Developing an EEA-Eionet Strategy 2021-2030

Knowledge and networking for Europe’s environment and climate ambitions

First draft
Feb 2020

Data and understanding for a pivotal decade: knowledge in support of Europe’s environment and climate ambitions

Second consultation draft
Mar/Apr 2020

Draft for adoption
Autumn 2020
3. EEA/Eionet strategy

- An updated vision toward 2030...
- supported by five Strategic Objectives...
- and implemented through five Areas of work.
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What we want to achieve

Europe has set ambitious environment and climate goals to support its transition to greater sustainability. These will be achieved through a series of decisions and choices at different levels — European, national and local. Our vision is to enable a sustainable Europe through trusted and actionable knowledge for informed decision making on priorities and solutions. We will be the leading network for policy-relevant environmental and climate knowledge at European, Union and country levels. We will ensure continuous monitoring for full implementation of environment and climate policies and supporting Europe’s future policy ambitions.

How we will work: Strategic Objectives

We set the following strategic objectives to deliver the joint vision for 2030:

SO1: Supporting policy implementation and sustainability transitions

Produce evidence-based knowledge to support the implementation of policies and development of new policies to accelerate and scale up the transition to sustainability.

SO2: Providing timely input to solutions for sustainability challenges

Deliver targeted inputs to emerging policy and public discussions, by mobilizing and communicating knowledge, engaging in ongoing debates on innovative solutions and to increasingly engage on demand.

SO3: Building stronger networks and partnerships

Strengthen our network and engagement at the country level and work with other leading organisations in order to quickly tap into the knowledge and expertise held in European countries and beyond.

SD4: Making full use of the potential of data, technology and digitalisation

Leverage new technologies, digitisation, big data, artificial intelligence and earth observations to support decision making.

SO5: Resourcing our shared ambitions

Develop shared resources, competencies and capacities across our network to meet decision-makers’ knowledge needs, securing and diversifying the resources needed to achieve our joint vision.
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Embrace new technologies, digitalisation, big data, artificial intelligence and earth observation to support decision making.

SO5: Resourcing our shared ambitions
Develop structures, expertise and capacity across our network to meet diverse and evolving knowledge needs, securing and diversifying the resources needed to achieve our joint vision.
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What we do: Areas of work

To achieve our strategic objectives, we will deliver timely knowledge across five, interlinked, areas of work:

1. Biodiversity and ecosystems
   Faced with continued biodiversity loss and ecosystem degradation, what are the most effective policies and measures? We will work to further identify the causes as well as solutions, including nature-based solutions.

2. Climate change mitigation and adaptation
   Is Europe becoming more resilient and less vulnerable to climate change? Is it taking sufficient action to achieve climate neutrality by 2050? We will monitor this transition and support the development of policies and measures to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and to adapt to a changing climate.

3. Human health and the environment
   We will assess the impacts on human health caused by environmental pollutants and the Europe’s changing climate. This includes improving our understanding of the role that social and demographic factors play in influencing the exposure and vulnerability of European citizens, and the benefits occurring from measures introduced to address pollution.

4. Resource use and circular economy
   We will improve our understanding of the environment and climate impacts caused by Europe’s production and consumption of raw materials, products and services. This includes addressing resource efficiency and waste dimensions, as well as supporting the implementation and monitoring of circular economy actions across Europe, and the sharing of best practices.

5. Sustainability, trends, prospects and responses
   We will assess developments towards sustainability across policy priorities, including drivers of change, systems dynamics, synergies and trade-offs. We will engage stakeholders on future transitions and innovative responses.

These areas impact each other. They share common drivers of change and impacts such as energy, mobility, food and housing. We will deliver these areas of work through effective data and information services, administration and communication.
Overview and timeline of key processes

**Strategy**
- MB discussion
- MB Advisory Committee
- MB adoption

**SPD 2021-2023**
- Definition of activities
- MB discussion on approach for ETCs
- MB decision on ETCs covered, calls for proposals, committees
- MB decision on designation of ETCs
- ETC agreements concluded

**Eionet modernisation**
- MB adoption

**NRC review**
- MB adoption

**ETC review**
- Appointment of ETC review committee
- MB discussion on approach for ETCs
- MB decision on ETCs covered, calls for proposals, committees
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**Dates**
- June 2021
- Dec 2021
Thank you