

ENAP

High Level

Conference

October
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2004

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The ENAP Conference is organised by the Dutch Presidency and is a major event within the ENAP project. ENAP aims at fostering an European dialogue on new approaches for regulating industrial installations. ENAP was initiated by the Dutch Government and involves governments and stakeholders from across Europe.

The ENAP Conference will bring together Director-General level representatives from the EU Member States and candidate countries as well as representatives of the European Commission, industry and NGOs.

During the ENAP Conference the conclusions of the three ENAP workshops will be discussed. These workshops have taken place in The Hague, London and Prague over the last two years. The aim of the ENAP Conference is to obtain agreement on which of the recommendations from each of the ENAP workshops could usefully be taken forward, how and by whom. It is planned that the agreed conclusions and recommendations be presented to the Environmental Council on December 20th 2004.





The ENAP project

The ENAP project has offered and continues to offer a valuable opportunity to explore and share insights on new approaches for regulating industrial installations. It does this through an exchange of experiences and ideas between experts from EU Member States, the European Commission, industry, NGOs and academics. It also builds on studies on practice across Europe produced by the Institute for European Environmental Policy (IEEP), and contributions from leading practitioners and commentators in the field.

ENAP was initiated by the Dutch Ministry of the Environment VROM and has received extensive involvement from governments and stakeholders from across Europe. During the course of the ENAP project, VROM initiatives were complemented in particular by active participation from the Environment Agency for England and Wales and the Czech Environmental Institute (AIP). The ENAP project facilitated a series of three international workshops, the results of which are the focus of this ENAP Conference.

The ENAP initiative also includes a workshop for the new Member States in September 2004, a stepping stone for the main event – this the ENAP Conference.

Detailed proceedings, workshop presentations and background reports from the ENAP workshops and information on the ENAP Conference are available on:

> www.vrom.nl/enap

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Workshop 1

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Workshop 2

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Workshop 3

The use of national or regional systems of emissions trading for NEC substances

This ENAP workshop explored the use of national or regional systems of emissions trading to tackle NO_x and SO₂ emissions from industrial installations. It discussed the possible role of this instrument and looked at the different elements in the design of emissions trading regimes. It also addressed potentially necessary changes in the EU legislative framework to allow interested Member States to go ahead with the implementation of domestic trading regimes.

The conclusions that will be discussed at the ENAP Conference concern:

- The benefits of national or regional systems of emissions trading;
- Possible constraints that need to be addressed and design issues;
- National or regional systems of emissions trading within the international and EU legal framework and the way forward.

Connections between environmental management systems (EMS) and regulation

The London workshop was a joint ENAP-REMAS workshop, linking ENAP to the UK led REMAS-project to study the benefits of EMS in the context of regulation. It explored:

- What potential advantages can EMS offer the regulator (and other parties)?;
- How can environmental management systems be most usefully linked to the regulatory process so as to obtain the greatest benefits?

The ENAP Conference will discuss the workshop conclusions (*The Chelsea Dozen*), which inter alia underlined the need to:

- Clarify and communicate the roles and responsibilities of certifiers/verifiers and regulatory authorities in particular with regard to the assessment of legal compliance;
- Clarify and communicate the role of EMS within the regulatory process and in EU legislation and develop a clear strategy on how elements of EMS can be used in the context of EU legislation and policies;
- Ensure quality certification and verification throughout Europe.

Opportunities and constraints of IPPC-permitting and of alternative approaches for regulating industrial activities

The Prague workshop explored the different Member States' approaches to:

- Defining the scope of permits under IPPC (Integrated Pollution Prevention and Control Directive), the use of associated IPPC terms and problems posed by 'disintegrating installations';
- Addressing environmental issues linked to industrial estates, companies with sites across a country (corporate approach, chains of industrial activities and lifecycle issues).

The conclusions of the workshop (*The Prague Principles*) will be discussed in the ENAP Conference – in particular:

- The flexibility of key terms in the IPPC Directive and the need for guidance on:
 - the scoping of permits;
 - regulating the use of raw materials and waste prevention.
- The need to explore further regulatory and voluntary measures (e.g. negotiated agreements and EMS) to deal with industrial estates, companies, sectors of industry, supply chains and life cycle issues.

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Outline programme

■ Sunday 17th

Registration and informal welcome

■ Monday 18th

ENAP Conference

Opening by the Dutch DG
Environment, J. van der Vlist

Plenary presentations, interventions
and discussions about each
ENAP topic:

- Exploring the scope of permits
under the IPPC Directive and
alternative approaches for
regulating industrial activities;
- Using national or regional systems
of emissions trading;
- Connecting elements of company
environmental management
systems with permitting, inspection
and enforcement.

- Presentation of results to
State Secretary of Environment,
P. van Geel

Practical information

■ Time and place

October 17th and 18th in the
Kurhaus Hotel in Scheveningen,
Den Haag, the Netherlands.
www.kurhaus.nl

■ Attendance

By invitation

■ Documentation

An information booklet about ENAP
will be circulated in September.
The participants will also receive
a discussion document before the
conference.

■ How to register

By registration-form sent out

■ Organiser

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