

ENEP BULLETIN

European Network of Environmental Professionals



FROM THE PRESIDENT

Dear Colleagues,

A Bulletin full of information regarding the development of our Network is here for you. Many topics are addressed that were discussed at the last General Assembly, held in Basel where our Swiss member ASEP/SVU has been such an excellent host. And of course we look ahead to our next Assembly which will be held this at our Headquarters in Brussels this Autumn; a summary of the ENEP action programme (often called our 'Business Plan'), information on our communication strategy, and financial information are among the items addressed. You will also find news from the 'Accreditation Task Force', which provides you with an update on where we

stand in our thinking regarding the establishment of a European environment professional charter.

Directly following from a decision at the latest General Assembly, information is included on a 'membership expertise matrix' which will make it easier to find out which types of specialist expertise and interest areas are to be found among which associations.

Having fled the rainy and windy parts of Europe, from my temporary Italian refuge I cordially wish you a Summer holiday as happy as the one I am currently celebrating. Looking forward to meeting again *après la rentrée*.

Jan Karel Mak, President

BRUSSELS GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Preparations are underway for the Autumn General Assembly, which will take place on Thursday 6th and Friday 7th September 2012 in Brussels, Belgium.

Please note that this General Assembly will not take place in Helsinki, Finland as previously reported.

There will important issues discussed at this General Assembly so it is vitally important that all member associations are represented.

Some of these important issues include:

- Business Plan

- Communications Strategy
- European Environmental Professional Accreditation
- Membership Expertise Matrix
- LIFE+ Funding Application
- Alternative Financial Instruments
- Budget Approval

We are also in the process of organising the side events for the Thursday, information for which will be circulated with the agenda and papers for the General Assembly.

CONFERENCE ON BIODIVERSITY STRATEGIES ACROSS EUROPE

A Conference on Biodiversity Strategies in Europe was organised by ENEP's

Biodiversity Working Group as a side event for this year's Spring General

Assembly, hosted by our Swiss partners, the Association of Swiss Environmental Professionals (ASEP), in partnership with the Association Française des Ingénieurs Ecologues (AFIE). The Conference included examples of National Biodiversity Strategies from Switzerland and France, as well as the European Biodiversity Strategy. We celebrated the launch of the Swiss Biodiversity Strategy, and also learned about the new ones adopted in France and Europe for the horizon 2020. Some 20 ENEP members benefited from this event as well as ENEP's Association members in a convivial atmosphere. Many thanks to those who participated in this biodiversity event!

The European Biodiversity Strategy 2020 was launched in 2011 with the aim of stopping biodiversity loss and ecosystem services degradation. This new document is based on a new multisectorial approach with 6 objectives that imply the involvement of key sectorial policies.

The 6 objectives of the European Biodiversity Strategy are:

- Fully implement the Birds and Habitats Directives

- Maintain and restore ecosystems and their services
- Increase the contribution of agriculture and forestry to biodiversity
- Ensure the sustainable use of fisheries resources
- Combat Invasive Alien Species
- Step-up action to tackle the global biodiversity crisis

Further information can be found at the European Biodiversity Strategy website <http://ec.europa.eu/environment/nature/biodiversity/comm2006/2020.htm>

For more information on Biodiversity Strategies:

- French National Biodiversity Strategy: <http://www.developpement-durable.gouv.fr/-La-Strategie-nationale-pour-la-.html>

- Swiss National Biodiversity Strategy: <http://www.bafu.admin.ch/biodiversitaet/10372/10395/index.html?lang=fr>

Project GRU: BEST PRACTICES in WASTE management

The ENEP member AIAT was awarded, as project leader, funds after a national competition promoted by the Italian Ministry of Environment and related to the presentation of environmental education and sustainability proposals.



The winning project is titled "GRU- An integrated policy for the management and the reduction of waste in University environment" and will be developed in a 12 month time-frame. The kick off of the project occurred on the 1st of March.

GRU project deals with environmental education and information on waste production in the Politecnico di Milano, University of Napoli Federico II, and University of Catania and has an important partners consortium devoted to collaborate to the achievement of GRU project goals. ENEP is part of the consortium and is required to provide some examples of best practices in the following topics:

- “Prevention” of waste according to the European directive 2008/98/CE;
- Reduction of packaging;
- Waste sorting management;
- Green Public Procurement in University;
- Preparation for re-use and recycling.

The target audience is graduate and undergraduate students from those universities. They are, in fact, assumed to be very sensitive to new environmental views, issues, and practices and will be directly involved in the activities to learn and imbibe an environmental and sustainability culture. By this perspective,

the dissemination of best practices adopted within the European Community and related to waste management is strongly welcome. For this reason, the GRU project team kindly asked ENEP members for their contribution to enrich EU “best practices” on the topic.

To communicate best practices for Project GRU, please contact the coordinator of the project Ms. Floriana Ferrara at the mail address

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FORTHCOMING EVENTS

Date	Event	Location	Weblink
6-7 September 2012	ENEP Autumn 2012 General Assembly	Brussels, Belgium	TBC
12-14 September 2012	17th International Congress for Battery Recycling	Amsterdam, Netherlands	www.icm.ch
7-8 November 2012	IEEM Autumn 2012 Conference – Renewable Energy and Biodiversity	Cardiff, Wales	www.ieem.net
21-22 March 2013	ENEP Spring 2013 General Assembly	TBC	TBC

ABOUT ENEP

ENEP is the European Network of Environmental Professionals, which seeks to promote and coordinate the professional status, level and content of environmental work and of those working in this field.

Its objectives are:

- to be the representative organisation for all Environmental Professionals across Europe;



- to promote and co-ordinate environmental work and environmental professionals while recognizing the separate identities of its member organisations;
- to promote adherence to environmental professional standards as one of the essential prerequisites for achieving sustainability;
- to influence and implement the environmental policy, science and education agenda throughout Europe.

It will do so by being respected for its adherence to sound science rather than political lobbying but will be proactive where supported by scientific or technical evidence. Where possible it will also use its influence within the global context, beyond the European boundaries.

For full statutes and how to become a member association of ENEP, please consult the website: www.environmentalprofessionals.org

The European Network of Environmental Professionals (ENEP) is the trading name of the European Federation of Associations of Environmental Professionals (EFAEP).

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