

# The ENEP Bulletin

News from the European Network of Environmental Professionals



## From the President

Dear ENEP Colleagues,

Next week we will have our Autumn General Assembly meeting, which will be hosted by one of our founding members, the Dutch VVM that will celebrate its 25th anniversary on the eve of our meeting. If you have a chance, be there!

The meeting itself will be dedicated to some important issues. To mention a few: we will look at progress of a team investigating the pros and cons of introducing a European Environmental Professional Accreditation system. We will also look at the further development options for our internet communication tool, the ENEP Platform. And we will discuss our financial position: this is healthy, but does not allow us to do enough of what we want to do (i.e. what our members expect from us), so we must take a hard look at current and potential new sources of income. Furthermore, we will have an Executive Committee member election; our

great General Secretary Mario Grossi – a strong pillar under ENEP for a very long period - is stepping down. Last but not least, we look forward to presenting to you a couple of new candidate-members.

Of course there will – as always – also be room for informal exchange, pleasure and strengthening of our mutual bonds. Those seem very useful activities in these times of Euro crisis, rampant nationalism and myopia in many capitals on our old continent. So do come – if you need help or information, give Jason Reeves a call or send a mail to him, to me or to any other ExCo member. Full details for the meeting can be found at <http://www.efaep.org/documents/topic/118/>.

Looking forward to seeing you in Den Bosch,

Jan Karel Mak,  
President



## ENEP meeting on urban climate change adaptation – October 6, 2011 – 's Hertogenbosch (Den Bosch), The Netherlands

It is expected that cities will increasingly face the impacts of climate change. Urban vulnerability will therefore be affected by the way adaptation strategies are taken into account by urban policies and practical implementation of appropriate adaptation measures, both technically and spatially. The ENEP Working Group Climate Proof Cities is conducting a study

on urban governance in climate change adaptation. Since there are numerous projects focusing on the vulnerability and adaptation assessments from a scientific perspective, the Working Group has chosen to use current information on urban governance in climate change and adaptation strategies for offering practical guidance for impact assessments and adaptation

plans in urban policies. Part of this study is to hold an international meeting with invited, high-level experts on urban climate change and adaptation policies. The meeting will focus on efficient and effective policies, practical models and tools, strategies on dealing with uncertainties, synergies and mainstreaming with other urban policies, and practical guidance

for societal urban governance. The outcome of the meeting will be used to finalize the ENEP report of the Working Group. The ENEP report will be communicated to the European Commission, EEA, WHO, ICLEI, and other interested parties. All ENEP members are encouraged to attend this interesting event.

More information at:  
[www.vvm.info/?pid=main&id=637](http://www.vvm.info/?pid=main&id=637)



## Launching a global community: International Network of Next-Generation Ecologists

For the past year a group of graduate students, post docs and early career researchers have been working to set up a global network with the goal of bringing the new generation of ecologists around the world into contact.

The newly born initiative goes under the name “International Network of Next-Generation Ecologists” or simply INNGE [in-jee]. INNGE has close connections to the International Association for Ecology (INTECOL). The launch of the network was announced in a recent newsletter of INTECOL.

The website of INNGE is currently under construction, but should be up and running soon. Until then find out more about INNGE by joining the Facebook group, LinkedIn group or follow INNGE on Twitter.

INNGE specifically aims to:

### 1) Enhance

- a. International knowledge about ecological topics
- b. The ability to build academic networks for early-career scientists locally and regionally

### 2) Foster

- a. Cross-continental initiatives between ecological societies and their early career ecologists

- b. Local stewardship and sustainability efforts via global coordination-

### 3) Communicate

- a. On-going initiatives from ecological societies to ecologists in other parts of the world so as to ensure synergy and avoid unnecessary redundancy-

- b. International career opportunities for early career ecologists-

- c. Across disciplines, by engaging with networks of early career researchers in other areas of study.



## Environmental information network extends across Europe, Central Asia and Russian Federation

Government ministers and delegates from 53 countries agreed to extend the European network for sharing environmental information across the pan-European region. The commitment was made at the seventh Ministerial Environment for Europe summit in Astana, Kazakhstan.

Ministers agreed to extend the Shared Environmental Information System (SEIS). SEIS is a system for bringing together huge

volumes of data and information from governments, scientific organisations, businesses and citizens. The European Environment Agency (EEA), the European Commission and Member States have been using the ideas underpinning SEIS to gather data over the last 5 years.

More information: [www.eea.europa.eu/highlights/environmental-information-network-extends-across](http://www.eea.europa.eu/highlights/environmental-information-network-extends-across)



## Business opportunities at 'Save the Planet' - South-East European Conference and Exhibition on Waste Management & Recycling

One of the key priorities for the economic development of the countries from South-East Europe is waste management and recycling. 'Save the Planet' will be held in the period 28-30 March 2012 in Sofia, Bulgaria and will show the business potential of the Regional market. 'Exhibition - Conference' format turns it into a professional platform for setting up new partnerships on a global scale between investors, product and service providers, involved in the sector.

High-level speakers from over 20 countries will participate in the Conference. Mr. Mario Grosso, general secretary of the European Network of Environmental Professionals (ENEP), will take part in the Recycling session. ISWA (International Solid Waste Association) will present different

financing tools for waste management. Among the other hot topics will be Waste Prevention, Recycling, Energy and Resource Recovery, Landfilling, Waste Treatment Technologies, Hazardous Waste Management, etc.

The exhibition will put on display new technologies and equipment and will be visited by state administration, municipality and associations representatives, investors, finance experts, landfill operators, managers, specialists in the sectors of waste management, recycling, ecology, construction, processing industry, etc.

The 8th South-East European Congress & Exhibition on Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy and the SEE Solar Exhibition will be held as parallel green events.

[www.eco.viaexpo.com](http://www.eco.viaexpo.com)



## European Commission adopts an EU biodiversity strategy to 2020

The European Commission has adopted an ambitious new strategy to halt the loss of biodiversity and ecosystem services in the EU by 2020. There are six main targets, and 20 actions to help Europe reach its goal. Biodiversity loss is an enormous challenge in the EU, with around one in four species currently threatened with extinction and 88% of fish stocks over-exploited or significantly depleted.

The six targets cover:

1. Full implementation of EU nature legislation to protect biodiversity

2. Better protection for ecosystems, and more use of green infrastructure
3. More sustainable agriculture and forestry
4. Better management of fish stocks
5. Tighter controls on invasive alien species
6. A bigger EU contribution to averting global biodiversity loss

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

## VBU

### Member in Focus - VBU

The association „Verband der Betriebsbeauftragten für Umweltschutz (VBU)“ represents the interests of environmental professionals by German law. VBU was founded in 1988 and the association has about 620 members.

#### Targets

All industrial sectors at present are characterized by extensive and far-reaching change-management-processes. VBU's business is to represent the interests of its members regarding their professional, economic, social, political and legal concerns. The representation of these interests is the core competence of VBU.

#### Activities

- VBU takes an active part in politics and participates e.g. in the legislative procedure.
- VBU is a network. Members have the opportunity to get in touch with the other members for an interchange of views and opinions, of knowledge and experiences. In meetings and events members are informed about all kinds of topics regarding environmental professionals, such as legal questions.
- VBU gives its members paying an extraordinary fee legal protection

and support in all legal questions and legal affairs in connection with their professional concerns (for example: criminal law). That includes: Advice concerning the contract, all other professional interests, representation versus the employer. VBU cooperates with other associations and businesses to offer exclusive conditions e.g. for further education, insurances, personnel consultants.

- VBU publishes its news in a magazine with useful information for executives and environmental staff. In the protected member area on the Internet you can get model contracts, leaflets etc.

#### International Cooperation

Sustainable development, meeting the present needs without threatening the future generations' ability to satisfy their own needs, are key requirements of VBU. These aims and the fact that environmental care is an international task to handle remaining resources of the world. So the target of VBU is to point out the importance of environmental care by means of informative and educational activities, in particular for the needs of economic sectors and public administration.

**[www.vbu-ev.de](http://www.vbu-ev.de)**

January	February	March
April	May	June
July	August	September
October	November	December

## Upcoming Events

Date	Event title	Location	More information
6-7 October 2011	ENEP General Assembly	Den Bosch, Netherlands	<a href="http://www.efaep.org">www.efaep.org</a>
25 October 2011	7th EWA Brussels Conference: Effective Urban Waste Water Treatment	Brussels, Belgium	<a href="http://www.ewa-online.eu">www.ewa-online.eu</a>
2-3 November 2011	IEEM Annual Conference: Rebuilding Biodiversity	Liverpool, UK	<a href="http://www.ieem.net">www.ieem.net</a>
6-8 November 2011	Sustainable Consumption – Towards Action and Impact	Hamburg, Germany	<a href="http://www.sustainableconsumption2011.org">www.sustainableconsumption2011.org</a>
8 May 2012	ENEP EMS Forum	Brussels, Belgium	TBC
26-29 June 2012	SIDISA 2012: International Symposium on Sanitary and Environmental Engineering – 9th Ed.	Milan, Italy	<a href="http://www.sidisa2012.it">www.sidisa2012.it</a>



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## 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](http://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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