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# Public consultation to support the evaluation of the European Environment Agency (EEA) and its European Environment Information and Observation Network (EIONET)

Fields marked with \* are mandatory.

# Introduction

The <u>European Environment Agency</u> (**EEA**) is an agency of the European Union, which relies on a network of several hundred organisations across EU member States and other member and co-operating countries, the European Environment Information and Observation Network (**EIONET**).

The objective of the EEA and EIONET, as set out in the founding regulation, is "to provide the Community and the Member States with objective, reliable and comparable information at European level enabling them to:

- take the requisite measures to protect the environment;
- to assess the results of such measures; and
- to ensure that the public is properly informed about the state of the environment.

To this end, the EEA and EIONET also provides technical and scientific support."

This open public consultation is part of a wider consultation exercise that also includes targeted surveys, interviews and focus groups with selected stakeholders. This part of the consultation will provide crucial information with regards to the perceived performance of the EEA and EIONET.

The questionnaire is divided into two sections. In the first section you are asked to answer some questions on your profile and personal details. The second contains questions concerning the EEA and EIONET.

# **Consultation Questionnaire**

# Part 1: Personal Information

*Please select the	statement	that best	applies	to you
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- You are an interested citizen or representative of an organisation with only a general interest in the EEA and EIONET
- You have specific knowledge and interest about EEA and EIONET activities and products

# \* In what capacity are you responding to this consultation?

- As an individual in a personal capacity
- As an individual in a professional capacity
- On behalf of an organisation or institution

# \*What type of organisation or institution do you work for?

- National, regional or local government, authority or agency
- European institution or agency
- International body (e.g. OECD, WHO)
- Scientific community or academia
- Non-governmental organisation, platform or network
- Trade, business or professional association
- Private or semi-public enterprise or consultancy
- Other

# \*Is your organisation or institution part of the EEA or EIONET?

- Yes
- No

### \*What is the name of your organisation or institution?

European Federation for Transport and Environment

### \*Is your organisation or institution registered on the EU Transparency Register?

Click here to view the EU Transparency Register

- Yes
- O No
- Do not know

# Please provide your registration number

It is not mandatory for you to provide this information.

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# Please provide us with your full name

It is not mandatory for you to provide this information.

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### Please provide us with your email address

It is not mandatory for you to provide this information.

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# \*In which country is your organisation or institution located? Austria Belgium Bulgaria Croatia Cyprus Czech Republic Denmark Estonia Finland France Germany Greece Hungary Iceland Ireland Italy Latvia Liechtenstein Lithuania Luxembourg Malta Netherlands Norway Poland Portugal Romania Slovak Republic Slovenia Spain Sweden Switzerland Turkey United Kingdom

Other

# \*Please indicate below if you want your contribution to remain anonymous

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Respondents should not include personal data in documents submitted in the context of the consultation if they opt for anonymous publication

- I give permission for my contribution to be published with my personal information: consent the publication of all information in my contribution in whole or in part including my name or my organisation's name, and I declare that nothing within my response is unlawful or would infringe the rights of any third party in a manner that would prevent publication.
- My contribution can be published provided that I remain anonymous: I consent to the publication of any information in my contribution in whole or in part (which may include quotes or opinions I express) provided that it is done anonymously. I declare that nothing within my response is unlawful or would infringe the rights of any third party in a manner that would prevent publication.

# Part 2: How useful is the information provided by the EEA?

This set of questions aims to assess the extent to which the information provided by the EEA meets the needs and expectations of those that use it.

The EEA gathers and provides information across a range of themes. Please select the themes which are associated with your needs.

# (a) Environmental themes Please select all that apply Air pollution Biodiversity Climate change impacts and adaptation Forests Freshwater quality Marine environment Mitigating climate change Noise Soil Waste

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(b) Socio-economic dimensio
Please select all that apply
Agriculture
Building and infrastructure
Consumption
Energy
Health and environment
Industry
Maritime activities
Resource efficiency
Tourism
Transport

# (c) Systemic perspectives Please select all that apply □ Bio-economy □ Circular economy □ Green economy □ Hydrological systems and sustainable water management □ Land systems □ Natural capital and ecosystem services □ Sustainable development □ The air and climate system

# \*We are interested why individuals and organisations use EEA products and services. Please select the statements below that best describe your needs

Please select all that apply

Urban systems

Other

- I use EEA products and services for work purposes
- I use EEA products and services for purposes unrelated to my work
- I have an interest in aggregated environmental information across Europe
- I have an interest in aggregated environmental information in specific regions of Europe
- I have an interest in comparing environmental information across countries
- I am only interested in the environmental information for one particular country
- The information that I use is only available from the EEA
- I use information from the EEA in combination with information from other sources
- ▼ The information that I use is available from other sources as well as the EEA, but I prefer to use information provided by the EEA
- Other, please explain

# \*How interested are you in information provided by the EEA relating to European countries outside of the EU?

The EEA's membership is broader than that of the EU.

The 33 member countries include the 28 European Union Member States together with Iceland, Liechtenstein, Norway, Switzerland and Turkey.

The six West Balkan countries are cooperating countries: Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Montenegro, Serbia as well as Kosovo under the UN Security Council Resolution 1244/99

- To a very large extent
- To a large extent
- To a moderate extent
- To a limited extent
- To no extent
- Do not know

The EEA produces a range of publically available products and services, as listed below. Please indicate how often you use them.

	Very Frequently (10 or more times per year)	Frequently (between 4- 9 times per year)	Occasionally (between 1-3 times per year)	Rarely (less than once a year)	Never	Do not know
*The State of the Environment report (SOER)	0	0	•	0	0	0
*EEA reports (other than SOER)	•	0	0	0	0	0
*Technical reports	•	0	0	0	0	0
*Country fact sheets	0	•	0	0	0	0
*Signals (snapshots of key environmental issues)	•	0	0	•	0	0
*Maps, graphs and datasets	•	0	0	0	0	0
* Indicators	0	0	0	•	0	0
*Workshops and conferences	0	0	0	0	•	0
*Exhibitions	0	0	0	0	•	0

* Corporate reports (e.g. Annual Work Programmes and Multi-Annual Work Programmes)	•	©	•	©	•	•
*Communication material (e.g. presentations, press releases and twitter feed)	•	•	•	0	0	•
*Biodiversity Information System for Europe (BISE)	0	0	0	0	•	0
*Water Information System for Europe (WISE)	0	0	•	0	•	0
*Climate-ADAPT	0	0	0	0	•	©
*Other	0	0	0	0	•	©

# To what extent do you agree with the following statements regarding the The State of the Environment report (SOER)?

	Strongly agree	Agree	Neutral	Strongly disagree	Disagree	Do not know
*The information provided meets my needs	0	0	•	0	0	0
*The information provided is comparable across different countries	0	•	0	0	0	0
*The information provided is accurate	0	0	•	0	0	0
*The information provided is easy to access	0	•	0	0	0	0
*It is easy to use the EEA website to access the information that I need.	•	•	0	0	0	0
*The information provided is updated at a suitable frequency	0	0	0	0	•	0
*The information provided is impartial	0	•	0	0	0	0
*The information is presented at the right level of detail	0	•	0	0	0	0
*The information is presented at appropriate geographic scales	0	•	0	0	0	0
*The information provided is available in a language that I can understand	0	0	0	0	•	0
*The information is provided in a format that is easy to understand	0	0	0	0	•	0

# To what extent do you agree with the following statements regarding EEA reports (other than SOER)?

	Strongly agree	Agree	Neutral	Strongly disagree	Disagree	Do not know

*The information provided meets my needs	©	•	0	•	0	0
*The information provided is comparable across different countries	•	0	0	0	0	0
*The information provided is accurate	©	•	0	0	0	0
*The information provided is easy to access	©	•	0	0	0	0
*It is easy to use the EEA website to access the information that I need.	0	0	0	0	•	0
*The information provided is updated at a suitable frequency	©	0	0	0	•	0
*The information provided is impartial	0	•	0	0	0	0
*The information is presented at the right level of detail	0	0	•	0	0	0
*The information is presented at appropriate geographic scales	0	•	0	0	0	0
*The information provided is available in a language that I can understand	0	0	0	0	•	0
*The information is provided in a format that is easy to understand	0	0	0	0	•	0

# To what extent do you agree with the following statements regarding technical reports?

	Strongly agree	Agree	Neutral	Strongly disagree	Disagree	Do not know
*The information provided meets my needs	0	•	0	0	0	0
*The information provided is comparable across different countries	0	•	0	0	•	0
*The information provided is accurate	0	•	0	0	0	0

*The information provided is easy to access	0	0	•	0	0	0
* It is easy to use the EEA website to access the information that I need.	0	0	•	0	0	0
*The information provided is updated at a suitable frequency	•	0	0	•	•	0
*The information provided is impartial	0	•	0	0	0	0
*The information is presented at the right level of detail	•	0	•	0	0	0
*The information is presented at appropriate geographic scales	•	•	0	•	•	0
*The information provided is available in a language that I can understand	0	0	0	0	•	0
*The information is provided in a format that is easy to understand	0	0	0	0	•	0

# To what extent do you agree with the following statements regarding country fact sheets?

	Strongly agree	Agree	Neutral	Strongly disagree	Disagree	Do not know
*The information provided meets my needs	0	•	0	0	0	0
*The information provided is comparable across different countries	•	0	0	0	0	©
*The information provided is accurate	0	•	0	0	0	©
*The information provided is easy to access	0	•	0	0	0	0
* It is easy to use the EEA website to access the information that I need.	0	0	0	0	•	©

*The information provided is updated at a suitable frequency	©	©	©	©	•	0
*The information provided is impartial	0	•	0	0	0	0
*The information is presented at the right level of detail	0	0	•	0	0	0
*The information is presented at appropriate geographic scales	0	•	0	0	0	0
*The information provided is available in a language that I can understand	0	0	0	0	•	0
*The information is provided in a format that is easy to understand	0	0	0	0	•	0

# To what extent do you agree with the following statements regarding signals (snapshots of key environmental issues)?

	Strongly agree	Agree	Neutral	Strongly disagree	Disagree	Do not know
*The information provided meets my needs	0	0	0	0	0	•
*The information provided is comparable across different countries	0	0	0	0	0	•
*The information provided is accurate	0	0	0	0	0	•
*The information provided is easy to access	0	0	0	0	0	•
*It is easy to use the EEA website to access the information that I need.	0	0	0	0	0	•
*The information provided is updated at a suitable frequency	0	0	0	0	0	•
*The information provided is impartial	0	0	0	0	0	•

*The information is presented at the right level of detail	0	0	©	0	0	•
*The information is presented at appropriate geographic scales	0	0	0	•	•	•
*The information provided is available in a language that I can understand	•	0	0	•	•	•
*The information is provided in a format that is easy to understand	•	0	•	•	•	•

# To what extent do you agree with the following statements regarding maps, graphs and datasets?

	Strongly agree	Agree	Neutral	Strongly disagree	Disagree	Do not know
*The information provided meets my needs	0	•	0	0	0	0
*The information provided is comparable across different countries	0	•	0	0	0	0
*The information provided is accurate	•	0	0	0	0	0
*The information provided is easy to access	0	•	0	0	0	0
*It is easy to use the EEA website to access the information that I need.	0	0	•	0	©	0
*The information provided is updated at a suitable frequency	0	0	0	0	•	0
*The information provided is impartial	0	•	0	0	0	0
*The information is presented at the right level of detail	0	•	0	©	0	0
*The information is presented at appropriate geographic scales	0	•	0	0	0	0

*The information provided is available in a language that I can understand	0	•	©	0	0	0
*The information is provided in a format that is easy to understand	•	•	•	•	•	0

# To what extent do you agree with the following statements regarding indicators?

	Strongly agree	Agree	Neutral	Strongly disagree	Disagree	Do not know
*The information provided meets my needs	0	0	•	0	0	0
*The information provided is comparable across different countries	0	•	0	0	0	0
*The information provided is accurate	©	•	0	0	0	0
*The information provided is easy to access	©	0	•	0	0	0
* It is easy to use the EEA website to access the information that I need.	0	0	0	0	•	0
*The information provided is updated at a suitable frequency	0	0	0	•	0	0
*The information provided is impartial	0	•	0	0	0	0
*The information is presented at the right level of detail	0	•	0	0	0	0
*The information is presented at appropriate geographic scales	0	•	0	0	0	0
*The information provided is available in a language that I can understand	0	•	0	0	0	0
*The information is provided in a format that is easy to understand	0	0	0	0	•	0

# Are there any other comments that you would like to raise about the usefulness of the information provided by the EEA?

300 character(s) maximum

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# Part 3: Performance and value-added of the EEA and Eignet

The EEA and EIONET carry out a range of functions. These include:

- 1. Publishing a European State of the Environment Report every five years
- 2. Undertaking thematic assessments of the state of the environment in selected sectors and themes
- 3. Setting up criteria and indicators for measuring the state of the environment in different sectors and themes across Europe
- 4. Ensuring a broad dissemination of environmental information to the general public
- 5. Managing environmental monitoring and reporting data
- 6. Providing environmental data and information to support policy development at EU and national level
- 7. Supporting European-level knowledge creation and exchange among institutions and organisations dealing with environmental information and knowledge
- 8. Providing analyses of long-term economic, social and environmental megatrends

### Has The EEA/Eionet performed its various functions in a competent manner?

In the following table, you are asked to state your opinion on whether The EEA/Eionet has performed the listed functions in a competent manner

	To a very large extent	To a large extent	To a moderate extent	To a limited extent	To no extent	Do not know
*Publishing a European State of the Environment Report every five years	0	0	•	0	0	0
*Undertaking thematic assessments of the state of the						

environment in selected sectors and themes	0	0	©	0	0	•
*Setting up criteria and indicators for measuring the state of the environment in different sectors and themes across Europe	0	0	•	0	0	•
*Ensuring a broad dissemination of environmental information to the general public	0	0	0	0	•	0
*Managing environmental monitoring and reporting data	0	0	•	0	0	0
* Providing environmental data and information to support policy development at EU and national level	0	0	•	•	0	•
*Supporting European-level knowledge creation and exchange among institutions and organisations dealing with environmental information and knowledge	•	•	•	•	0	•
* Providing analyses of long-term economic, social and environmental megatrends	0	0	•	0	0	0

# Is the EEA/Eionet best placed to perform its various functions?

In the following table, you are asked to state your opinion on whether The EEA/Eionet is best placed to perform the listed functions (compared to being performed by other entities at EU or national levels)

	To a very large extent	To a large extent	To a moderate extent	To a limited extent	To no extent	Do not know
*Publishing a European State of the Environment Report every five years	0	•	0	0	0	0
*Undertaking thematic assessments of the state of the environment in selected sectors and themes	0	•	•	•	•	0
*Setting up criteria and indicators for measuring the state of the environment in different sectors and themes across Europe	0	•	•	0	0	0

*Ensuring a broad dissemination of environmental information to the general public	0	•	•	•	0	0
*Managing environmental monitoring and reporting data	0	•	0	0	0	0
*Providing environmental data and information to support policy development at EU and national level	0	•	•	•	•	0
*Supporting European-level knowledge creation and exchange among institutions and organisations dealing with environmental information and knowledge	•	•	•	•	0	•
* Providing analyses of long-term economic, social and environmental megatrends	0	•	0	0	0	0

Below are a list of EEA and EIONET functions. Please indicate whether you consider the resources allocated to performing each function to be adequate, too high, or too low.

	Adequate	Too high	Too low	Do not know
*Publishing a European State of the Environment Report every five years	0	0	•	0
*Undertaking thematic assessments of the state of the environment in selected sectors and themes	0	0	•	0
*Setting up criteria and indicators for measuring the state of the environment in different sectors and themes across Europe	0	0	•	0
*Ensuring a broad dissemination of environmental information to the general public	0	0	•	0
*Managing environmental monitoring and reporting data	0	0	•	0
* Providing environmental data and information to support policy development at EU and national level	0	0	•	0
*Supporting European-level knowledge creation and exchange among institutions and organisations dealing with environmental information and knowledge	0	0	•	0
*Providing analyses of long-term economic, social and environmental megatrends	©	0	•	0

# Are there any functions that the EEA and EIONET are not currently undertaking that would contribute to the delivery of EU environmental policy?

100 character(s) maximum

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# Are there any other comments that you would like to raise about the relevance or performance of the EEA?

300 character(s) maximum

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