCCC.
Updated EEA Climate Change Data Centre with relevant EU greenhouse gas and energy data sets, including PAMS and projections and EU ETS information	Data and maps	DG CLIMA, DG ESTAT, DG JRC, MS	EU GHG Monitoring Mechanism Regulation (525/2013/EC) and Implementing/Delegated Acts
Annual Eionet workshops on climate-change mitigation and energy	Workshops and meetings	Eionet, DG CLIMA, DG ENER, DG ESTAT	EEA/Eionet Regulation

Updated indicators at European level on climate change mitigation and energy	Indicators	Eionet, DG ESTAT	EEA/Eionet Regulation
Provision of policy support to the EU in the context of UNFCCC and COP21, including support to the UNFCCC annual review process	Support and contributions	UNFCCC, DG CLIMA, MS	UNFCCC, IPCC, EU GHG Monitoring Mechanism Regulation, EU ETS Directive, 2030 proposal, 2050 roadmap
EEA report: Progress towards meeting GHG emissions, energy efficiency and renewable energy targets in Europe (Annual 'Trends and Progress' report)	Publication	Eionet, DG CLIMA, DG ENER, DG RTD, DG JRC, Eionet, IEA	UNFCCC, 2030/50 roadmaps, EU GHG Monitoring Mechanism Regulation (525/2013/EC) and Implementing/Delegated Acts, EU ETS Directive
Technical report(s): Long-lived energy infrastructures versus climate objectives for 2030 and 2050, energy transitions and ex-post policy evaluation	Publication	DG CLIMA, DG ENER, Eionet	2050 Roadmap, 2030 proposal, RES Directive, EE Directive, Energy Security Roadmap

SA1.4 CLIMATE CHANGE IMPACTS, VULNERABILITY AND ADAPTATION

Multiannual objective

To support and inform policy development and implementation in the area of climate change impacts, vulnerability, and adaptation by means of data, information/indicators, and assessments.

Multiannual performance indicators

- EEA member countries supported in an effective and timely manner in their development and implementation of national adaptation strategies;
- EEA member countries assisted effectively in their reporting to the EU, and capacity-building support provided as needed;
- EEA member countries and the European Commission supported in a timely manner with relevant analysis, compilations of reported information, and direct policy support;
- EEA information systems (Climate-ADAPT) adapted and improved to accommodate changes in reporting and user needs, increased user uptake;
- Sound, timely, and policy-relevant indicators and assessments, including assessments of policy preparedness/effectiveness and/or combined sets of policies and measures, in the fields of climate change impacts, vulnerability, and adaptation.

Highlights for 2015

- Updating and improving indicators of impacts of and vulnerability to climate change regarding environmental systems, socio-economic sectors and systems and human health;
- Contributing to the organisation of the second European Climate Change Adaptation (ECCA) conference (2015, Copenhagen);
- Publication of technical reports on 'Overview of climate change adaptation platforms in Europe' and 'Monitoring, reporting and evaluation of climate change adaptation at national level'
- Preparing two key 2016 reports: one on climate-change impacts, vulnerability and adaptation, and another on urban adaptation.

Main ETC Partner

ETC/CCA

Expected outputs

Description	Type	Key partners	Justification/legal reference
Updated and improved European Climate Change Adaptation Platform Climate-ADAPT	Information system	DG CLIMA, DG ENV, DG JRC, DG RTD, DG ECHO, DG ENT, DG REGIO, Eionet, EPA network	EU Adaptation strategy (Commission communication) European Commission / EEA Work plan on Climate-ADAPT 7th EAP, Europe 2020 Strategy
Indicators on climate-change impacts and vulnerability (updated and improved)	Indicators	DG CLIMA Eionet, WHO, ECDC, IPCC	EU Adaptation strategy (Commission communication) 7th EAP
Draft EEA reports on 'climate change impacts and vulnerability' (indicator-based) and on 'urban adaptation', to be published in 2016	Support and contributions	DG CLIMA, Eionet, JRC	EU Adaptation strategy (Commission communication) 7th EAP
EEA technical reports on 'Overview of climate change adaptation platforms in Europe' and 'Monitoring, reporting and evaluation of climate change adaptation at national level'	Publication	DG CLIMA, Eionet	EU Adaptation strategy (Commission communication) 7th EAP
Eionet workshops on climate change impacts, vulnerability and adaptation (linked with an expert meeting on adaptation platforms and/or on monitoring and evaluation)	Workshops and meetings	Eionet, DG CLIMA	EEA/Eionet Regulation

<p>Contribution to the organisation of the second European Climate Change Adaptation conference (2015, Copenhagen)</p> <p>Contribution to the Commission (DG CLIMA) Mayors Adapt project and the annual ICLEI conference on urban adaptation</p> <p>Contributions to other conferences and meetings</p>	<p>Workshops and meetings</p>	<p>DG RTD, DG CLIMA, Eionet, JRC</p> <p>DG CLIMA, ICLEI</p> <p>Copernicus climate change service, UNFCCC, IPCC, ISDR Europe, WHO Europe, EPA network</p>	<p>EU Adaptation strategy (Commission communication)</p>
<p>Support to reporting of climate change adaptation actions under the Monitoring Mechanism Regulation</p>	<p>Support and contributions</p>	<p>DG CLIMA, Eionet</p>	<p>EU Monitoring Mechanism Regulation (525/2013/EC)</p>

SA1.5 WATER MANAGEMENT, RESOURCES AND ECOSYSTEMS

Multiannual objective

To support and inform policy development and implementation in the area of water management, resources and ecosystems by means of data, information/indicators and assessments.

Multiannual performance indicators

- Data reported by EU Member States and EEA member countries collected, processed, quality-assured, stored, and disseminated according to the agreed deadlines in a timely and reliable manner; additional data-reporting flows (UWWTD, Drinking Water Directive) established in line with the SIIF developments and additional data flows (NiDi) evaluated and established if possible;
- EEA member countries assisted effectively in their reporting, and capacity-building support provided as needed;
- EEA member countries and the European Commission supported in a timely manner with relevant analysis and compilations of reported information and with direct policy support;
- EEA information systems adapted and improved to accommodate changes in reporting and user needs: full operation of WISE 2.0 achieved, linking with BISE and Climate-ADAPT, on the basis of the WISE Implementation plan 2013–2015, with all relevant upgrades and in full agreement with EU partners in WISE (DG ENV, DG ESTAT, DG JRC);
- Sound, timely, and policy-relevant methodologies, indicators, and assessments, including policy-effectiveness analysis, in particular of Water Framework Directive (WFD) Second River Basin Management Plans and other water-related policies, applying environmental accounting methodologies and ecosystem (services) approaches.

Highlights for 2015

- Supporting further the policy streamlining between water, marine and biodiversity policies with common assessments and reporting-related approaches, developing a pilot on eutrophication;
- Developing the assessment framework for the 2016 country assessments (status and pressures) under the WFD second reporting, including measures and water-economic aspects and the analysis of reported data under the Floods Directive in connection with climate change and ecosystem vulnerability aspects, in cooperation with JRC.
- Finalising the upgrade to WISE 2.0, as the water module in the Environment Knowledge Community Base, with reporting tools and updated access and dissemination infrastructure. Following SEIS principles and taking the SIIF perspective into account, to include all refit and EEA water data flows, WISE SoE, all directives and the WFD second reporting, for launch on 22 March 2016; this includes continuous work and support on Inspire compliance of all data flows. The build-up of the water knowledge base strongly builds upon cooperation with Eurostat and the JRC.

- Continuing to focus on water and sanitation aspects to complement WFD assessments regarding water resources, water pollution and treatment, chemicals, health and water, and water-resource efficiency.

Main ETC Partner

ETC/ICM

Expected outputs

Description	Type	Key partners	Justification/legal reference
Report on floods in Europe, focusing on integration of possible measures under different policy areas. A water contribution to preparing EEA climate change assessment in 2016;	Publication	DG ENV, DG CLIMA	Floods Directive
Industry Directives report 2014, covering the Bathing Water Directive (BWD), the Urban Waste-Water Treatment Directive (UWWTD), and the Drinking Water Directive (DWD)	Publication	DG ENV	Bathing Water Directive, Urban Waste Water Treatment Directive, Drinking Water Directive
Assessment framework to analyse data under WFD Second Reporting of RBMPs, including a report on water economics (cost of measures and impacts of investments) and assessments on policy evaluation in the water policies	Support and contributions	DG ENV, DG ESTAT, DG JRC, MS, Eionet	WFD, EU Blueprint for Water (the 'Blueprint')
European results for water balances as input for water accounts, environmental accounts and indicators on resource efficiency	Web publication, Indicators, Data and maps	DG ENV, DG ESTAT, DG JRC, MS, Eionet	WFD, Blueprint, 7th EAP

First draft European assessment on eutrophication across land-based sources (incl. point and diffuse pollution) for inland and coastal waters (in cooperation with 1.6) and a water module contribution to the MAES ecosystem assessment (streamlining across water/marine/biodiversity directives)	Web publication, Data and maps	DG ENV, DG ESTAT, DG JRC, MS, Eionet	WFD, Blueprint, 7th EAP
Updated core set of indicators on water	Indicators	Eionet, DG ESTAT	WFD, Blueprint
In line with SEIS and Inspire, taking into account SIIF concepts, develop infrastructure for shared access, integrated assessments and efficient dissemination for all water data in preparation of the launch of WISE 2.0 in 2016. This includes the refit of 'waterbase' and all water data flows in content and process.	Information systems	DG ENV, MS, Eionet	WFD, Blueprint
Chairing WISE technical group; co-chairing WFD CIS group on reporting and water accounts	Support and contributions	DG ENV, MS, Eionet	EEA/Eionet Regulation, WFD, Blueprint
Eionet Freshwater Workshop on new reporting structure and	Workshops and meetings	DG ENV, MS, Eionet	EEA MAWP 2014-2018

SA1.6 MARINE AND COASTAL ENVIRONMENT AND MARITIME ACTIVITIES

Multiannual objective

To support and inform policy development and implementation in the area of marine and coastal environment and maritime activities by means of data, information/indicators, and assessments.

Multiannual performance indicators

- Data reported by EEA member countries collected, processed, quality assured, and disseminated according to the agreed deadlines in a timely and reliable manner;
- EEA member countries assisted effectively in their reporting, and capacity-building support provided as needed;
- EEA member countries and the European Commission supported in a timely manner with relevant analysis and compilations of reported information, and with direct policy support;
- EEA information systems adapted and improved to accommodate changes in reporting and user needs: the marine component of WISE established;
- Sound, timely and policy-relevant indicators and assessments, including policy-effectiveness analysis, building on agreed frameworks related to integrated marine/maritime assessments including socio-economic perspectives and the ecosystem (services) approach.

Highlights for 2015

In collaboration with the Eionet marine, coastal and maritime NRCs; DG ENV; DG MARE; the Regional Sea Conventions (RSC); the International Council for the Exploration of the Sea (ICES); and the JRC's Marine Competence Center, and as chair of the technical group TG Data (a group under the common implementation strategy of the Marine Strategy), the EEA will support the implementation of the Marine Strategy Framework Directive, as well as the 2020 Biodiversity strategy, by:

- Developing phase 2 and soft launch of WISE-Marine: framing the specific information and indicator needs for future EEA assessments. This activity includes development of the methodological approaches to HOPE indicators (11 descriptors of Good Environmental Status), socio-economic perspectives of maritime activities as well as an update of Marine LitterWatch;
- Developing data requirements, standards, and flow mechanisms with regard to Marine Strategy Framework Directive (MSFD) Article 19.3 that are integrated with existing policy and Regional Sea Convention data flows, and that link to Inspire, EMODnet and Copernicus, as appropriate. This includes support to JRC pilot project aimed at integrating Inspire mechanism for reporting under the MSFD;
- Publication of 2013 WISE SoE dataset and the revised 2014 dataflow. The revision will be based on outcome of EEA business process analysis;

- Testing methodology and criteria for assessing ecological coherence of marine protected area networks (EU Marine Expert Group);
- Progressing towards a common European analytical framework for marine ecosystem (services) assessment, building on ecosystem condition information from implementing EU environmental legislation.

Main ETC Partner

ETC/ICM

Expected outputs

Description	Type	Key partners	Justification/legal reference
Phase 2 of WISE-Marine and HOPE indicators development	Information system	DG ENV, DG JRC, ICES, Eionet	Marine Strategy Framework Directive
Update of WISE SoE transitional coastal waters data set	Data and maps	Eionet	Water Framework Directive
Technical Report on the development of European marine ecosystem (services) assessment	Publication	DG ENV, MS, Eionet	EU 2020 Biodiversity Strategy, Marine Strategy Framework Directive, EU Directors' 'Vilnius process'
Support to MSFD policy process and implementation of MSFD art 19.3 (technical group Data workshop; working papers for WG DIKE)	Workshops and meetings, Support and contributions	DG ENV, MS	Marine Strategy Framework Directive (MSFD)
Technical report on criteria for assessing ecological coherence of marine protected areas	Publication	DG ENV, MS	Marine Strategy Framework Directive, Habitats Directive, and Biodiversity Strategy
Scoping and preparing 2016 publications: • thematic assessment on eutrophication measures in collaboration with SA1.5;	Support and contributions	DG ENV, DG JRC, ICES, Eionet	Marine Strategy and Water Framework Directives

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • fisheries and aquaculture assessment; • Black Sea, Mediterranean and Arctic SoE assessment processes in collaboration with SA3.1. • A marine contribution to preparing EEA climate change assessment in 2016; 			
Eionet Marine Workshop	Workshop and meetings	Eionet	EEA MAWP 2014-2018

SA1.7 BIODIVERSITY, ECOSYSTEMS, AGRICULTURE AND FORESTS

Multiannual objective

To support and inform policy development and implementation in the area of biodiversity and ecosystems, including agriculture and forests ecosystems, by means of data, information/indicators and assessments

Multiannual performance indicators

- Data reported by EEA member countries and other sources collected, processed, quality-assured, stored and disseminated according to the agreed deadlines in a timely and reliable manner;
- EEA member countries and Commission assisted effectively in their Nature Directives reporting activities, and capacity-building support provided as needed;
- EEA member countries and the European Commission supported in a timely manner with relevant analysis and compilations of reported information within a direct policy context;
- EEA information systems developed according to the policy needs as emerging from the Nature Directives, the EU Biodiversity strategy, and the Global Biodiversity strategy. To this end, full development and implementation of BISE in partnership with relevant Commission Services (linking to other systems — e.g. WISE and Climate-ADAPT — as appropriate);
- Develop indicators and assessments based on sound, timely, and policy-relevant methodologies, including needs from policy-effectiveness analysis, in particular concerning the mid-term review of the Biodiversity Strategy to 2020 and sub-global/regional ecosystems assessments, as well in support to policy-science interface platforms at European and global levels (e.g. IPBES).

- Establish relevant partnerships with major operators in biodiversity monitoring, data gathering, and agriculture and forests ecosystems data and observation networks, in order to reinforce information provision as well as assessment capacities.

Highlights for 2015

- Support the mid-term Review of the EU Biodiversity Strategy to 2020 through dedicated work on:
 - BISE (in partnership with DG ENV), including upgrade of the Biodiversity Data Centre (following guidance agreed within SEIS principles), EUNIS and the Biodiversity Clearing House Mechanism (CBD);
 - EEA Technical Report on Article 12 (Birds Directive) and Article 17 (Habitats Directive) – The State of Nature - on the conservation status of species and habitats, to feed the European Commission's communication and the different targets of the EU Biodiversity Strategy;
 - Use, maintain and re-design relevant indicators (based on SEBI and AEI in particular) in the context of the EEA core set of indicators;
 - Produce an adapted 2010 Biodiversity Baseline (based on the ecosystems classification developed under the MAES process) and support its use to evaluate progress towards the 2020 targets to be included in the mid-term review of the Biodiversity Strategy (MTR) prepared by DG ENV;
 - Mapping and assessment products on ecosystems and their services (action 5 of the Biodiversity Strategy) and provide support with these to SA2.2.
- Support the revision of the reporting under the Nature Directives and provide advice and support to the reporting process under the same directives
- Provide advice to the reporting processes under the Water Framework Directive and the Marine Strategy Framework Directive, based on experience from the Nature Directives in aligning concepts and knowledge developed under the reporting processes on conservation status;
- Continue support to the building of the Natura 2000 on streamlining the Natura 2000 and Emerald network establishment;
- Reinforce strategic networking/partnerships capacities with other European and global organisations providing data and information;
- Reinforce strategic networking/partnerships capacities across Eionet following its revision in 2014 and the new NRC landscape
- Support the scoping of Biodiversity Outlooks (lead by SA2.3.)

Main ETC Partner

ETC/BD

Expected outputs

Description	Type	Key partners	Justification/legal reference
Contributing to the maintenance and development of the Biodiversity Information System for Europe (BISE) in partnership with DG ENV in support of the knowledge base underpinning the MTR of the EU Biodiversity Strategy to 2020 and Aichi targets (global)	Information System	DG ENV, DG AGRI, DG ESTAT, DG JRC, DG CLIMA, MS,	EU Biodiversity Strategy to 2020 (mid-term review 2015); 7th EAP
EEA Technical Report on the conservation status of Species and Habitats of EU interest - 'State of nature in the EU: Results from the Reporting under the Nature Directives 2007-2012'.	Publication	DG ENV, countries	Habitats and Birds Directives; EU Biodiversity Strategy to 2020 (mid-term review 2015); 7th EAP
Update and upgrade SEBI and AEI indicators within the EEA core set of indicators framework.	Indicators	DG AGRI, DG ESTAT, DG JRC, DG ENV, MS	EU Biodiversity Strategy to 2020 (mid-term review 2015); 7th EAP
Adapted 2010 Biodiversity Baseline (based on the ecosystems classification developed under the MAES process)	Publication	DG ENV, MS	EU Biodiversity Strategy to 2020 (mid-term review 2015); 7th EAP
Continuing to deliver and make accessible key data flows in the area: CDDA; Art17/Art12; and, Natura 2000.	Data and maps	DG ENV, MS	Habitats and Birds Directives; EU Biodiversity Strategy to 2020; 7th EAP

Continuation of Inspire: CDDA and Emerald network streamlining pilot exercise			
Joint EEA/JRC working paper on combining ecosystem conditions and ecosystem services	Publication	DG JRC, DG ENV	EU Biodiversity Strategy to 2020 (mid-term review 2015)
Technical report on mapping and assessment of ecosystems – overview of progress, related assessment products (under the MAES process)	Publication	DG ENV, DG JRC, other relevant DGs,	EU Biodiversity Strategy to 2020 (mid-term review 2015)
Communication actions to disseminate findings of SOER 2015, results from the reporting under the Nature Directives 2007-2012, and material in support of the mid-term review of Biodiversity Strategy (in support of SA3.4.)	Support and contributions	DG ENV, countries	EU Biodiversity Strategy to 2020 (mid-term review 2015) 7th EAP
Eionet NRC meetings: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Biodiversity Data and Information Systems• Biodiversity and ecosystems indicators and assessments• Agriculture (together with SA2)	Workshops and meetings	DG ENV, other relevant DGs, Strategic partners (IUCN, WCMC, GBIF, OECD as relevant) Eionet	EEA/Eionet Regulation EU Biodiversity Strategy to 2020 (mid-term review 2015) 7th EAP
Tasks in support of the preparation of the NFP meeting in Paris, celebrating 20 years of the ETC/BD (in support of SA 3.1.)	Workshops and meetings	Eionet	EEA/Eionet Regulation

SA1.8 URBAN, LAND USE AND SOIL

Multiannual objective

To support and inform policy development and implementation in the area of urban, land use, and soil, by means of data, information/indicators, and assessments.

Multiannual performance indicators

- EEA member countries and the European Commission supported in a timely manner with relevant analysis and compilations of information, and with direct policy support;
- EEA information systems adapted and improved to accommodate changes in reporting and user needs, integrated data platform for spatial and territorial thematic assessments operational and maintained;
- Sound, timely and policy-relevant indicators and assessments (including policy-effectiveness analysis) of urban areas and sustainable cities, land-use dependent economic sectors, and land- and soil-related resource efficiency.

Highlights for 2015

- Supporting the development of the European Commission's Communication on Land;
- Publishing an EEA technical report on the impact of land policies and a working paper on a typology of European cities;
- Supporting the European Commission in the establishment of urban sustainability criteria.

Main ETC Partner

ETC/ULSS

Expected outputs

Description	Type	Key partners	Justification/legal reference
Technical report on green infrastructure and climate change mitigation and leaflet on green infrastructure inside and around cities	Publication	DG ENV, DG REGIO	Biodiversity strategy and Green Infrastructure (GI) strategy

Technical report on evaluation of EU policies and their direct and indirect impact on land take and land degradation, supplemented by direct assessment of imperviousness (soil sealing) change	Publication	DG ENV, JRC, ESTAT, DG RTD	7th EAP priority 1, Roadmap to a resource-efficient Europe, upcoming communication on land
EEA technical report on land recycling; contribution to joint EEA/JRC report supporting Land communication.	Publication	DG ENV, JRC, ESTAT	7th EAP priority 1, Roadmap to a resource-efficient Europe, upcoming communication on land
Reports on sustainable urban areas (development of cities typology; urban sprawl) and related indicators	Publication	DG ENV, FOEN	7th EAP priority 8; Resource efficiency Roadmap
2012 update of CSI 014 Land-take indicator and Country analysis based on Corine Land Cover (CLC) 2012 and Corine Land Cover change data 2006-2012 Pending the conclusions of the 2014 scoping study, initiate the development of a set of indicators for 'tourism and environment reporting mechanism – TOUERM' Note: Depending on availability of CLC integrated raster product for Europe	Indicators	DG ENV, DG ENTR, ESTAT UNWTO	EEA/Eionet Regulation, 7th EAP, COM(2010)352, COM (2014)86 final
Eionet Soil and Land Use and Spatial Planning (LUSP) NRC meetings	Workshops and meetings	Eionet, DG ENV, JRC	EEA/Eionet Regulation

SA1.9 WASTE AND MATERIAL RESOURCES

Multiannual objective

To support and inform policy development and implementation in the area of waste and material resources by means of data, modelling, information/indicators and assessments.

Multiannual performance indicators

- Information on national waste and material resource policies, and accounts and databases on material resource flows, use and efficiency, updated in a timely and reliable manner;
- EEA member countries assisted effectively in their reporting on waste management, waste prevention and material resources, and capacity-building support provided as needed;
- EEA member countries and the European Commission supported in a timely manner with relevant analysis and compilations of information and with direct policy support;
- EEA information systems adapted and improved to accommodate changes in reporting and user needs in line with EU waste and material resource policy developments;
- Sound, timely, and policy-relevant indicators and assessments, including policy effectiveness assessments, of status, trends and progress on waste policy implementation, including waste prevention programmes.

Key highlights for 2015

- Supporting EU waste management policies and the achievement of a circular economy (CE) in Europe as a follow up to the 2014 European Commission communication on 'Circular economy – towards a zero-waste society' (see also SA2.1) through:
- Assessing progress by countries towards implementation of waste-management policies;
- Publishing the annual review of country waste-prevention programmes (begun in 2014).
- Enabling input-output analysis of material flows and key environmental pressures through an interactive web-tool, thereby enhancing the analytical underpinning of policy processes for resource efficiency and circular economy.

Main ETC partner

ETC/WMGE

Expected outputs

Description	Type	Key partners	Justification/legal reference
Analysis of second review of member country waste prevention programmes	Publication	DG ENV, Eionet, DG JRC	Waste Framework Directive, Communication on CE
Assessing progress on the implementation of waste-management policies in countries	Publication	DG ENV, DG ESTAT, DG JRC, Eionet	Waste Framework Directive, Communication on CE
New CSI waste indicators and update of current WEE indicator	Indicators	DG ESTAT, DG JRC	EEA Core Set of Indicators
Detailed review of waste modelling tool as early warning system for monitoring progress by countries towards waste targets	Support and contributions	DG ENV, DG ESTAT, DG JRC, Eionet	Waste Framework Directive, Communication on CE
Interactive web tool for input-output analysis	Information system	DG ESTAT, DG JRC, DG ENV, Eionet	Roadmap to a Resource-Efficient Europe, Communication on CE
Eionet workshop on waste	Workshops and meetings	Waste NRCs	EEA/Eionet Regulation

SA2 ASSESSING SYSTEMIC CHALLENGES

MAWP 2014-2018 goals and objectives

Goal

To assess systemic challenges in the context of short-, medium- and long-term transitions, and to signal opportunities for (re)framing/recalibrating environmental policy to facilitate transition towards a more sustainable society in Europe.

Key objectives

- Provide integrated assessments across thematic areas with a view to signalling synergies including further opportunities for policy coherence;
- Provide prospective analyses to signal emerging issues both at European and global scales;
- Provide knowledge and analysis to assess progress made towards fundamental transitions embedded in long-term EU policy objectives.

Key performance indicators

- Prompt delivery of SOER 2015 and annual indicator reports 2014-2018;
- Measurable recognition in the processes for evaluations of the 7th EAP;
- Stimulation of the foresight-oriented discussions about transitions to a more sustainable society in Europe.

SA2.1 RESOURCE-EFFICIENT ECONOMY AND THE ENVIRONMENT

Multiannual objective

To monitor progress and identify opportunities to improve the environment in Europe, and indirectly other regions of the world, in accordance with a green economy perspective¹.

¹ The green economy concept as used by EEA includes a circular economy perspective. A 'circular economy' focuses on optimising resource efficiency by cutting waste to as close to zero as possible. The notion of a 'green economy' goes further: it relates resource efficiency with ecosystem resilience and human health and well-being. It thus extends the focus beyond waste and (material) resources, to issues like water, energy, land use and nature.

Multiannual performance indicators

- Timely and reliable delivery of annual briefings and workshops, as well as assessments, indicators, accounts and databases based on timetables agreed with EEA stakeholders;
- Measurable uptake of EEA concepts, indicators, and analyses for circular economy into the mid-term reviews of the 7th EAP and the Resource Efficiency Roadmap, as well as into more specific policy processes, including the EU product-design and consumption policies.

Key highlights for 2015

- Reporting on progress towards a circular economy in Europe following up on the 2014 European Commission communication on 'Circular economy – towards a zero-waste society';
- Reviewing resource-efficiency policy implementation by countries in support of the planned Commission review of progress on the Resource Efficiency Roadmap;
- Exploring options for wider uptake of sustainable business models enabling a circular economy, also contributing to the Global Green Growth Forum, the World Economic Forum and others.

Main ETC Partner

ETC/WMGE

Expected outputs

Description	Type	Key partners	Justification/legal reference
Report on progress on selected elements of a circular economy (CE) in Europe	Publication	DG ENV, DG CLIMA, DG ENTR, DG SANCO, DG RTD OECD, UNEP, Global Green Growth Forum, World Economic Forum	Communication 'Towards a circular economy: a zero-waste programme for Europe'
Updates and publication of selected SCP indicators	Indicators	DG ESTAT, DG JRC, Eionet	

Assessment of long-term transition perspectives for the food system	Support and contributions	DG RTD, DG ENV, DG SANCO, DG AGRI, EFSA	Resource Efficiency (RE) Roadmap implementation
Country review resource efficiency policy implementation	Publication	Eionet, DG ENV	RE Roadmap implementation
Eionet workshop on resource-efficient economy	Workshops and meetings	Eionet: Resource-efficient economy and environment NRCs	EEA/Eionet Regulation

SA2.2 ENVIRONMENT, HUMAN HEALTH AND WELL-BEING

Multiannual objective

To provide data, information and assessments on environmental pressures on – and risks to – human health and well-being, contributing also to the development of a broader framing of environment and human health interactions².

Multiannual performance indicators

- Timely and reliable delivery of annual briefings and workshops as well as assessments, indicators, accounts and databases based on a timetable agreed with EEA stakeholders;
- Measurable uptake of EEA concepts and analyses for environment risks to human health and well-being into the mid-term reviews of the 7th EAP and the Resource Efficiency Roadmap, as well as into other policy processes, such as the global Sustainable Development Goals and the WHO Environment and Health process;
- Measurable progress with Eionet on the development of a common conceptual framework for assessing environmental risks to health and well-being in a green economy.

² This work complements the analysis of health impacts indicated under other strategic areas (e.g. SA1.1, SA1.2 and SA1.5). The support to IPChem is aimed at correlating updated human biomonitoring data with current environmental monitoring and its future developments.²

Key highlights for 2015

- Publishing a summary report of Late Lessons 2, synthesising the main findings and their relevance in the context of risk governance, other EU treaty environmental principles and innovation objectives of the Europe 2020 strategy;
- Supporting the Commission's activity on developing a systematic approach to risk (7th EAP);
- Developing integrated accounting approaches focusing on health and well-being in terms of reduced risks and pressures to human health and the benefits for well-being of well-functioning ecosystems and ecosystem services.

Expected outputs

Description	Type	Key partners	Justification/legal reference
Late Lessons 2 summary report – science, policy and innovation	Publication	DG ENV, DG JRC, EFSA, ECHA, WHO, OECD	MAWP
Data support to IPCheM on environmental media and human biomonitoring	Data and maps	DG ENV, DG JRC, EFSA, ECHA	MAWP
Analytical support to systematic approach to risk management	Support and contributions	DG ENV, DG JRC, DG SANCO	7th EAP, MAWP
Indicators and integrated accounting approaches for environment and well-being assessment in line with the three priority objectives of the 7th EAP	Support and contributions	DG ENV, DG SANCO, DG ESTAT, WHO	7th EAP, MAWP, in preparation of 2018
Eionet workshop on Environment, Health and Well-being	Workshops and meetings	Eionet Environment and health NRCs	EEA/Eionet Regulation

SA2.3 MEGATRENDS AND TRANSITIONS

Multiannual objective

To measure, monitor and report on long-term trends and sustainability transitions.

Multiannual performance indicators

- Timely delivery of megatrend and FLIS updates;
- Measurable recognition and/or uptake of results by stakeholders, such as uptake by member countries and relevant Commission Services.

Key highlights for 2015

- Publishing and disseminating a report on SOER 2015 Part A – Assessment of global megatrends. The report will bring together an assessment of 11 global megatrends and how they are inter-connected. It will be disseminated across many different fora throughout 2015 supported by other forward-looking information as appropriate.
- Launching of Forward Looking Information Services (FLIServices) shared information platform on the web with Eionet

Expected outputs

Description	Type	Key partners	Justification/legal reference
SOER 2015 - Assessment of Global Megatrends (Part A)	Publication	DG ENV, DG JRC, Eionet, BEPA, IIASA, OECD	EEA/Eionet Regulation; EEA MAWP
FLIServices - Eionet shared information platform on the web.	Information system	DG JRC, NRC FLIS	EEA MAWP
Three web tools for content sharing with Eionet; i.e. 1) FLIS Glossary; 2) Horizon scanning/trends; 3) FLIS cooperation (e.g. regional cooperation)	Information system	Eionet, countries providing content voluntarily	EEA MAWP

Environment and Security	Publication	OSCE	EEA MAWP
Global Megatrends background documentation	Web publication	DG ENV, DG JRC, Eionet, BEPA, IIASA, OECD	EEA MAWP
Western Balkans – Climate change impacts and water security	Web publication	ETC ICM, Eionet (WB)	EEA MAWP
Eionet workshops on forward-looking information tools, content and services	Workshops and meetings	Eionet NRC FLIS	EEA/Eionet Regulation

SA2.4 SUSTAINABILITY ASSESSMENTS AND STATE OF THE ENVIRONMENT REPORTING

Multiannual objective

To keep under review the state of, trends in, and prospects for the environment in Europe in order to inform environmental strategies and policies, including sustainable development policies and goals, with a comprehensive and integrated knowledge base.

Multiannual performance indicators

- Timely publication of a report on the state of, trends in, and prospects for the environment in Europe in 2015 (SOER2015) and evaluation of its utility;
- Timely annual publications of indicator reports relevant to the transition to a green economy/society in Europe;
- Appropriate support to the next ministerial meeting under the Environment for Europe process (to be decided);
- Measurable uptake of EEA concepts, information, and indicator-based assessments in the evaluation of the 7th EAP.

Key highlights for 2015

- Publication and communication of SOER 2015. Part of the overall approach is a series of workshops, seminars and meetings organised jointly with Eionet partners, The EEA Scientific Committee and Commission Services. Furthermore, an evaluation of SOER 2015 will be initiated;
- Preparatory work towards an annual indicator report series (2016-2019) to support monitoring of the 7th EAP.

Expected outputs

Description	Type	Key partners	Justification/legal reference
SOER 2015 – Synthesis Report	Publication	Eionet, Commission Services, EEA Stakeholders	EEA/Eionet Regulation
SOER 2015 – a series of fiches (i.e. global megatrend fiches, thematic fiches, cross-country comparison fiches, country fiches, regional fiches)	Web publication	Eionet, Commission Services, EEA Stakeholders	EEA/Eionet Regulation
Planning and scoping of new series of annual indicator-based reports that will contribute to the monitoring of the 7th EAP	Support and contributions	DG ESTAT, DG ENV, DG CLIMA, DG JRC, Eionet	Article 4 of Decision 1386/2013/EU on a General Union Environment Action Programme to 2020 ‘Living well, within the limits of our planet’ (7th EAP)
First draft storyline and mock-up version of 1 st (2016) indicator report	Support and contributions	DG ENV, DG CLIMA, DG ESTAT, Eionet	Article 4 of Decision 1386/2013/EU – see above
Eionet workshop on State of the Environment Reporting (focusing on SOER 2015)	Workshops and meetings	Eionet (NRC-SoE)	EEA/Eionet Regulation
International cooperation - contributions to GEO-6 report		UNEP	MAWP

SA3 KNOWLEDGE CO-CREATION, SHARING AND USE

MAWP 2014-2018 goals and objectives

Goal

To be the authoritative European environment node and hub, and a key initiator within networks of knowledge co-creation, sharing and use.

Key objectives

- Ensure the quality, availability and accessibility (based on SEIS principles) of data and information needed to support SA1 and SA2;
- Actively communicate data, information and knowledge to policymakers, the public, research communities and others (NGOs, businesses) as well as to regional and international processes including those of the UN and its specialised agencies;
- Promote information governance as a driver of public empowerment and behavioural change.

Key performance Indicators

- Metrics to measure the active participation of Eionet (Priority data flows, meeting participation, engagement in preparation and review of EEA products and services, etc.);
- Online availability of EEA data and information products and services (99 % up-time);
- Impacts of communication efforts (based on media-monitoring tools);

SA3.1 NETWORKING AND PARTNERSHIPS

Multiannual objective

To improve the sharing of data, information and assessments at European, national and global levels together with Eionet, and to broaden cooperation with stakeholders and networks beyond Eionet.

Multiannual performance indicators

- Strengthened cooperation and communication within Eionet, and between Eionet and the EEA, the EEA Management Board, and the EEA Scientific Committee;

- Increased satisfaction of the member countries with Eionet as a means to streamline data and knowledge sharing;
- Increased relevance of EEA/Eionet outputs to member countries;
- SEIS extension and regular reporting in the pan-European region established as part of SOE-online with a view to inform SOER 2015;
- EEA/Eionet indicators and knowledge incorporated in EU contributions to UNEP and post-Rio+20 processes;
- Becoming a node and a hub in a policy-relevant network on long-term transitions;
- Growing contributions from stakeholders beyond Eionet; EEAcademy established by 2016

Highlights for 2015

- Supporting Eionet's involvement in and contribution to the development of an improved knowledge and evidence base, as outlined in priority objective 5 of the 7th EAP;
- Investigating an extended role for Eionet as an interface to capture knowledge coming from research activities (both nationally and through Horizon 2020), and the public more broadly - private sector, civil society organisations, and citizens;
- Delivering and implementing an EEA strategy on international cooperation covering countries and regions (in particular Arctic and Pan-European) beyond EEA membership and partnerships with relevant regional and global entities.

Main ETC Partner

All

Expected outputs

Description	Type	Key partners	Justification/legal reference
Monitoring of member country satisfaction with Eionet cooperation	Publication	Eionet	EEA/Eionet Regulation
Report on Arctic environment	Publication	Eionet, Arctic Council	MAWP
Member and cooperating country contributions (data, information, etc.) to SOE-online	Data and maps	Eionet	EEA/Eionet Regulation
New and strengthened partnerships with stakeholders beyond Eionet	Support and contributions	Eionet	EEA/Eionet Regulation

Support to the Commission and EU Member States in the context of UNEP assessments and the post-Rio+20 process	Support and contributions	DG ENV	MAWP
Implementation of EEAcademy business plan	Support and contributions	Eionet and Scientific Committee	MAWP

SA3.2 TECHNICAL SYSTEMS DEVELOPMENT

Multiannual objective

To ensure that EEA IT systems continually meet the needs of the organisation, enabling it to efficiently implement its work programme.

Multiannual performance indicators

- Reportnet tools efficiently supporting fulfilment of reporting requirements;
- Networking tools efficiently supporting knowledge management and appreciated by networking partners;
- High user satisfaction with the Indicator Management System;
- Spatial data infrastructure compliant with Inspire by 2018;
- Usability of EEA website rated high and increased number of visitors every year;
- SOE-online tools fulfilling their role in continual update of SOE information after SOER 2015.

Highlights for 2015

- Improving online access to the latest SOER data and information (SOE-online);
- Implementing a responsive website (optimised for both desktop, tablets and mobile browsers);
- Implementing a shared common work space for data processing by the EEA and ETCs to improve efficiency of throughput for publication of data sets and indicators.
- Developing reporting tools for revised water data flows

Main ETC Partner

All

Expected outputs

Description	Type	Key partners	Justification/legal reference
Improved Reportnet suite of tools	Information system	Eionet, DG ENV, DG CLIMA	EEA/Eionet Regulation
Improved Indicator Management System	Information system	Eionet	EEA/Eionet Regulation
Improved Eionet portal and related networking tools	Information system	Eionet	EEA/Eionet Regulation
Improved spatial data infrastructure	Information system	Eionet, DG JRC	EEA/Eionet Regulation, Inspire Directive
SOE-online (see definition above)	Information system	Eionet	EEA/Eionet Regulation
Technical improvements of the EEA website (responsive website)	Information system	Eionet	EEA/Eionet Regulation
IT support to data flows, and development of information systems presented under SA1 and SA2 (e.g. E-PRTR, GHG Monitoring Mechanism Regulation, Climate-ADAPT, WISE 2.0, WISE-Marine, BISE, Material flows analysis tool, FLIServices)	Information system	Eionet, DG ENV, DG CLIMA	EEA/Eionet Regulation
Eionet workshop on Information Systems	Workshops and meetings	Eionet (NRCs for Information systems)	EEA/Eionet Regulation

SA3.3 MONITORING, DATA AND INFORMATION MANAGEMENT

Multiannual objective

To ensure the availability, quality, accessibility and sustainability of monitoring, data, and information needed for the knowledge base, supporting environment and climate policies.

Multiannual performance indicators

- At least 90 % average scoring Eionet data flows by 2018;
- Annually updated European datasets online within three months of deadline for national deliveries;
- Annually updated indicator assessments online within three months of data publications;
- European environmental data regularly updated in global environmental datasets.

Highlights for 2015

- Upgrading Eionet priority data flows to better reflect all regular data delivery, quality, and performance on data sharing and reporting by countries as part of the implementation of a shared environmental information system (SEIS);
- Online publishing of new available updates of the thematic datasets, indicators (including the core set), maps and graphs related to the SOER process (SOE-online) in cooperation with Eionet and other EU-level data providers and indicator providers, including the further implementation of SENSE (Sharing European and National State of the Environment) and the use of operational Copernicus services;
- Supporting Eionet and the European Commission in the further implementation of the Inspire directive;
- Optimising data sharing among European as well as national data providers to support the environmental knowledge needs and gaps for delivering the 7th EAP, including the streamlining towards a single and seamless European data and indicator landscape in close cooperation with Eurostat and JRC;
- Aligning the Agency's work in the domain of Earth observation and geospatial information management with the European Commission objectives in support of policy and information needs through participation in international networks i.e.GEO/GEOSS for the definition of the new 10 year GEO/GEOSS implementation plan in close cooperation with Eionet, and the European regional committee of the UN initiative on Global Geospatial Information Management (UNGIM-Europe) on core geospatial reference data.

Main ETC Partner

All

Expected outputs

Description	Type	Key partners	Justification/legal reference
Report on the Eionet priority dataflows 2014-2015	Publication	Eionet	EEA/Eionet Regulation
Review of Eionet data flows	Support and contributions	Eionet	EEA/Eionet Regulation
Annually updated progress monitoring of Inspire implementation by countries	Data and maps	Eionet, DG ENV, DG JRC, Inspire National Contact Points (NCPs)	Inspire Directive 2007/2/EC
Updated European geospatial reference data for the EEA SDI and GIS activities	Data and maps	DG ESTAT, DG JRC, DG ENTR, DG RTD	EEA/Eionet Regulation Inspire Directive 2007/2/EC
SOE-online content update	Indicators, Data and maps	Eionet, DG ESTAT, DG JRC, DG ENV, DG ENTR	EEA/Eionet Regulation

SA3.4 COMMUNICATION, OUTREACH AND USER ANALYSIS

Multiannual objective

To inform and engage in dialogue with key stakeholders and other users of EEA outputs around key messages and corporate communications.

Multiannual performance indicators

- The EEA's findings are communicated regularly and objectively, providing full and easy access to information, respecting the EEA's corporate identity and corporate design, using relevant channels and appropriate frequency;
- Input to EU and national environment agendas is provided, key stakeholders are engaged with the EEA in dialogue and networking activities;
- EEA communications are aligned to priorities of the EU and EEA member countries;
- Specific target audiences are known and addressed as directly as possible with appropriate measures; new audiences and tools are identified in response to societal changes.

Highlights for 2015

- Communicating SOER 2015;
- Communication activities concerning climate-change mitigation and adaptation in the run up to CoP 21;
- Communication activities concerning biodiversity and ecosystem resilience in the context of the mid-term review of the Biodiversity strategy;
- Supporting the UN Year of Soil.

Expected outputs

Description	Type	Key partners	Justification/legal reference
Communication of SOER 2015	Communication activities	Eionet, EU Institutions, MS	EEA/Eionet Regulation
Communication plans and activities concerning ecosystem resilience and climate change mitigation and adaptation and the UN year of Soil	Communication activities	EU Institutions, Eionet	UNFCCC, EU Biodiversity Strategy

Annual meeting and communication activities with NRCs for Communication	Workshop and meetings	Eionet	EEA/Eionet Regulation
Quarterly online corporate newsletter	Web publication		EEA/Eionet Regulation
Signals 2015	Publication	Eionet	EEA/Eionet Regulation
Annual Report 2014	Corporate document	EEA Management Board	EEA/Eionet Regulation
Improved user experience of EEA website	Information system	Users	EEA/Eionet Regulation
Media relations	Communication activities	Eionet	EEA/Eionet Regulation
Quality-assured and targeted EEA outputs (editing, dissemination)	Support and contributions		EEA/Eionet Regulation
Communication tools and products for the EEA, visual and audio-visual products, infographics	Communication activities	Eionet	EEA/Eionet Regulation
Promotion of EEA outputs and messages through social media channels.	Communication activities		EEA/Eionet Regulation
Customer relations and its dissemination.	Communication activities	Eionet	EEA/Eionet Regulation
Evaluation of the impact of EEA outputs	Support and contributions	Eionet	MAWP

SA3.5 QUALITY MANAGEMENT AND OPERATIONAL SERVICES

Multiannual objective

To provide high-quality operational support to the running of the EEA, including quality management and environmental performance management.

MAWP Performance indicators

- Completed verifications and publication of annual verified environmental statements. Recertification achieved;
- Core processes documented in accessible and consistent formats, and quality management system (QMS) better integrated with other management systems and EMAS. Proof of improved processes recorded;
- Satisfaction level for facilities management services in the EEA job satisfaction survey kept at the same high level as in previous years;
- Stable and user-friendly IT systems available throughout the year (99 % uptime) and satisfaction level in the EEA job satisfaction survey kept at the same high level as in previous years;
- High percentage (aiming at 100 %) registration of documents and records that meet the criteria for registration;
- Timely production of the reports due for publication;
- Staff provided with requested access to databases, books and periodicals (within the limits of the available budget).

Highlights for 2015

- Improved governance of the Agency's IT, as well as improved performance and service levels by gradual transfer to cloud-based services;
- Developing the EEA Quality Management System towards ISO 9001 compliance.

Expected outputs

Description	Type	Key partners	Justification / legal reference
Environmental management system (EMAS)	Support and contribution	All stakeholders	EMAS, Relevant Danish environmental legislation
Quality management system (QMS)	Support and contribution	All stakeholders.	EEA internal control standards

Facilities management	Support and contribution	All stakeholders	EEA/Eionet Regulation
IT infrastructure and service	Support and contribution	All stakeholders	EEA/Eionet Regulation
Document management system	Support and contribution	All stakeholders	EEA/Eionet Regulation, Access to documents
Publication	Support and contribution	All stakeholders	EEA/Eionet Regulation
Library services	Support and contribution	All stakeholders	EEA/Eionet Regulation

SA3.6 COPERNICUS OPERATIONAL SERVICES

Multiannual objective

To contribute to the implementation of the Copernicus programme.

Multiannual performance indicators

- Time span between satellite data acquisition and derived land cover data reduced to one year;
- Copernicus services online and available with at least 99 % uptime.

Highlights for 2015

- Completing and publishing all products and services of the delegated tasks of the GMES Initial Land monitoring (GIO Land) i.e. pan-European component, local component and reference data access;
- Implementing the the delegated tasks on Copernicus land-monitoring services and the in-situ coordination of the Copernicus Programme.
- Production and use of data from Copernicus to improve the timeliness and quality of EEA products and services.

Expected outputs*

Description	Type	Key partners	Justification/legal reference
Land-use and land-cover change data of the pan-European component (Corine Land Cover, High Resolution Layers) and the local component (Land cover riparian zones, Urban Atlas) of the Copernicus land-monitoring service	Data and maps	DG ENTR, DG JRC, DG AGRI DG ENV, Eionet	Copernicus Regulation 377/2014/EU
land.copernicus.eu portal for access to Copernicus land-monitoring data and services	Information system	DG ENTR	Copernicus Regulation 377/2014/EU
Overview of in-situ data used by operational Copernicus services	Publication	DG ENTR, Eionet	Copernicus Regulation 377/2014/EU
Copernicus Reference Data Access Node (CORDA)	Information system	DG ENTR, Eionet	Copernicus Regulation 377/2014/EU

* Work programme of the second year of the Copernicus work programme for 2015 still to be agreed.

SA3.7 CAPACITY BUILDING IN WEST BALKAN AND EUROPEAN NEIGHBOURHOOD COUNTRIES

Multiannual objective

To improve the knowledge base for environment policy in the entire pan-European area and the Mediterranean based on SEIS principles.

Multiannual performance indicators

- Integration of West Balkan countries in EEA/Eionet activities and products;
- Strong performance of West Balkan countries in priority data flows;
- Annual data flows for ENP countries for a set of regional indicators linked to the Horizon 2020 process for the South, and to Environment for Europe for the East.

Highlights for 2015

- Evaluating EEA cooperation with the West Balkan countries covering the different financial instruments, thematic activities, performance in priority data flows, and success stories over the years with a view to developing a roadmap for further integration;
- Further supporting SEIS implementation and cooperation with the partner countries in the European neighbourhood in the eastern and southern regions for improved quality and access to environmental information and good environmental governance;
- Transferring Eionet experience and practices to five ENP partner countries under technical assistance activities within the 'InSEIS' project.

Expected outputs

Description	Type	Key partners	Justification/legal reference
Maintenance and further development of Eionet structures in the West Balkan countries to ensure their contribution to main EEA outputs (data flows, reports, web products, etc.)	Support and contributions	Eionet in WB countries, DG ENV, DG ENLARG	IPA, MAWP
Working paper on EEA cooperation with the West Balkan countries	Support and contributions	Eionet in WB countries	IPA, MAWP
Pilots for establishing a regular data flow process for the ENP partner countries in line with on-going Eionet practice	Support and contributions	Partners/NFPs under European Neighbourhood and Partnership Instrument (ENPI)-SEIS and InSEIS projects DG DEVCO, DG ENV, UNECE, UNEP/MAP	ENPI, MAWP
Closer interaction/technical assistance activities between Eionet and interested ENP partner countries	Support and contributions	Partners/NFPs under ENPI-SEIS and InSEIS projects DG DEVCO, DG ENV, DG CLIMA	ENPI, MAWP

SA4 EEA MANAGEMENT

MAWP 2014-2018 goals and objectives

Goal

Excellence in delivering the work programme.

Key objectives

- Provide efficient and effective management and administration of the Agency's work programme and resources (financial and human).

Key performance indicators

- work programme delivered;
- positive outcome of the next five-year external evaluation of the EEA (2018).

SA4.1 GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Multiannual objective

To lead and manage the EEA effectively and efficiently in line with stakeholder expectations.

Multiannual performance indicators

- Timely delivery of documents and other contributions to the Management Board, Bureau and Scientific Committee. Smooth running of their respective meetings;
- Well executed planning, drafting and stakeholder consultation of the annual work programmes adhering to the agreed deadlines;
- Relevant and timely reporting, advice and recommendations provided by the Internal Audit Capability to ED, EEA management and EEA Management Board;
- 95 % agreed development plans and appraisals completed according to the deadlines specified in internal guidelines;
- On average, ten days/year are used per staff member for development of competencies (including language training);
- Positive outcome of the next five-year external evaluation.

Highlights for 2015

- Adapting the content and timing of the annual planning cycle to the provisions of the revised EEA Financial Regulation and additional guidance from the Commission.

Expected outputs

Description	Type	Key partners	Justification/legal reference
Annual Work Programme 2016 and Multiannual Staff Policy Plan 2016-2018	Corporate document	Management Board, Eionet, Scientific Committee, Commission services	Financial Regulation, EEA/Eionet Regulation
Draft programming document (especially Annual Work Programme 2017, Multiannual Resource Programming 2017-2019), and Provisional Budget Estimate 2017	Corporate document	Management Board, Eionet, Scientific Committee, Commission services	Financial Regulation, EEA/Eionet Regulation
Deliveries defined in the annual audit plan approved by the EEA Management Board	Corporate document	Management Board, EEA management	Financial Regulation, EEA/Eionet Regulation

SA4.2 ADMINISTRATION

The multiannual objective in this area is to provide high-quality administrative support to the running of the EEA.

Multiannual objective

To provide high quality administrative support to the running of the EEA

Multiannual performance indicators

- Satisfaction level in the EEA job satisfaction survey is kept at the same high level as previous years, and a minimum of serious observations/recommendations from audits received;
- Staff competency development activities to support the delivery of the work programmes are planned and executed in accordance with the EEA learning and development framework;

- EEA budget, procurement plan and accounts published within the deadlines as set out in the Financial Regulation.

Highlights for 2015

- Developing management assessments (towards 360 degree)
- Developing a personnel database (carry over from 2014)

Expected outputs

Description	Type	Key partners	Justification/legal reference
Annual Accounts and Budgetary and Financial Management Report 2014	Corporate document	Management Board, Commission services, Court of Auditors	Financial Regulation
Procurement Plan 2015	Corporate document	Commission services	Financial Regulation
Budget 2016	Corporate document	Management Board, Eionet, Commission services	Financial Regulation, EEA/Eionet Regulation
Building Policy	Corporate document	DG BUDG	Financial Regulation

LIST OF ACRONYMS

AEI	Agri-Environmental Indicators
AWP	EEA Annual work programme
BISE	Biodiversity Information System for Europe
CBD	Convention on Biological Diversity
CDDA	Nationally designated areas
CE	Circular Economy
CEIP	Centre on Emission Inventories and Projections (EMEP)
CIS	Common Implementation Strategy for the Water Framework Directive
CLC	Corine Land Cover
Climate-ADAPT	The European Climate Adaptation platform
Copernicus	Previously known as GMES (Global Monitoring for Environment and Security) European Earth Observation Programme
CSI	Core Set of Indicators
DG AGRI	European Commission Directorate-General for Agriculture and Rural Development
DG CLIMA	European Commission Directorate-General for Climate Action
DG COMM	European Commission Directorate-General of Communication
DG DEVCO	European Commission Directorate-General for Development and Cooperation - EuropeAid
DG ECHO	European Commission Directorate General for Humanitarian Aid and Civil Protection
DG ENER	European Commission Directorate-General for Energy
DG ENTR	European Commission Directorate-General for Enterprise and Industry
DG ENV	European Commission Directorate-General for Environment
DG JRC	European Commission Joint Research Centre
DG MARE	European Commission Directorate-General for Maritime Affairs and Fisheries
DG MOVE	European Commission Directorate-General for Mobility and Transport
DG REGIO	European Commission Directorate-General for Regional Policy

DG RTD	European Commission Directorate-General for Research and Innovation
DG SANCO	European Commission Directorate-General for Health and Consumers
DPSIR	Driving forces – Pressures – State – Impacts - Responses
EAP	Environment Action Programme
EC	European Commission
ECCA	European Climate Change Adaptation
ECDC	European Centre for Disease Prevention and Control
ECHA	European Chemicals Agency
EEA	European Environment Agency
EFSA	European Food Safety Authority
Eionet	European Environment Information and Observation Network
EMAS	Environmental management system
EMEP	European Monitoring and Evaluation Programme
ENP	European Neighbourhood Policy
ENPI	European Neighbourhood Partnership Instrument
EP	European Parliament
EPA	Environmental Protection Agency
E-PRTR	European Pollutants Release and Transfer Register
ETS	Emissions Trading Scheme
ETC	European Topic Centre
ETC/ACM	ETC on Air Pollution and Climate Change Mitigation
ETC/BD	ETC on Biological Diversity
ETC/CCA	ETC on Climate Change Impacts, Vulnerability and Adaptation
ETC/ICM	ETC on Inland, Coastal and Marine Waters
ETC/ULSS	ETC on Urban, Land and Soil Systems
ETC/WMGE	ETC on Waste and Materials in a Green Economy
EU	European Union
EUNIS	European Nature Information System
Eurostat/ESTAT	Statistical Office of the European Communities
FLIS	Forward-Looking Information and Services

FOEN	The Federal Office for the Environment, Switzerland
GBIF	The Global Biodiversity Information Facility
GEO-6	Global Environment Outlook 6 (UNEP)
GEO	Group on Earth Observations
GEOSS	Global Earth Observation System of Systems
GHG	Greenhouse Gas
GIO	GMES/Copernicus Initial Operations
GMES	Global Monitoring for Environment and Security
Horizon 2020	International initiative to tackle pollution in the Mediterranean by 2020
IIASA	The International Institute for Applied Systems Analysis
ICES	The International Council for the Exploration of the Sea
ICLEI	Association of Local Governments for Sustainability
IEEG	Industrial Emissions Expert Group
Inspire	Infrastructure for Spatial Information in the European Community
IPBES	International Science-Policy Platform on Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services
IPCC	Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change
IPChem	Information Platform for Chemicals Monitoring (formerly Chemicals Data Centre)
ISDR	International Strategy for Disaster Reduction
IUCN	International Union for Conservation of Nature
LRTAP	Long-Range Transboundary Air Pollution
MAES	Mapping and Assessment of Ecosystems and their Services in Europe
MS	Member States
MSFD	Marine Strategy Framework Directive
Natura 2000	Nature Convention Programme
NEC	National Emission Ceilings
NFP	National Focal Point
NGO	Non-governmental organisation
NRC	National Reference Centre
ODS	Ozone Depleting Substances
OECD	Organisation for Economic Cooperation and Development

OSCE	Organization for Security and Co-operation in Europe
RBMPs	River Basin Management Plans
SCP	Sustainable consumption and production
SDI	Spatial Data Infrastructure
SDGs	Sustainable Development Goals
SEBI	Streamlining European Biodiversity Indicators
SEIS	Shared Environmental Information System for Europe
SENSE	Shared European National State of the Environment
SIIFs	Structured Implementation and Information Frameworks
SoE	State of Environment
SOER	'State and outlook of the environment' report
SO ₂	Sulphur dioxide
TERM	Transport and Environment Reporting Mechanism
UN	United Nations
UNECE	United Nations Economic Commission for Europe
UNEP	United Nations Environment Programme
UNFCCC	United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change
UWWTD	Urban Waste Water Treatment Directive
UNWTO	The United Nations World Tourism Organization
WB	West Balkan
WBCSD	World Business Council for Sustainable Development
WCMC	World Conservation Monitoring Centre (UNEP)
WG DIKE	Working Group on Data, Information and Knowledge Exchange
WISE	Water Information System for Europe
WFD	Water Framework Directive
WHO	World Health Organization