

2nd Workshop on Public Access to Environmental Information in the EU

Building a Single Information Space for the Environment

This second Workshop continues the series of subsequent EnviroInfo workshop meetings that matter-of-factly decide upon means and mechanisms for a structured and harmonised "Integrated Information Space for the Environment". As a basis, the Directive on public access to environmental information (2003/4/EC) requires Member States to progressively make available environmental information and disseminate it to the public. The first workshop deals with Shared Environmental Information Systems, field studies from three countries and fundamental aspects of building a Single Information Space for the Environment in Europe (SISEE).

This upcoming Workshop aims at broadening the scope on the implementation of an *Environmental Information Space* in the EU member states and on the development of ICT tools for this purpose.

The comprehensive implementation of directive 2003/4/EC requires a harmonised and integrated approach in order to foster the convergence of information, which is pervasively available on local, regional and national level. Furthermore, tools and services are needed to facilitate access and to contribute to a structured approach on the basis of international standards.

At this Workshop 8-10 presentations of 15-20 minutes are envisaged. A goal of this Workshop is to gather methods, tools and good practice cases for research on supranational ICT solutions. All contributions are welcome, which foster the technical, organizational and communicative management for converging environmental information to a European information space.

Finally, scope and agenda for a Union-wide workshop shall be elaborated, bringing together the main stakeholders on the occasion of EnviroInfo Berlin 2009.

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