**About ECENA**

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**Our objectives**

- To increase the effectiveness of enforcement agencies and inspection bodies
- To gain a better understanding of measures needed to improve the implementation of the EU’s environmental aquis
- To help ensure that beneficiary countries have well-trained environmental inspectors and permit writers
- To encourage exchanges between beneficiary countries and EU member states through stronger cooperation with the European Union Network for Implementation and Enforcement of Environmental Law (IMPEL)
- To take a consistent approach among pre-candidate, candidate and acceding countries in implementing the environmental aquis

**What we do**

- Facilitate the exchange of experience and best practices among network members and with EU member states belonging to the IMPEL network
- Provide continuous training on implementation and enforcement of EU legislation for environmental inspectors, permit writers and managers
- Provide analysis and recommendations from practitioners through peer reviews on the enforcement system
- Assist countries in their future membership reporting obligations related to implementation of EU legislation.

- Provide a forum and information channel for addressing practical aspects of implementation of EU legislation.

**Our stakeholders**

- Ministries of environment
- Enforcement agencies, inspectorates
- Environmental protection agencies
- Local inspectorates and municipalities
- Courts, prosecutor offices
- Ministries of interior

**Cooperating institutions**

- IMPEL
- The International Network for Environmental Compliance and Enforcement (INECE)
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**Key**

- Key countries in defined by UNSCR 1244
**Achievements**

**2008**

ECENA Train-the-trainer programme on the Waste Landfill Directive and Waste Incineration directives
June 30-July 2, Budapest, Pusztazamor, Balatonfuzfo, Hungary

The goal of this training session was to impart a greater understanding of waste management in the EU with particular attention to the main principles of the Waste Landfill and Waste Incineration directives. The itinerary included on-site training and experience sharing through planning, carrying out and reporting on a joint inspection with Hungarian inspectors of the visited sites. Participants said the training was of outstanding quality.

**Train-the-trainer Programme on LCP, Seveso II and E-PRTR in ECENA member countries**
March 17-21, Bristol, UK

We improved the capacity of 49 inspectors, permit writers and experts from environmental protection agencies and ministries of the ECENA countries for a whole week in Bristol, UK. The programme included classroom trainings and four study visits: a LCP site visit (Didcot Power Station, Oxfordshire); two Seveso II sites (VOPAK Terminal, Barry Silicon-Based Manufacturing Installation in South Wales and Murco petrol store, Westerleigh); and a visit to the Environmental Agency of England and Wales.

**2007**

ECENA second plenary meeting
September 17-18, Brussels

In Brussels, the Multi-Annual Work Programme (MAP) was jointly agreed by the countries and approved. The MAP meets the requirements of the countries of ECENA. Evaluation and reporting of the previous activities took place. The ECENA national network coordinators and deputy network coordinators, representatives of the European Commission, and representatives of the Regional Environmental Center for Central and Eastern Europe took part in the event.

**What’s next?**

Several trainings, exchange programmes and peer reviews are scheduled between now and 2010:
- Third plenary meeting, Istanbul, September 18-19, 2008
- First training on environmental crime, November 2008
- Several local/national trainings, starting in 2009
- Second training on environmental crime, February 2009
- Third regional training, May 2009
- First exchange programme, July 2009
- Fourth plenary meeting, September 2009
- Third training on environmental crime, November 2009
- Second exchange programme, February 2010
- Third exchange programme, May 2010
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