



The Role of Environment Agencies and their Networks and their support to the Ministry

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# Vision of the 7th Environment Action Programme

'In 2050, we live well, within the planet's ecological limits.

Our prosperity and healthy environment stem from an innovative, circular economy where **nothing is wasted** and where natural resources are managed sustainably, and biodiversity is protected, valued and restored in ways that enhance our society's resilience. Our low-carbon **growth** has long been **decoupled from resource use**, setting the pace for a global safe and sustainable society.'





# Key messages from SOER 2015

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- Policies have delivered substantial benefits for the environment, economy and people's well-being; major challenges remain
- ➤ Europe faces persistent and emerging challenges linked to production and consumption **systems**, and the rapidly changing **global** context
- Achieving the 2050 vision requires system transitions, driven by more ambitious actions on policy, <u>knowledge</u>, investments and innovation
- Doing so presents major opportunities to boost Europe's economy and employment and put Europe at the frontier of science and innovation



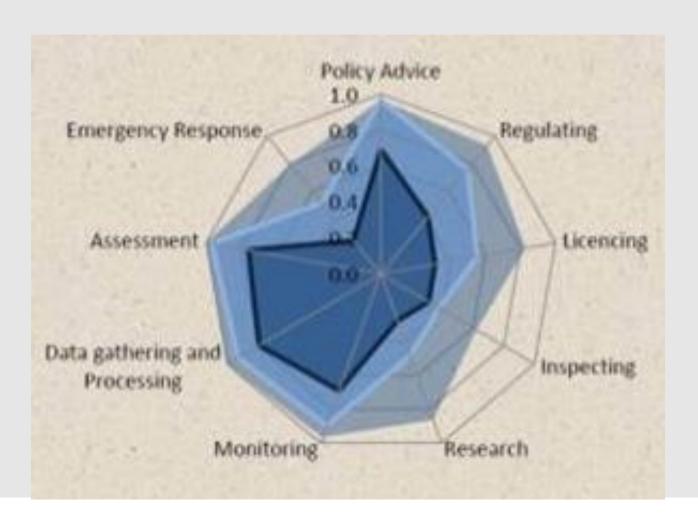


# Main Tasks of Environment Agencies 1/2

- Monitoring, assessment and coordination of data and information in relation to the environment
- Promotion and/or coordination of environmental research
- Environmental education and public information
- Nature conservation (e.g. operation of conservation areas)
- Regulation & Inspection of
  - potentially polluting activities
  - products, GMOs, chemicals or radioactive substances
- Performing, or acting in support of, environmental impact assessment and/or strategic environmental assessment



# Main Tasks of Environment Agencies 2/2





# **Environmental Protection Agency of RS – Main Tasks**

- Management of national environmental information system (environmental indicators, the registry of pollutants, etc.);
- Air and water quality monitoring
- National environmental Laboratory
- Reports on the state of the environment and implementation of environmental policy;
- Cooperation with the European Environment Agency (EEA) and the European Network for Information and Observation (EIONET)

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# **Environment Agency Austria**

- established by Environmental Control Act 1985
- 1999 limited liability company. 100% owned by the Republic of Austria (represented by the Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry, Environment and Water Management)
- 480 employees, Budget: appr. 45 Mio. €

#### Tasks:

- Monitoring, management and assessment of environmental data
- Scenarios for meeting environmental policy targets in Austria and in Europe
- Environment strategy perspectives & recommendations for decision-makers in business, administration and politics



### **Environment Agency England**

- Environment Act 1995, executive non-departmental public body
- Other bodies: Natural England: nature conservation; National Environmental Research Council: environmental research.
- 11.363 employees, Budget: 1.460 Mio. €

#### Tasks:

- environmental regulation
- permitting authority IPPC
- flood risk management, inland navigation and fisheries
- environmental regulation nuclear installations
- enforcing authority for the REACH
- environmental research
- coordinates monitoring and assessment, state of the environment reporting, environemntal information



# Networking, technical cooperation & capacity building

- Create formal and informal networks (i.a. Network of European Environment Agencies /EPA-Net → West Balkan Interest Group)
- Learn about the **history, tasks and structure** of the Environment Agencies and their **involvement in existing**Networks (EEA, REC, UN, CEI etc.)
- Learn from each methods and results
- Support agencies and other institutions with resource restraints in their work
- Find synergies between agencies on a regional & european scale, help to reduce costs
- Increase the output and make better use of the results



# **Capacity Building through Twinning Projects**

- Administrative capacity in environment is crucial:
  - Protection of human health, protection of environment
  - Implementation of EU environment acquis is expensive (air, water, waste); closely linked to economic actors (installations, products)
- Objectives of Twinning Projects
  - EU financed scheme for capacity building of administrations
  - Support for the transposition, implementation and enforcement of the EU legislation
  - Share good practices developed within the EU with beneficiary public administrations and foster long-term relationships between administrations of existing and future EU countries
- How Twinning Projects are done
  - Mandatory results
  - Cooperation between public administrations of EU Member States (MS) and of beneficiary countries (BC)
  - Two Project Leaders, a Resident Twinning Adviser (RTA), Twinning Work Plan (expert missions, training events and awareness raising visits,...); Support by EU Delegation / CFCU (CFCA)



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