



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

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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, **knowledge**, 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, environmental 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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