

Building our profile in Brussels

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What is the role of the project officer?

- ***Listen to national associations*** about their priorities
- Developing (and overseeing implementation) of a ***Brussels action plan*** for priority issues with working groups
- ***Enhancing profile and disseminate*** information from key conferences and seminars (i.e. Climate Change)
- Linking and ***promoting ENEP in Brussels*** with the EU institutions, business partners and environmental bodies as a source of environmental expertise.
Engaging in key debates and facilitating expert input key consultations and debates such as EU 2020 and resource efficiency – Road map consultation currently open until 22nd April – looking for a *coalition of the willing!*
- Explaining and clarifying through presentations and Brussels visit ***how the EU institutions work?***

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- **Monthly Newsflash** to members on key EU issues, ENEP Brussels activities and a forward look on Brussels events.
- Updating and amendment of **policy & emerging legislation tracker**
Promoting and encouraging use of **ENEP networking tools** (ENEP database etc;)
- Overviews of key **EU statements** for ENEP members from European Commission including State of the Union, Annual Policy Strategy and work programme (due out in November each year).
- Setting up Brussels programmes including **high level external** speakers at general assemblies and working groups.
- Organising ENEPs presence at **European Green Week** and **OPEN DAYS 2011**

EU priorities in Brussels

- ***Climate Change – mainstreaming and mitigation into Community Policies***
- ***Post 2010 EU Biodiversity action plan***
- ***Consultation on EU 2020 – Roadmap on Resource Efficiency***
- ***Innovation Union and European Innovation Partnerships***
- ***2012 EU Year of water***
- ***LIFE+ funding call 2011***
- ***Reform of the Directive on Mutual Recognition of qualifications.***
- ***Review of the EU services directive and IMI system***
- ***European Single Market Act and the review of the public procurement frameworks and environmental criteria***
- ***2013 EU Year of Air quality***
- ***2014 Evaluation of Commission actions***

A review of recent activities

- 1) Briefing on the 2011 European Commission Work programme 2011.
- 2) Briefing by Kurt Vandenburg Head of Cabinet Commissioner Potocnik on environmental priorities in 2011.
- 3) Represented ENEP at EEB conference - Towards a 7th environmental action plan.
- 4) Successful bid for ENEP stand at Green Week 2011
- 5) Circulated details on timetable for 2011 call for Life+ projects.
- 6) Edited and distributed six ENEP newsflashes.
- 7) advised and supported the ENEP working group on Innovation (see below details and advice)

Immediate priorities

- 1) Can we reinvigorate the ENEP resource efficiency working group to prepare a response to the DG ENV open consultation on its resource efficiency road map before 22 April?

http://ec.europa.eu/environment/consultations/roadmap_re_en

- 2) Green Week stand and participation – networking
- 3) The fifth LIFE+ call for proposals was published in the Official Journal (2011/C62/07) on 26 February 2011. The deadline for applicants to send proposals to Member State authorities is 18/07/2011.
- 4) Working group activities

RESOURCE EFFICIENCY

Using less, living better



To seek to raise **the visibility and the influence of environmental professionals** on the European level

To promote a **joint statement** about ENEP / resource efficient strategy

Demo the **online ENEP Platform**, a networking and professional database of environmental professionals across the EU,

Four or five examples



Thank you

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