

# Innovation and Environment Working Group

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# Background

- Eco/sustainable innovations are driving forces in welfare growth and environmental professionals are often driving forces in Eco-innovations
- The ENEP Working Group “Innovations and Environment” is network of persons (members?)
- Linking up with other European organisations and association; such as Universities, Businesses, European Environmental Agency, European Environmental Press, Partners for Environment

# Aims

- Learning, incubating, entrepreneurship, financing, policymaking in emerging issues, like:
  - Innovations in biodiversity (ecosystem services)
  - Social capital for environment (social experiments)
  - Blending culture with nature (design for sustainability)
  - Localized development (distributed economy)
  - Living in densely populated areas (urban resilience)
- Tools are European politics and business-oriented debates, workshops, conferences
- Members focus on the content, ENEP/VVM helps with organisation

# Targets 2011-2012 (preliminary)

Objectives	Description	Timing
Education and R&D in Europe of large & enlarging diversity.	Debate(s) how to foster increase and improve the environmental education and R&D (e.g. life-long learning, interactive R&D)	Spring 2011
Eco-innovators in businesses and policy	With partnering organizations discuss the European politics, write “A Practical Guidelines for Politicians & Environment”	Autumn 2011
Enabling conditions for eco-innovators	Based on opinions of the awarded eco-innovators assess conditions; write “How to Seal Green Deal”.	Winter 2012

# Group Members (preliminary)

Name	Organization	Country
Yoram Krozer	University Twente and SIA	NL
John Carstensen (?)	SocEnv	UK
Enrico Fossi	Eco-manager	IT
Candida Rocha	APEA	PT
Dirk Jan Haverkamp	Tennet	NL
Marcelo Balasini	First Climate AG	IT/SUI
Kathy Velandar	IEEM, Edinburgh Napier University	UK
Marcelo Conti	Ecosystems	IT
Rachel Heijne	VVM	NL
Carolyn Roberts	IES, ESKTN	UK
Paolo Corrada	Impactzero	IT/AUS
Kristof De Smet	ENEP	Be

# Needs from ENEP

- Blessing to start with the group
- Announce in ENEP about the group
- Help to recruit more group members
- Help with European external contacts
- Help with internal organisation
- Pocket money for internal travels
- Facilitate external meetings
- PR external meetings