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1. A Defending priority of effective EU Environmental Policies

Activities Foreseen

- A critical involvement in reviews of existing EU legislation.
- Promotion of effective new legislation, with clear targets and timetables and clear tasks for enterprise and the implementing authorities.
- Promote increased attention for enforcement of legislation at the EU and National levels.
- An active role in the High Level Group (HLG) on reducing the administrative burden.

Lobbying Activities Accomplished

General

Before it finished its term in June, the European Parliament accomplished an impressive number of first readings. These included both reviews and new pieces of legislation. The new Parliament, which started functioning in July, already worked on a number of relevant issues, in particular in negotiations with the Council and Commission on final agreements (Energy Performance of Buildings (EPBD), Carbon Leakage....). In the Council of Ministers progress was limited to the Industrial Emissions Directive during the Czech Republic, while the efforts to revitalize the negotiations on the Soil Directive met with ongoing resistance from a minority of Member States. The Swedish Presidency did not even take up this issue, and concentrated on climate change and eco-innovation.

For each of the legislation/policies mentioned, look for details under the specific chapters of this report.

EEB was particularly involved in the following reviews:

- Industrial Emissions Directive
- WEEE and RoHS recast
- Ecolabel Regulation
- Ecodesign of Energy Using Products (EuP) Directive
- Energy Label Regulation
- Energy Efficiency in Buildings Directive (EPBD)

It also pushed for the start of the following reviews:

- Energy Tax Directive
- National Emission Ceilings (NEC) Directive

In both cases the Commission decided to postpone publication of its proposals for political reasons. On the other hand, EEB continued to resist attempts to review the Birds and Habitats Directives and the connected Natura 2000 policy, with the Commission even stronger on our side since President Barroso, in October, wrote the Dutch Prime-Minister in clear terms that the Commission does not intend any revision..

With regards to promotion of new legislation, EEB was particularly active in this period on:

- Keeping pressure on the Council to accept a Soils Directive
- Keeping pressure on the Council to accept an Access to Justice Directive
- Keeping pressure on the Commission to initiate a Biowaste Directive
- Strengthening EU's policies to protect and enhance its biodiversity
- Reduction of VAT on Energy Efficient Products and Services.

With regards to increased attention for enforcement of legislation at the EU and National levels, EEB is working on a position for minimum requirements of inspections on EU

environmental law. EEB is also promoting increased attention for enforcement as part of future Biodiversity work.

Towards 7th Environmental Action Programme

The EEB has begun to promote the early preparation of a 7th Environmental Action Programme. The 6EAP expires mid 2012. The Commission has not decided yet for such a 7EAP, but it has in the meantime started the preparations for an evaluation of the 6EAP.

EEB activities include approaching the future Presidencies, giving speeches to officials and combining it in the work on eco-efficient economy.

The Regional Environment Ministry of Brussels invited the EEB to join a steering group to prepare for studies and discussions to promote a 7th EAP during the Belgian Presidency (second half of 2010). EEB decided to make this a priority for itself and approached senior officials in the Commission, members of the new European Parliament, and Ministers to seek their support.

Stoiber Group

In the High Level Group on Reduction of the Administrative Burden, several discussions took place where the environmental angle was important. See all reports, minutes etc: http://ec.europa.eu/enterprise/admin-burdens-reduction/highlevelgroup_en.htm

EEB Secretary-General took part in all but one of the meetings of the HLG. Main result was a report from the group that was good for the environmental cause (see April session below). The most difficult debate was on the agriculture file, where the “irritation factor” against cross-compliance prevailed with the majority.

A general overview

20 JANUARY

- In a set of recommendations coming from stakeholders, Sec-Gen managed to prevent direct advice to exempt SMEs from the WEEE directive but he had to vote against a recommendation to make REACH more SME friendly after he failed to adapt the text.

4-5 MARCH

- Sec-Gen abstained on the Pharmaceuticals report because of the promotion of mutual recognition of medicines, preferring an EU level approval procedure.
- Sec-Gen voted in favour of the Transport report after having been able to prevent a direct demand for EU framework rules for environmental zones in cities.
- Sec-Gen voted in favour of the Food Safety advice, but voted against one specific element in it, a call to MS to use exemption option for obliging small enterprise to show prices on their products.
- Sec-Gen voted against the Agriculture report after having failed to change the content substantially. He in particular tried to prevent the HLG from taking a political stand against cross-compliance, using a perceived administrative burden as an excuse. After having criticised the Chair of the HLG (Mr Edmund Stoiber) about this way of leading the debate, he agreed with Mr Stoiber (during a later phone-call) that the HLG would come back to this issue in the autumn.

16-17 APRIL:

- Sec-Gen' report on reducing admin burdens in the environmental field was adopted unanimously. http://ec.europa.eu/enterprise/admin-burdens-reduction/docs/hlg_opinion_environment_160409.pdf
- It was also decided to hold a stakeholders consultation in September to collect more proposals. Invitations were sent out, and by the deadline for responses (17th July) 22 responses had come, most from companies, some from authorities and one from an

EEB member. With these responses, the Sec-Gen went to DG Environment and DG TREN for feedback and selection. The preparatory process was still ongoing at the end of the year.

- The HLG could not come to a decision on Working Environment. EEB Sec-Gen was amongst those insisting on a balanced report that should refrain from political intervention in favour of reduction of workers protection.

28 MAY:

- Sec-Gen was co-rapporteur that was adopted unanimously on reduction of admin burdens in the Fisheries sector.
- Sec-Gen opposed a part of the Working Environment advice, a part that advised to free small enterprise from the obligation to have written safety procedures.
- A final report on Taxation was adopted unanimously.

7-8 JULY:

Reports were adopted about Cohesion Funds and Statistics. Sec-Gen voted against part in Cohesion funds advice that tries to limit the right of public authorities to get information from recipients in order to control proper use.

2 SEPTEMBER: meeting with DG Env staff about environment hearing.

10 SEPTEMBER: meeting with staff of DG Environment, TREN and Enterprise, and Stoiber group colleagues about environment hearing.

17 SEPTEMBER: This meeting was to evaluate the results of the group so far. Sec-Gen was allowed to come back to the conflict on agriculture in the March meeting, and the minutes explain in detail his concerns.

12 NOVEMBER: Sec-Gen missed meeting due to accident. Ahead of the meeting he protested with Jim Murray against a draft "Decalogue" of principles for better regulation on the agenda as these principles go beyond the mandate of the Group. As we both were not present the Decalogue was adopted, but our objections were included in the minutes.

10 DECEMBER: main topic was the future mandate of the group. A tough debate about this, with EEB Sec-Gen expressing himself against rigid objectives and a broadened mandate, as reduction of administrative burden should not stand in the way of the EU doing what is must do to protect the environment etc. Decision was to not conclude on a common statement but to offer President Barroso, who wants the Group to continue till mid 2011, a full description of the discussions had.

EEB Events (Including Working Groups)

See chapters dealing with specific issues.

General Events and Meetings

HLG on Administrative Burden, see above.

For specific environmental activities, see other parts of this report.

Furthermore:

- 23 January: Meeting with the new Director-General of DG Environment, Karl-Friedrich Falkenberg.
- February 10: meeting with DG ENV staff at EEB about the environment dimension of HLG-work.
- March 4: Preparatory meeting for Environment report, with Consortium – DG Enterprise – DG Environment – representative Mr Ludewig

- April 10. Visit by Mr Duyvendijk, representative Dutch Ministry of Foreign Affairs
- April 16. meeting with DG Enterprise, DG Mare and WWF in preparation of Fisheries report, to discuss the political scene and the findings and advise of the “consortium” (3 consultancies doing research about administrative burden in practice in all Member States).
- 6 May: stakeholders meeting in preparation of admin burden report on Fisheries.
- 29 May: meeting with Director-General DG Environment on the 7th EAP and others issues.
- 11 June: Speech Sec-Gen to officials in Prague on the future of EU Environment Policy.
- 23-25 SEPTEMBER: Sec-Gen took part in IMPEL conference in Sibiu, Romania, and gave speech at last day, with emphasis on his report on administrative burden from the EU environment acquis.
- 8/10: meeting with EEA staff about the State of the Environment 2010. Relevant for preparations of the 7th EAP.
- 19/10: meeting of advisory group to Brussels Regional Government on preparations for debate on 7eap during Belgian Presidency.
- 10/11: EEB spoke at EESC/Brussels Region conference on 7EAP, on the Blueprint Sustainable Consumption

Any Other Activities Accomplished

Sec-Gen spent considerable time on preparing his HLG report on environment. This included drafting texts, speaking to representatives of the consortium, the Commission and the co-rapporteurs, as well as EEB staff.

Publications and Press Releases (all available on www.eeb.org)

OPINION OF THE HIGH LEVEL GROUP: on Administrative burden reduction; priority area *Environment*

http://ec.europa.eu/enterprise/policies/better-regulation/files/hlg_opinion_environment_160409_en.pdf

- Metamorphosis no. 54, July 2009, article “Reducing the EU’s administrative burdens – myths and realities”

Results and Lessons Learned

The HLG on the reduction of the administrative burden has produced advice that to a large extent does not undermine the purpose of EU’s acquis, put pressure to use more modern, IT based, reporting solutions, and to combine reporting where possible. That is good, as it help making EU acquis more acceptable for business and citizens. However, at several moments the HLG majority came to advise that could weaken opportunities for necessary control and in some cases the perception of “irritation” took over from looking at the (more or less) hard facts. In those cases, John Hontelez, Sec-Gen of the EEB, had to take a diverging position, which was always duly reported in the positions and the minutes which are in the public domain.

The report on selected environmental laws was drawn up by John Hontelez, and supported by all other HLG members., It contains important information that can help to cool down critique on EU’s bureaucratic environmental policies. It explains that the environmental acquis causes around 0,6% of the total administrative burden to business caused by EU’s entire acquis communautaire. This is substantially less than the 4 or 5% estimated earlier. Also, it states that only 8% of the administrative burden linked to EU environmental legislation is due to extra requirements introduced by national governments themselves (often referred to as goldplating). And it also underlines that a lot of EU legislation is not in addition, but instead of national laws. .

The campaign for an early 7EAP has just started, but is likely to become successful.

2. 1.B. Climate Change

Activities Foreseen

- Raise climate issues in EEB's memoranda, Ten Tests and high-level contacts with EU institutions
- Support and work with Climate Action Network Europe
- Give specific input in broader environmental NGO community on use of economic instruments (taxes, charges, emission trading, subsidies, etc)
- Active involvement in energy policies to avoid negative impact of climate agenda as well as in work on adaptation.

Lobbying Activities Accomplished

- 7 April: Sec-Gen took part in G-10 meeting with Commission President Barroso to discuss the Road to Copenhagen. EEB particularly focussed on the domestic agenda and the link with recovery from the economic crisis.
- 14-15 April: Sec-Gen took part in the Informal Environmental Council meeting in Prague. Issues discussed included adaptation to climate change and the Road to Copenhagen.
- 20 April: Took part in NGO meeting with Commissioner Dimas on Road to Copenhagen.
- 29 Sept: Attending NGO meeting with Commissioner Dimas on Copenhagen
- 23 December: Sec-Gen spoke at meeting on climate change and Copenhagen hosted by the Spanish Presidency

EEB Events (Including Working Groups)

None.

General Events and Meetings

- 31 March: spoke at special session of the UN-ECE main committee about Climate Change and the Aarhus Convention and took part in a debate in Geneva.
- 1 April: Sec-Gen spoke at an evening debate about Climate Change and the economic crisis at the Belgian Senate. Other speakers included Flemish Economics Minister Vandenbroucke and Jos Delbeeke, Deputy Director-General DG ENV
- 14 April: Sec-Gen took part in Global Energy Award ceremony in Prague.
- 23 June: Sec Gen attended first meeting of the Sounding Board of King Baudouin Foundation project 'Climate Change and Social Justice'.
- 19 & 20 Oct: Attended CANE AGM
- 6 & 7 Nov: Spoke at conference on climate change in Athens organized by the SOS Mediterranean Network.
- 11-19 Dec: Attended COP15, CMP5, Copenhagen, Denmark

Any Other Activities Accomplished

EEB (its Secretary General) joined an advisory group to the King Baudouin Foundation, which was preparing a project on Climate Change and Social Justice.

It started with a preparatory meeting on 23 June, was followed by correspondence and written input/advise.

A first conference took place on 18/19 November, and a follow up meeting of the advisory

Publications and Press Releases (all available on www.eeb.org)

Press Releases

- 14/03/09. EU Environment Ministers told to mind their soils and adapt to climate change
- 10/06/09 Green groups: European Commission off target
- 01/07/09 EEB's Ten Green Tests for the Swedish Presidency
- 12/10/09 Environment Ministers must make EU lead at UN climate talks
- 08/12/09 Media Briefing: EEB expectations for COP15, Copenhagen climate talks

- 15/12/09 Golden opportunity for EU in Copenhagen
- 19/12/09 Copenhagen accord falls far short on climate policy

Publications

- January: Memorandum to Czech Presidency and Ten Tests
- February: letter to Environment Council
- February: Metamorphosis No. 52, Editorial: Heavy Climate Shocks Ahead!
- 14 April: Briefing document: EEB's input to Informal Environment Council on adaptation to climate change
- 16 April. Green 10 Open Letter to European Voice: "A financial system can be fixed, but can a planet? *We must focus on climate as well as finance.*" [Available on European Voice website www.europeanvoice.com]
- July: Memorandum to Swedish Presidency and Ten Tests
- July: Off Target! The Green Ten's Environmental Progress Report of the European Commission (2004 - 2009) and lessons for the next Commission
- July: Joint letter from EEB, EURIMA, WWF, and EuroACE to all 27 Energy and Environment Ministers ahead of the Informal meetings of Energy and Environment Ministers in Åre, Sweden
- September: letter for October Environment Council
- October: Environment Committee briefing cards - seven issues
- November: letter for December Environment Council
- December: Assessment Swedish Presidency
- Dec: Memorandum to Spanish Presidency and Ten Tests
- Dec: EEB comments on the consultation on the future "EU 2020" Strategy - Commission working document COM

Results

In April, the EEB started a discussion at the highest level about the negative impact of the weakness of the Energy/Climate package on emission reductions and the emission trading scheme. Due to the low ambition in combination with huge opportunities for using Clean Development Mechanism (CDM), a legally binding renewables obligation and a politically binding energy efficiency action plan, it is very likely that there will be not enough scarcity in emission allowances so that their price will drop and the expected billions in revenues will not come in. This drop will therefore have a negative impact on the capacity of the EU to co-sponsor climate activities in developing countries.

Through participation in the Informal Environmental Council, Sec-Gen managed to have in the Presidency Conclusions and explicit commitment to include stakeholders in the "Impacts and Adaptation Steering Group" that was announced in the Commission's Communication on Adaptation.

We have an excellent working relation with CANE. In the autumn we finally confirmed our mutual partnership and the arrangements for this.

Through our Memorandum to the Spanish Presidency we quickly reacted to the outcomes of the Copenhagen conference at a crucial time and set out our priorities for the EU in the coming six months.

3. 1.D. Biodiversity

Activities Foreseen

- Continue involvement in the Countdown 2010 Campaign
- Promote a strengthened biodiversity policy framework for after 2010 through intensive discussions with institutions and stakeholders.
- Promote consistent, proper, effective, EU-wide Habitats Directive implementation
- Co-ordinate EEB Biodiversity Working Group and hold two meetings, possibly enlarged to seminars to involve decision-makers
- Follow Commission policy proposals in field of adaptation of biodiversity to climate change, following publication of White paper in 2008.
- Strengthen impact of ENGOs in compliance procedures, facilitate exchange of information and experience and providing guidance through EEB website
- Prepare for debate on financial perspectives 2014-20 and work to ensure major increase in expenditure for biodiversity under next financial perspectives
- Represent EEB in European Habitat Forum's work
- Assess and discuss specific situation of biodiversity in Mediterranean region, and strengthen EEB's involvement in Euro-Mediterranean Partnership, particularly with biodiversity (strong link to adaptation to climate change work)
- Facilitate actions by EEB members on a possible directive on Invasive Alien Species.
- Coordination of national activities by EEB members.

Lobbying Activities Accomplished

- 4 March – Met and talked with rapporteur from Committee of the Regions (CoR) on the Biodiversity Action Plan (BAP) mid term review.
- 13 March – Meeting with DG Tren on biofuels. Throughout the year regular meetings with DG TREN and ENVI officials on biofuels took place.
- 20 April – circulated joint briefing on the Biodiversity Action Plan Mid Term review to membership and directly to Council.
- 21 April – Meeting with Cabinet of EU Transport Commissioner on Green Infrastructure
- 30 April – Submitted input to consultation on TEN-T together with BirdLife.

EEB Events (Including Working Groups)

- 15 April – Spring Alliance Biodiversity/Rural WG meeting
- 14-15 May – EEB Biodiversity Seminar and meeting of the EEB WG
- 5-6 November - EEB biodiversity seminar and meeting of the WG
- 28 November, participated at EEB capacity building workshop in Madrid on Biodiversity.

General Events and Meetings

- 15-16 January. Attended EU-US Workshop on biodiversity and water regulations
- 21 January. Organised NGO meeting to discuss outcome of new Biofuels policy
- 27 January. Attended German Marshall Fund (GMF) Biofuel lunch
- 29-30 January. Policy officer attended EEB Spring Alliance Conference

- 11 February. IUCN Event on BAP in the Parliament, attended by biodiversity policy officer and secretary general (speaker)
- 16 February. Attended and presented at NGO event on biofuels.
- 18 February. Attended stakeholder meeting of DG Enterprise on Raw Materials Initiative.
- 19 February. Attended first meeting of new experts group on Rivers and N2000 and WFD.
- 27 February. Attended workshop in Cambridge from the Cambridge Conservation Initiative on biofuels.
- 11 March. Attended meeting of Expert Group on Non Energy Extractive Industries and N2000.
- 26 March. Policy Officer spoke at EC conference on Green Infrastructure
- 20-21 April. Participated in meeting of the European Habitats Forum.
- 27-28 April. "Biodiversity Protection – Beyond 2010." Conference hosted by the European Commission in Athens, Greece attended by biodiversity policy officer, Secretary General (speaker) and three members of EEB biodiversity WG.
- 2 June. Participated in meeting on ecological corridors organized by DG ENV/IEEEP.
- 15 July. Participated in expert meeting on biodiversity and climate change..
- 23 July. First meeting with the new head of the biodiversity unit.
- 4 August. Meeting at Dutch MoE on Green Development Mechanism and greening national accounts.
- 20 August. Site visit of Natuurmonumenten with new MEP Gerben Jan Gerbrandy.
- 7-9 September, EEB President participated (speaker) at the Swedish Presidency's High Level Conference on Biodiversity in Stromstad. Participation of EEB staff was cancelled last minute for medical reasons.
- 11 September, participated in expert workshop on habitat banking
- 21 and 23 September, participated as session chair at the 5 Biodiversity in Europe Conference as well as in CEEWEB organised pre-meeting.
- 2 October, participated at DG ENV organised expert group on rivers
- 6-9 October, participated at the informal meeting of nature directors in Abisko
- Between September and December participated in a number of meetings with WWF, BirdLife and other organisations to discuss future biodiversity legislation.
- 9-10 November, participated in the EHF meeting
- 11 November, organised major conference on Biofuels in the European Parliament.

Any Other Activities Accomplished

None.

Publications and Press Releases (all available on www.eeb.org)

Press Releases

July 13: [Is the EU failing to protect valuable wetlands and species?](#)

Publications

- February: [Metamorphosis No. 52, Biofuels Campaign Update](#)
- 4 February. [Letter to Ministers together with Greenpeace, FoE Europe, Save our Seeds, Via Campesina, IFOAM and EuroCoop.](#)
- March: [EEB's analysis of EU's revised Biofuels and Bioenergy policy](#) -
- April: [NGO briefing on BAP Mid Term Review](#)
- April: [European Habitat Forum \(EHF\) briefing on the Commission's conference on the BAP in Athens](#)
- July: [Metamorphosis No. 54, Member Focus: "Environmental groups organize biodiversity celebrations in Ireland" and "Biodiversity Policy post 2010"](#)

- September: Joint NGO briefing 'An EU Rescue Plan for Biodiversity' for the Stromstad conference
- November: Joint NGO analysis of new EU Biofuel policy 'Biofuels, Handle with care':
- Dec: Proposal for a new Common Agricultural Policy

Results and Lessons Learned

Much of our advocacy work in the first four months of 2009 was directed towards the Athens conference on Biodiversity beyond 2010 and the conference message. Thanks to strong coordination and cooperation with other NGOs and our presence at the Athens conference, the final message from the conference was that we need a strong new biodiversity policy and to further use existing instruments. The Athens conference also clearly revealed a number of countries (NL and Germany especially but also UK and Poland) and stakeholder groups who are now pushing for what they call 'more flexibility in implementation of the Habitats Directive and reducing administrative burden'. Until now there has been little additional support for this. More attention should be given to dealing with this threat. And calls that go even further and ask for a change in the Directives have so far been strongly rejected by the Commission. NGO presence in a number of new or recently started expert groups on different aspects related to N2000 has sometimes been a problem. The number of groups currently active and the level of expertise and time required pose a problem for EEB staff and needs the involvement of EEB members. A small budget has been allocated for this purpose in 2010. At the May meeting of the EEB working group a first more comprehensive discussion on what a new biodiversity policy framework should look like took place on the basis of a discussion paper. A further developed discussion paper was presented and discussed at the next meeting of the EEB working group in November with people from the Commission, Member States and stakeholders.

4. 1.E. Soil

Activities Foreseen

- Advise EU decision-making bodies and national governments in decision-making process
- Co-ordinate EEB Soil Working Group and organise one meeting.
- Publication assessing outcome of legal process (if there is one).

Lobbying Activities Accomplished

- January: coordinated draft letters from several EEB member NGOs, which were sent by them to Barroso and Ministers of Environment of Germany, UK and France calling on them to support a Soil Framework Directive.

EEB Events (Including Working Groups)

November 16, WG meeting and conference

November 18, EEB organised together with 5 MEP's (rapporteurs and shadows) screening of the environmental movie 'Dirt! The Movie' opened by one of the movies two directors, Gene Rosow.

General Events and Meetings

27 November, meeting of EEB staff with Spanish Ministry of Environment Officials on soil.

27 November, meeting of EEB board with Spanish Environment Minister raising soil.

Any Other Activities Accomplished

None.

Publications and Press Releases (all available on www.eeb.org)

The possible publication foreseen in the WG was not necessary due to the continuing blocking of the Directive in Council. Instead some of the funding was spend on organising a screening of the Movie Dirt in the EP to create a political momentum in favour of the Directive.

Press Releases

14 April: EU Environment Ministers told to mind their soils and adapt to climate change

November 18: 'Will the EU stop treating soil like dirt?'

Publications

April: Briefing document: EEB's input to Informal Environment Council on adaptation to climate change

Results and Lessons Learned

Discussions in the Council were resumed by the Czech presidency but only led to more weakening and dressing down of the proposed Directive. Continuous blocking by 5 member states has meant little progress has been made with the Czech Presidency finally taking it off the June Council agenda. Swedes have already announced not to work on it leaving it to the Spanish. Also the Spanish Presidency had become hesitant fearing a similar failure as the Czechs but finally decided to keep it on the agenda.

5. 1.F. Chemicals

Activities Foreseen

- Coordinate chemicals working group including two meetings, including updates on REACH implementation and other crucial issues and aiming to develop an overarching EEB position on chemicals.
- Follow up of High Level Group on Chemicals, initiated by Commission in June 2007
- Initiate a mapping process providing an overview on EU chemicals legislation
- Monitor review of criteria for identifying Persistent, Bioaccumulative and Toxic substances (PBTs) and involvement in drawing up of first list of SVHC substances (by June 2009).
- Participation in the Committee for Risk Assessment and the Committee for Socio-economic Analysis and follow specific candidate list substances through the assessment process for SVHC.
- Follow up publication of the first candidate list by working with members and Member States to maintain a dynamic list and promote the inclusion of additional chemicals / group of substances in subsequent editions of the candidate list
- Monitor and assess whether MS have laid down appropriate provisions on penalties for non-compliance to REACH and notified them before the deadline (1/12/2008)
- Possible LIFE+ activities include a kick off workshop for members involved in REACH on key priorities for monitoring REACH implementation at the domestic level

Lobbying Activities Accomplished

None.

EEB Events (Including Working Groups)

- 14-16 January: Larger chemicals meeting covering various chemicals issues beyond REACH. On 14th the ECHA Committee experts (13 participants) had an extensive meeting to discuss NGO involvement in the ECHA Committees (Risk Assessment Committee, Socio-Economic Analysis Committee and Member State Committee). The meeting started with an update on past and upcoming work, followed by a strategic discussion on priorities and best ways of influencing the process as observers and agreeing on working procedures. On 15th January EEB organized the second chemicals working group meeting to which 25 participants attended. On 16th EEB held a meeting dedicated to Nano issues.
- 2nd-3rd July: EEB organized a Chemicals Working Group meeting. Despite summer holidays for some, 16 participants attended. Key issues discussed were: Endocrine disrupting chemicals, REACH, pesticides, Stockholm Convention on POPs, RoHS II. An afternoon session on Nano was also held.
- 10-11th December: EEB organized a Chemicals Working Group meeting covering various chemicals issues beyond REACH (19 participants). On 10th the meeting started with an update on past and upcoming work, followed by a strategic discussion on priorities and best ways of influencing chemicals policy developments in 2010 and beyond. Key issues discussed were: action on substances of very high concern, endocrine disruptors and cocktail effects; consumer right to know campaign, RoHS review, Seveso II review, Biocides and priority substances under the Water Framework Directive. On 11th EEB held a meeting dedicated to Nano specific issues (17 participants).

General Events and Meetings

- 12-13 January. Stefan Scheuer attended to HLG meeting on the Competitiveness of the Chemical Industry
- 12 February. strategy meeting with APPLE on RoHS review
- 16 February. Stefan Scheuer attended to HLG meeting on the Competitiveness of the Chemical Industry
- 17 February. joint NGO meeting on RoHS review
- 19 February. Mikael Karlsson (EEB President) and Stefan Scheuer attended to Final HLG meeting on the Competitiveness of the Chemical Industry
- 12-13 March: attendance and participation to PRTR taskforce meeting at the OECD in Paris
- 23 March: NGO RoHS conference call
- 29 -31 March: attendance at conference on “Role of science in precautionary decision making” in Vienna
- 7 April: NGO RoHS conference call
- 16 April: meeting with RoHS desk officer
- 21 April: NGO RoHS conference call
- 27 May: meeting with advisor of the Green party regarding RoHS II
- 29 May: NGO RoHS conference call
- 9 June: attended to “Green chemistry” event at ULB
- 17 June: NGO RoHS conference call
- 23 June: meeting with Chemsec, advisor of Green party and rapporteur regarding RoHS II
- 9 June attended to Green Chemistry lecture “Regulating chemicals” at ULB
- Throughout August-October: participated to (8) NGO RoHS conference calls
- 27-28 October Attended to Symposium on Global ICT Environmental Initiatives (RoHS)

Any Other Activities Accomplished

None.

Publications and Press Releases (all available on www.eeb.org)

Press Releases

None.

Publications

- 2 April : Lettre ouverte à Madame Roselyne Bachelot, la Ministre de la Santé de France (Joint lettre EEB, WECF, HEAL – en français)
- April: Metamorphosis No. 53, p. 9, “Is the EU chemicals Industry going green? Findings from an EU high level group”

Results and Lessons Learned

Regarding the HLG the conclusions of this work have been made available in February 2009, http://ec.europa.eu/enterprise/chemicals/hlg/hlg2/hlg_index.htm and the EEB President and its Sherpa reacted in the Metamorphosis Article cited above.

The report does not include major surprises since the role of EEB has been “damage control”. The main objective of participation was to preventing competitiveness from becoming an end in itself. While EEB representatives had long discussions on the ETS and whether chemical industry would be a “carbon leakage candidate” the deal in December established facts and lead to removing most problematic parts of the text. Overall it presents the chemical industry as “enabler for a sustainable future”. There is quite some promotional

language to highlight the benefits and importance of chemicals industry (linking economic and health progress to chemical progress) and thus the need to keep a competitive chemicals industry in Europe, which is under threat from China and Middle East. Nevertheless EEB got text in which highlights problems like water pollution and a “high” number of cases of negative human health effects.

Furthermore, EEB succeeded in getting following statement on the first page: “The way we produce and use energy must fundamentally change, diversifying the raw material base and reducing energy demand are a necessity, clean water, better food and progress in health care are all top challenges.” CEFIC was not pleased at all with the wording “reducing energy demand”.

On innovation it has been recognized as key for competitiveness, requires good IPR, needs public trust and application of the precautionary principle. Industry did not accept to have a direct call for more substitution but indirectly agrees that it is needed.

On energy and feedstock it recommends for reliable access to raw materials and better infrastructure, cut tariffs for specific renewable raw materials only if sustainability criteria are set and enforced, avoid carbon leakage and urging industry to provide better data, increase energy efficiency and resource use. On trade it promotes further liberalisation especially via WT, calls for respect and coherence with development objectives, to apply TDIs for unwarranted trade barriers and to harmonise customs procedures. At the final event the CEO of BASF acknowledged that the chemicals industry should have gone “green” far earlier, which demonstrates that the chemical industry has also learned during the process.

Regarding RoHS review: Although this is not part of the 2009 Work programme, EEB has deemed it necessary to follow the ROHS proposal beyond the review of exemptions (e.g. mercury) the key issues discussed relate to the methodology to further restrict chemicals under RoHS (eventual overlap with REACH restrictions) and how to propose hazardous substances restrictions through the current review.

It proved to be very effective to engage early with the front runner companies of the EEE sector that have already or will soon phase(d) out substances of high concern to NGOs such as Flame retardants and PVC (and hazardous additives/plasticizers contained therein). EEB engaged with key players in Council and European Parliament with the aim to rectify serious shortcomings contained within the COM proposal.

6. 1.f.1 Reach implementation

Activities Foreseen

- Monitor review of criteria for identifying Persistent, Bioaccumulative and Toxic substances (PBTs) and involvement in drawing up of first list of SVHC substances (by June 2009).
- Participation in the Committee for Risk Assessment and the Committee for Socio-economic Analysis and follow specific candidate list substances through the assessment process for SVHC.
- Follow up publication of the first candidate list by working with members and Member States to maintain a dynamic list and promote the inclusion of additional chemicals / group of substances in subsequent editions of the candidate list
- Monitor and assess whether MS have laid down appropriate provisions on penalties for non-compliance to REACH and notified them before the deadline (1/12/2008)
- Possible LIFE+ activities include a kick off workshop for members involved in REACH on key priorities for monitoring REACH implementation at the domestic level

Lobbying Activities Accomplished

- Meeting with Dutch Ministry representatives to discuss appropriate routes for regulating SVHC under REACH (authorisation versus restriction) and mobilise for a comprehensive candidate list
- Launch of the “right to know” campaign on SVHC

EEB Events (Including Working Groups)

- 14th January the ECHA Committee experts (13 participants) had an extensive meeting to discuss NGO involvement in the ECHA Committees (Risk Assessment Committee, Socio-Economic Analysis Committee and Member State Committee).
- On 15th January EEB organized the second chemicals working group meeting to which 25 participants attended
- 2nd-3rd July: EEB organized the third Chemicals Working Group meeting. Despite summer holidays for some, 16 participants attended
- 10-11th December: EEB organized Chemicals Working Group meeting covering various chemicals issues beyond REACH (19 participants). On 11th EEB held a meeting dedicated to Nano specific issues (17 participants).

General Events and Meetings

- 12 January: meeting with Chemicals Taskforce and Dutch Environment Ministry on restriction versus authorisation under REACH
- 5 February: prep call for ECHA RAC 5 meeting
- 10-11 February: EEB RAC expert Heribert Wefers attended the RAC-5 meeting
- 18 February: prep call for ECHA-MB meeting
- 19 February: meeting with delegation from Israeli Ministries on REACH
- 19 February: prep call for ECHA SEAC meeting
- 23-24 February: SEAC expert Mike Holland attended 3rd ECHA Socio-Economic Analysis Committee workshop and meeting
- 26 February: Chemicals Taskforce meeting
- 5 March: Joint meeting of Chemicals Taskforce and Trade Unions on actions regarding SVHC
- 11 March: follow-up call on ECHA-MB meeting
- 26-27 March: EEB ECHA-MB representative Martin Fuehr attended the ECHA-MB meeting
- 9 April: meeting with Greenpeace on Nano within Reach
- 15 April: Chemicals Taskforce meeting
- 16 April: prep-call for ECHA SEAC/RAC meeting
- 20 April: prep-call for ECHA-MB meeting
- 21-23 April: EEB RAC expert Heribert Wefers attended the RAC-6 meeting
- 21 April: meeting with DG ENV desk officer working on Endocrine Disrupters
- 28-29 April: attendance to ECHA Forum 4 in Helsinki
- 14 May: strategy meeting with ECHA-MB representative and HEAL regarding public information
- 26 May: attended to Ecosphere workshop on prospects for US-EU chemicals legislation (REACH focus)
- 10 June: participated to SIN Advisory committee meeting
- 15-16 June: attended to CARACAL meeting
- 17 June: prep-call for ECHA-MB meeting
- 18 June: prep-call for joint ECHA SEAC/RAC meeting
- 25-26 June: EEB ECHA-MB representative Martin Fuehr attended the ECHA-MB meeting

- 29 June – 1st July: SEAC expert Mike Holland attended 4th ECHA Socio-Economic Analysis Committee meeting
- 30 June-3rd July: EEB RAC expert Heribert Wefers attended the RAC-7 meeting
- 1st July: NGO conf-call on ECHA public dissemination tool
- 6 July: EEB expert participated at ECHA event on public dissemination tool
- August: several
- 14-17 September: Attended and participated to SIN strategy and larger NGO meeting on REACH in Gothenburg.
- 22 September / 23 September: preparation of Threshold of Toxicological Concern (TTC) hearing organised by DG SANCO
- 24 September: EEB expert attended and spoke at TTC event
- 25 September: prep-call for ECHA-MB meeting
- 28-29 September: EEB ECHA-MB expert participated to 14th ECHA-MB meeting
- 12-13 October: attended to CARACAL meeting
- Participated to prep-call for ECHA-RAC and ECHA SEAC meeting
- 23-24 November: SEAC expert Mike Holland attended 5th ECHA Socio-Economic Analysis Committee meeting
- 24- 26 November EEB RAC expert Heribert Wefers attended the RAC-8 meeting
- 4 December: initiated and participated in conference call on product testing (SVHC)
- 9 December: EEB RAC expert attended to informal EDC meeting at WWF Brussels office
- 17-18 December: EEB ECHA-MB expert participated to 15th ECHA-MB meeting

Any Other Activities Accomplished

None.

Publications and Press Releases (all available on www.eeb.org)

- 13 October: Joint position paper on Reach dissemination of information on chemical substances
- 22 December: Press release: Ministers worried about hazardous chemicals cocktails, but postpone action

Results and Lessons Learned

The NGO Priority List Project did progress well with the technical work of assessing substances. EEB together with other NGOs active on chemicals have kept up the pressure so that more attention was brought by the Member States and the European Commission to add more substances to the first candidate list. The reluctance of some Member States was also due to the unclear role of the candidate list (authorisation versus restriction discussion). In particular the drive for substitution – which we consider as the underlying aim of REACH – was brought back in the focus of decision makers and the competent authorities.

There are major shortcomings when it comes to substituting Substances of very high concern (SVHC) with safer alternatives according to official procedures: the REACH regulatory process is too slow and the current state regarding the candidate list is completely unsatisfactory. Other alternative routes of action to deliver toxic free products (through substitution or bans) are being explored in parallel which will continue to be the main part of the 2009 and 2010 work.

Active involvement in the ECHA committees (ECHA-MB, RAC/SEAC) have been crucial for NGOs in order to influence the practical implementation and interpretation of the REACH Regulation. Within RAC and SEAC the main area of work focussed on procedures and formalities. Dissemination of public information on substances by ECHA and the tool developed raise major concerns for NGOs in certain areas (claims for confidentiality of business information). NGOs contributed to the exchange of views on the public

dissemination tool currently developed by ECHA, discussions are still ongoing. We managed that ECHA set up an ad-hoc working group on dissemination to which our expert is member.

Life + activities did not take place since EEB was not awarded the project.

7. 1.f.2. Pesticides

Activities Foreseen

- Provide targeted support to PAN on their campaign on the proposed pesticides legislation and lobbying for second reading.
- Work with PAN to identify commercial operators who support our target of reduced pesticides use and promote their position
- Support PAN, particularly in dialogue with EU Institutions on pesticide proposals
- Explore synergies with work on priority (hazardous) substances and REACH implementation

Lobbying Activities Accomplished

- No involvement due to lack of capacity

EEB Events (Including Working Groups)

None.

General Events and Meetings

- 7 January: attended NGO event on pesticides in European Parliament
- 21 April: meeting with DG Environment regarding endocrine disruption within pesticides package

Any Other Activities Accomplished

None.

Publications and Press Releases (all available on www.eeb.org)

Press Releases

None.

Publications

April: Metamorphosis No. 53, p.11, Member Focus, "Semaine sans pesticides"

Results and Lessons Learned

TBD.

8. 1.f.3. Stockholm Convention on POPs

Activities Foreseen

- information to EEB members on the Stockholm Convention and the current debate on extending the list of POPs
- work with the International POPs Elimination Network (IPEN)
- Participate in the Stockholm COP4
- Before and after: work with EU Institutions on this subject.

Lobbying Activities Accomplished

- EEB called on the European Commissioners for Environment and Health to ask the European Commission to take a strong position and act in a precautionary manner with regards to possible OctaBDE control measures. Furthermore, EEB urged the Commission to support its listing under Annex A and C of the Stockholm Convention at the COP4 in May 2009. From the exchange with the relevant desk officers it appeared that the European Commission would support the listing of the 9 substances to Annex A of the Stockholm Convention. However due to lack of capacity this issue was not followed-up by the EEB policy officer. The EEB member Arnika remained very active on this issue, also through IPEN.

EEB Events (Including Working Groups)

- 15 January: EEB Chemicals WG meeting (Stockholm Convention was put on the agenda)
- 3rd July: a representative of EEB member Arnika presented the main outcome of the COP-4 negotiations

General Events and Meetings

None.

Any Other Activities Accomplished

None.

Publications and Press Releases (all available on www.eeb.org)

None.

Results and Lessons Learned

EEB member Arnika is very active on POPs and did a presentation on the upcoming issues under the Stockholm Convention at the EEB Chemicals WG meeting in January and provided feedback on the outcome of the COP 4 negotiations. The objective was to raise awareness on the outstanding issues and mobilize NGO support. Unfortunately the participants did not show much interest in following this subject, also because of capacity issues.

From the input received the European Commission supported the listing of the 9 additional substances to the Stockholm Convention however too many exemptions, in particular for PFOS, and the inadequate low POPs threshold undermine the effectiveness of these restrictions.

9. 1.G. Air

- Please list published/sent letters under “lobbying activities” unless it’s totally inappropriate. Otherwise list them under publications.
- Remember that “activities foreseen” DO NOT CHANGE. They have been copied from the work programme. Leave them as they are. Also, the information included for Jan-April should be built upon, not deleted. Please check any conclusions held over from the earlier interim report to check they are still accurate.
- Outcomes/results are very important, both in terms of political impact (which can be both in achieving improvements or preventing dilution) and on coalition building, membership mobilisation etc. (so in terms of process). Make sure you describe the outcomes in each section, where indicated. You should have a close look at the Work Programme 2009 and also identify and explain what was NOT done and what was done DIFFERENTLY from what the programme indicated.

Activities Foreseen

- Coordination of EEB’s Clean Air Working Group, including two working group meetings in 2009.
- Approaching the EU decision makers to promote an effective review of the NEC Directive, with the help of our members.
- Maintain pressure on Commission to propose ambitious EU Directives on shipping emissions for NO_x and SO₂ and follow co-decision procedure with help of our members.
- Promotion of a Directive on VOC content in paints, varnishes and vehicle refinishing products.
- Continue exchanging best-practice examples of local and national air quality measures in Europe among active EEB members and our Working Group through special list-server
- Monitor delivery and quality of air quality management plans in cities and Commission’s policy for granting time extensions to meet air quality limit values

Lobbying Activities Accomplished

- 6 January – EEB policy officer met MEP rapporteur on VOC Stage II Petrol Vapour Recovery Directive revision
- 18 March – EEB sent recommendations on VOC Stage II Petrol Vapour Recovery Directive to national experts at a council meeting on the revision of the directive
- 30 March – EEB sent voting recommendations on VOC Stage II Petrol Vapour Recovery Directive to MEPs in environment committee
- 02 July – EEB sent a letter to DG Enterprise in relation to a proposal for relaxation of the environmental standards in the Non-road mobile machinery directive.
- October letter on policy priorities to Environmental Council, including a point on NECD review

EEB Events (Including Working Groups)

22-23 June – EEB Clean Air WG meeting in Brussels. Attended by 24 participants from which 10 representatives of EEB member NGOs from 8 different member states. Five other environmental NGOs with which the EEB cooperates on clean air-related activities were represented actively by contributing to the presentations on both days of the seminar. We also had 3 Commission desk officers with who we discussed the implementation of the Air Quality Directive, the progress on the National Emission Ceilings Directive, as well as the review of the Non-road Mobile Machinery Directive.

Of special interest was the introductory presentation on black carbon and its linkages to climate change and air quality. Furthermore, the talk with John Hontelez on the outcomes of the 2009 EP Elections in view of the work of environmental NGOs was reported to be of great help and interest.

14-15 October – EEB Clean Air WG meeting in London. Attended by 25 participants from which 10 representatives of EEB member groups from 7 different member states. Two other NGOs from the UK and Portugal were represented as close collaborators on EEB's work on air quality. The first day of the meeting was dedicated to updates on EU air quality legislation implementation, latest research on health impacts of air quality as well as on communication strategies for raising public awareness of the ill effect of bad air. The second day looked at local solutions and initiatives to improving air quality. The seminar also included a kick-off meeting for an NGO platform working on air pollution from ships in the context of designating all European seas as emission control areas.

General Events and Meetings

- 19-20 January – EEB policy officer participates in CONCAVE workshop on environment and health: Evaluating European Air Quality Research and Translating Priorities into Action
- 24 February – Policy officer attended workshop on best mobility week practices in EU cities
- 25 February – Policy officer attended meeting with T&E, International Council for Clean Transport (ICCT) and European Climate Foundation (ECF) to discuss strategic environmental issues in the future of transport
- 9-10 March – EEB policy officer participates in EU Future of Transport Conference
- 26 March – policy officer meets EEB member DuH to discuss cooperation within the new German NGOs coalition project on black carbon
- 29-30 April – policy officers speaks at a joint JRC-REC “SMAQ (satellite-assisted management of air quality)” project workshop on health impacts of air pollution and air quality legislation in the EU
- 07 May – policy officer participates in Deco Paint directive review workshop to discuss consultant's proposals on expanding the scope of the directive in the revision process
- 13 May – policy officer participates in the VECTOR conference "Making fine particles visible - for healthier cycling in cities" and contributes to the panel discussion on what further EU policy are needed for fine particle reduction.
- 19-20 May – policy officer participates in the “International symposium on ultrafine particles – sources, effects, risks and mitigation strategies” by the European Federation for Clean Air
- 22 September Participation in the motor vehicles working group discussing technical standards of Euro VI implementation
- September-October-December DG Environment meeting on AQD implementation and next round of time extensions for PM and NO₂
- 01-02 October Speaker at the European Fine Dust Free Congress in Klagenfurt (Austria) on the future strategies for reducing fine particle pollution in the EU
- 07 October participation in the presentation of the “Dust free for the climate” project run by EEB members at the State of Baden Wurtemberg in Brussels
- 13 October participation at the Technical innovation conference by DG Research, session on transport
- 04 November participation at the Air pollution and climate interactions conference in Brussels

Any Other Activities Accomplished

None.

Publications and Press Releases (all available on www.eeb.org)

Press Releases

None.

Publications

- April: Metamorphosis No. 53, p.12, Campaign Update, "Emissions to be cut at petrol stations"
- July. Metamorphosis No. 54, Campaign update on black carbon.
- July. Metamorphosis No. 54. Member Focus, "UK NGOs want health now, not Heathrow."
- July: Shipping publication on Market based instruments to reduce NOx emissions in the Baltic sea.

Results and Lessons Learned

The text adopted by Parliament on the directive on Stage II petrol vapour recovery at refuelling stations endorsed an agreement already reached with the Council in end of April. EEB was generally happy with the compromise, which mostly followed the Commission's generally good initial proposal, but it could have been further strengthened in several ways EEB recommended (outlined below).

Major features of the new directive include:

- 1) Regarding efficiency: petrol vapour recovery efficiency is set to be at least 85% (same as Commission proposal); we asked for 95%, which is technically possible and already the standard in some MS;
- 2) Regarding entry into force:
 - a) New stations and ones undergoing major refurbishment with throughput greater than 500m³ per year to implement the directive as of 01 January 2012; Commission proposal was for 01 July 2012. EEB asked for 01 January 2010;
 - b) Existing stations with throughput greater than 3000m³ will have to meet the vapour recovery standards by installing capturing technologies by 31 December 2018; Commission proposal was for 31 December 2020; NGOs – for 01 January 2015.
- 3) Regarding scope: it will stay the same as in the Commission proposal. New stations and those undergoing refurbishment are defined as having 500 m³ annual throughput or greater; existing stations are with 3000 m³ annual throughput; we have asked that all petrol station with throughput greater than 100 m³ per year should be covered by the Directive;
- 4) Regarding proximity to residences, a positive gain is that emissions from new or existing petrol stations undergoing refurbishment that are situated under permanent living quarters or working areas with throughput greater than 100 m³ per annum will also be addressed by the directive.

EEB is also pleased with the strict implementation stance of the Commission regarding the implementation of the AQD and in particular the rejection of unjustified time extensions to comply with the PM10 limit values.

EEB was nevertheless disappointed to see the Commission coming up with a proposal for the relaxation of the Non road mobile machinery directive controlling air pollution from this sector.

The continuing silence on the NEC directive review is also worrying in terms of the coherent implementation of air quality legislation.

10. 1.H. Water

Activities Foreseen

- Co-ordinate EEB Water Working Group and organise two meetings, one linked to conference in April, organised by the Commission, on the implementation of the WFD.
- Participation in EU Common Implementation Strategy and relevant working groups
- Follow up WFD collective strategic complaint
- Participate in WFD Common Implementation Strategy
 - contribute to developing criteria for benchmarking
- Assess quality, based on NGO compliance indicators, of draft river basin management plans and programme of measures, publication and prepare complaints on the basis of assessment results.
- Support/Assist Seas at Risk in its work on marine environment.

Lobbying Activities Accomplished

None.

EEB Events (Including Working Groups)

- 1 April. WG meeting (participants participated in the EU Water Conference the following two days).
- 5-6 May. Participated in capacity building workshop in Romania with a focus on the Water Framework Directive and the European Elections.
- 8-9 December, Seminar and meeting of the water working group.

General Events and Meetings

- 15-16 January. participated at EU-US workshop on water and biodiversity regulations
- 22 January. Participated in meeting of the Strategic Steering Group on Climate Change Adaptation.
- 12 February. Participated in panel debate on small hydro power.
- 6 March. Meeting with secretariat of EUROSAI Environmental Working Group
- 12-13 March. Participated in workshop on Heavily Modified Water Bodies.
- 25 March. Speaking in Berlin at EEB member seminar on WFD
- 2-3 April. Policy Officer attended Second European Water Conference (Sec Gen was speaker as well as a number of EEB members).
- 7 April. Meeting with Czech Environment Minister in Prague in preparation for informal Council.
- 22 April. Meeting EC on progress on strategic complaint
- 23 April. Policy officer speaking at Water Law Conference of the European Law Academy of Trier.
- 6 July, EEB Expert participated at meeting of WG E on priority substances.
- 15 October, spoke at DG Env conference 'LIFE for Water, Water for LIFE'
- Between October and November carried out number of interviews to evaluate the outreach of last snapshot report in preparing discussion on next steps
- 20 October, participated at the AGM of SAR.
- 27 November, meeting with Spanish officials at MoE to discuss EEB Conference on Water in the Mediterranean.
- 2 December, meeting with MEP Gutierrez, chair of a new EP sub intergroup on water.

Any Other Activities Accomplished

None.

Publications and Press Releases (all available on www.eeb.org)

Press Releases

- 29 May: River managers plan a bleak water future for Europe.

Publications

- March: What future for EU's water? First assessment of the draft River Basin Management Plans under the EU Water Framework Directive
- February: Metamorphosis No. 52, article "Keeping European water reform on a firm course"
- April: Metamorphosis No. 53, p. 12, Campaign Update, "River Basin Management Plans not staying afloat"
- What future for EU's water? Full report (with WWF) and four page summary brochure "will the EU's water be revived?"
- Metamorphosis No. 54, July 2009, article "River managers planning a very bleak future for the EU's water"

Results and Lessons Learned

Thanks to EEB's work on the draft River Basin Management Plans, we have been able to continue to help steer and sometimes even play a dominant role in the official discussions on WFD implementation, for example at the Commission's European Water Conference. More work is needed now, especially on the national and local level to use the results of the assessment to push for major improvements in the draft plans before their finalisation at the end of this year. Workshops such as the one on Heavily Modified Water Bodies in March are becoming increasingly important as these are the places where Member States compare how they are doing with others and decide to make changes to their plans. Especially in such workshops the participation of EEB members is very important, both as speakers and as participants in debates, to expose bad practices and push for the right solutions. Hydropower developments continue to be a major challenge. One positive development is that as a result of a letter from the EEB and Portuguese NGO in 2008 to the Commission challenging the Portuguese National Hydro Plan for 10 new dams, the Commission, against strong internal pressure, has commissioned a study to look at the issues raised in our letter. After the study had been finalised in July, it leaked to the PT press in September, and largely confirms the NGO's analysis. It is however not clear yet which next steps will be taken by the Commission. Partly as a result of the EEB's survey and partly to take advantage of the EU presidency by a Mediterranean Country, the EEB has started preparing together with its Spanish Members and partners, a major water conference in spring 2010 to increase pressure on the Mediterranean EU member states to start implementing the WFD properly. Progress on the strategic complaint by the European Commission has been very slow because of the 'high level of abstraction of the complaint'. This starts raising very serious questions about the sensibility of working with strategic complaints as they by nature are more abstract than concrete individual cases. Future enforcement work is likely to focus again more on individual high profile cases with a high 'precedent' potential.

1.I. Mercury

Activities Foreseen

- Organise effective ENGOs' involvement and input to formulation and adoption of listed legislative proposals and other mercury-related actions at EU level. Position papers and relevant letters will be addressed to concerned bodies, mainly focusing on the follow up of the EU directive restricting the use of mercury in certain measuring and control devices and the discussion on the mercury content in lamps.
- Continue and further widen (also to other mercury related areas) the five national campaigns on chlor-alkali industry, to phase out mercury-cell process and replace it with mercury-free alternatives, by supporting five EU NGOs respectively.
- Provide input in view of further widening the scope of the EU mercury export ban regulation and ensuring safe disposal of mercury preferably in solid form, through an environmentally friendly process; following up the discussions on mercury use in the dental sector, as well as provide expertise following discussions related to mercury air emissions via the revision of the IPPC Directive,
- Maintain and increase capacity of international Zero Mercury Working Group (ZMWG – a network of EEB members and other European and international NGOs) for this purpose
- Networking, maintenance of Zero Mercury web-site, organisation of a conference in spring and NGO strategy meetings, and develop and consolidate publications
- Attend relevant meetings at UN level, mainly the UNEP Governing Council (February 2009) and other relevant meetings that may follow after the 25th GC decision, potentially towards a global legally binding instrument, as well as parallel work on the development of different global partnerships
- Continue financial support to the four developing country NGOs on local mercury projects and potentially widen support to other regions, contributing to the work and objectives of the global campaign.

Lobbying Activities Accomplished

- January. NGOs prepared and circulated a proposal for a UNEP Governing Council (GC) Decision on mercury in English, French and Spanish. (See under publications below for link)
- 16 February. After the NGO preparatory strategy meeting (14-15 February, Nairobi), a submission on desired outcomes for the UNEP 25th GC was completed and circulated to countries.
- 16 February. Quick Views of Zero Mercury Working Group on UNEP GC 25 were developed in English, French and Spanish (see under publications below for link)
- 17 February. EEB met with French Minister and State Secretary for the environment, in Nairobi.
- February. EEB organized teleconferences with the EU presidency, EC and Sweden as well as Norway, Switzerland in preparation for the UNEP GC and provided crucial information.
- 31 March - 3 April 2009, ZMWG participated to the first UNEP Partnership Advisory Group (PAG), and other partnership meetings in Geneva, and offered to take the lead at the Storage/supply mercury partnership which was approved by the PAG.
- 16 March. EEB/ZMWG comments on labelling concerning foodstuff containing mercury - EC proposed Reg. on food information to consumers were sent to the Environment Committee of the European Parliament (see under publications below for link)
- 3 April. EEB and Green Purchasing institute, submitted a position/response to the consultant's report on mercury in lamps under the RoHS annex review (see publications below for link)

- 28 April. EEB gave a presentation on their views on mercury in measuring devices at an EC organised meeting.
- 30 June, 29 July, EEB had conference call with UNEP and US NGOs on the Supply and Storage partnership draft business plan, in the framework of ZMWG being the interim leader of this partnership at UNEP level.
- 6 July, EEB input to EU storage project - "Requirements for facilities and acceptance criteria for the disposal of metallic mercury" (see under publications below for link)
- 14 July, EEB had telephone communication with BiPRO the consultant writing the report for the EC on acceptance criteria for mercury storage –since we are participating at the public consultation which is taking place on the issue.
- 31 August, Mercury in lamps: Letter to Member States, Summary table , NGOs Consolidated comments on RoHS review, concerning mercury in lamps, Annexes (see under publications below for link)
- 7 October 2009, NGO's Comments on the classification of CFLs and their mercury content ((RoHS Annex review)
- 19 October 2009, Zero Mercury Working Group Quick Views on a successful OEWG 3 on mercury also available in Portuguese, Arabic, Russian and French
- 13 November 2009, EEB-HCWH Letter to Commissioners 'Environmental and Health NGOs call for a rapid process to phase out of mercury-containing blood pressure devices in healthcare'
- 13 November 2009, NGOs letter to WHO on dental amalgam, initiated by EEB and MPP
- 15 December 2009, EEB comments on the EC commissioned study on mercury storage.

EEB Events (Including Working Groups)

- 5 February. EEB attended a Press conference organized by the EEB member *France Nature Environment* (FNE) in Paris with great success with respect to taking measures in view of phasing out mercury from the chlor-alkali sector. (see results and outcomes)
- 14-15 February. A Preparatory NGO Strategy working group was organised by EEB/ZMWG, in Nairobi. Sixteen NGOs attended the meeting and position papers were finalised.
- 3-4 March. ZMWG co-organised (with UNEP) and participated at the first Asian Storage Advisory Committee, in Bangkok
- 23-24 April. ZMWG co-organised (with UNEP) and participated at the first Latin America Storage Advisory Committee, in Montevideo
- 18 June, EEB co-organised with HCWH a conference "EU mercury phase out in measuring and control equipment', Brussels
- 19 June, EEB organized the ZMWG (NGOs) strategy meeting on mercury, Brussels
- 18 October 2009, A Preparatory NGO Strategy working group was organised by EEB/ZMWG, in Bangkok. Twenty seven NGOs attended the meeting and position papers were finalised.

General Events and Meetings

- 20 January. EEB and other NGOs attended a stakeholder consultation meeting organised by DG SANCO and the scientific committees on mercury in dental amalgam, to clarify the results of the opinions delivered by those committees.
- 14-15 February. UNEP Global Civil Society Forum, Nairobi. EEB and other NGOs participated in relevant parts in preparation of the UNEP Governing Council
- 16 February. At the opening of the meeting, EEB on behalf of the NGOs delivered the opening statement.

- 16-20 February. UNEP Governing Council, Nairobi, EEB/ZMWG participated and organised the participation of 16 NGOs to the meeting following the developments on mercury policies.
- 1-2 April. ZMWG participated to the first UNEP Partnership Advisory Group, in Geneva.
- 28 April. EEB and HCWH attended and gave a presentation at an EC organised meeting on mercury in measuring devices.
- 23 June, EEB met the European Commission on the mercury content in lamps (RoHS Annex review)
- 8 July, EEB met Susan Kummel, SAKAB on the mercury storage issues
- 28 July, EEB met Manuel Ramos, MAYASA, on the mercury storage issue.
- 9 September 2009, EEB met with K&S salt mine representative on mercury storage issues
- 21 September 2009, EEB and its IPPC expert met with Eurochlor on the review of the BREF on chlor-alkali
- 1 October 2009, EEB and DNR visited DELA – mercury waste management company in Essen, Germany, on the new mercury solidification technique the company has developed.
- October 2009, EEB organized many conference calls with governments (EC, SWE, CH, NO) in preparation for the UNEP OEWG mercury meeting.
- 13-14 October 2009, EEB participated at the IKIMP, University of Oxford organised, '*Safe storage and disposal of redundant mercury*'
- 19-23 October, UNEP Ad hoc open-ended working group to prepare for the intergovernmental negotiating committee on mercury, Bangkok. EEB/ZMWG participated and organised the participation of 27 NGOs to the meeting following developments on mercury policies.
- 26 October 2009, EEB sponsored and presented at the Toxics Link organised International conference on heavy metals, Delhi, India
- 16-17 November, WHO-UNEP Meeting on the Future Use of Materials for Dental Restoration, EEB and MPP participated and gave input to the meeting.
- 19 November, UNEP storage and supply partnership steering committee meeting. EEB and MPP participation as leads of the partnership through the Zero Mercury Working Group.
- 20 November, EC Mercury storage meeting, EEB, DNR and MPP participation to the consultation process on EU mercury storage.

Any Other Activities Accomplished

- January and February. ZMWG US members, met and had important contacts with the US transition team before the Obama administration got in place in preparation of the UNEP GC meeting.
- February. Contracts with the EU NGOs were finalised to follow up work on measuring devices and chlor-alkali.
- February. ZMWG members in Brazil and other developing countries met with their governments' officials in view of the preparations for the UNEP GC meeting.
- February and March. EEB attended two EP Environment Committee meetings following the debate on food labelling.
- March. Contract with an EEB expert was finalised, to follow the IPPC Sevilla process on the review of the BREF on the chlor-alkali industry.
- March. Questionnaire was finalised and send out to the respective NGOs in view of collecting data on use of mercury and mercury-free sphygmomanometers in hospitals in EU countries, to feed into an EEB study which will be presented at an EEB/ZMWG/HCWH conference in June 2009.

- April 2009, Contract with one of the developing countries' NGOs have been finalised (Philippines) and for the others strategic discussions are ongoing to decide on projects relevant to our global objectives.
- May 2009, Contract with Chinese NGO was finalised
- 22 July, EEB for ZMWG organised the 1st NGO preparatory call in view of the Open Ended Working Group Meeting on Mercury 19-23 October Bangkok. (minutes were circulated to the NGOs)
- August 2009, FNE –with support from EEB organised monitoring of mercury around a chlor-alkali plant in Jarrie, France in parallel with authorities and industry
- 15-16 December 2009, ZMWG represented by ACPO(Brazil) participated at the Latin America and Caribbean Executive Committee meeting under the UNEP storage and supply partnership.

Publications and Press Releases (all available on www.eeb.org)

Press Releases

- 4 February: New study raises concern over mercury pollution from burning products
- 10 February: Mercury in fish is a global health concern
- 20 February: World governments support breakthrough agreement on mercury
- 18 June. Turning up the pressure – phasing out mercury measuring devices in hospitals
- 28 August, PR: Green groups celebrate end of energy wasting light bulbs, but demand clear consumer information
- 23 October 2009, PR: World Governments Move Towards Global Treaty on Mercury
- 27 October 2009, PR: Time to end use of mercury-based blood pressure devices
- 16 November 2009, PR: Time to pull mercury out of fillings, say Health and Green groups to W.H.O.(also in [FR](#), [DE](#), [ES](#))
- 18 November 2009, PR: Breakthrough reached on 'Phasing Down' dental mercury use, at W.H.O. meeting.

Publications

- January. NGO proposal for a UNEP Governing Council decision on Mercury Please find this in [EN](#), [FR](#), and [ES](#)
- 4 February. ZMWG Report: MERCURY RISING, Reducing global emissions from burning mercury-products
- 10 February. ZMWG Report: Mercury in Fish, a global Health Hazard, Executive summary in [EN](#), [FR](#), [ES](#), [PT](#), [CHI](#)
- 16 February. A submission of the ZMWG, information document on desired outcome for the 25th session of the UNEP Governing Council,
- 16 February. Quick Views of Zero Mercury Working Group on UNEP GC 25 in [EN](#), [FR](#) and [ES](#)
- 16 March. EEB/ZMWG comments on labelling concerning foodstuff containing mercury - EC proposed Reg. on food information to consumers
- April: Metamorphosis No. 53, p. 7, article "Victory! An international agreement on mercury."
- EEB and Green Purchasing institute position/response to the consultant's report on mercury in lamps under the RoHS annex review.
- June. Turning up the pressure! Phasing out mercury sphygmomanometers for professional use (EEB commissioned study, carried out by Concorde s.a.)
- 6 July, EEB input to EU storage project - "Requirements for facilities and acceptance criteria for the disposal of metallic mercury"
- 31 August, Mercury in lamps: Letter to Member States, Summary table, NGOs Consolidated comments on RoHS review, concerning mercury in lamps, Annexes

- October 2009, Report from the conference 'EU Mercury phase out in Measuring and Control Equipment'

Results and Lessons Learned

The international Zero Mercury WG has grown. Information and consultations have been circulated through the list-server. The group now has 105 members from 45 countries (15 EU, 21 developing, 5 ECCA¹, USA, Japan, Australia, and Canada) representing more than 90 environmental NGOs.

During the fifth phase of the Zero Mercury project, activities have been completed as envisaged. EU institutions, governments and other environment and health NGOs acknowledged EEB's and its fellow NGOs' work from the ZMWG.

At global level the co-lead by EEB, ZMWG has become an influential part of the global mercury initiative, perhaps best exemplified by our role at the recent GC 25 meeting. Prior to the meeting itself, US-ZMWG representatives worked diligently with the new Administration and US government staff to develop a sharply different US position on both the need for the treaty and its substantive objectives, which were pivotal to the GC 25 decision. Several weeks before the meeting, we became an important communication bridge between key governments such as the USA and EU in preparing for the GC 25 discussions on several controversial areas. Finally, ZMWG developed and then consulted with UNEP and many governments a proposal for critical parallel activities to be conducted while a treaty is prepared to ensure reductions in mercury uses and releases are achieved in the short term. This proposal was eventually endorsed and largely adopted in the GC 25 decision.

An important success was accomplished after the EEB participation at a press conference in France, organised by the EEB member FNE on, among other things, emissions from mercury containing chlor-alkali plants (MCCAP). FNE, guided by EEB, had monitored high emissions of mercury in the air outside MCCAPs in France. Following these results, the Ministry of Environment announced that a new monitoring exercise would be coordinated between industry, authorities and NGOs later this year in the same region where the high emissions were recorded. Furthermore, and most importantly, due to the press conference and the number of articles on the issue in France, the Ministry announced that they would revisit the agreement they had with the chlor-alkali industry under which mercury could be used until 2020, in view of phasing out this technology by an earlier date. Developments are ongoing.

Important input was provided by the EEB on the mercury containing lamps debate under the discussions on relevant exemptions of the RoHS directive. A few of the EEB suggestions on mercury levels for certain types of lamps were adopted by the consultant and the EC. The EEB's input was acknowledged by Member States and our suggestion for a separate meeting on this issue between MS and EC appears to have been taken up. EEB's input is still sought and provided as the debate is on-going. EEB has been contacting the Member states in view of asking their support on lower mercury limits for lamps – which appears to now being heard since some MS have expressed support and communicated that to the EC.

The EEB organised a conference in co-operation with HCWH Europe on "EU mercury phase out in measuring and control equipment", Brussels, to contribute to the EU debate towards phasing out the use of mercury in sphygmomanometers for healthcare and in other measuring devices for professional uses by bringing together relevant stakeholders and identifying the challenges and a path forward towards that direction. Around 50 people attended the conference: different EC Directorate Generals (Environment, Industry, Consumer and Health); EU Governments (such as Sweden, Poland and Denmark); medical

¹ Eastern Europe Caucasus and Central Asia

doctors in the EU and US, hospital representatives (also responsible for waste management); experts in validation and calibration issues, recyclers, manufacturers of mercury containing and mercury-free measuring devices (sphygmomanometers, polarographs), trade unions, NGOs and representatives of UN organisations - the UN Environmental Program (UNEP) and World Health Organisation (WHO). The debate was very informative and lively, with good expert input from the panel and also from the participants. Technical issues on calibration and validation were clarified and Member States and hospital representatives that have undergone the conversion to mercury-free devices presented their experiences.

The EEB commissioned study was presented by its author; the report highlights real – life experiences of European hospitals that purchase and/or use mercury-containing and mercury –free sphygmomanometers. By means of a survey of the experiences of a number of European hospitals, this study has observed that the transition to mercury-free medical devices for professional use is not just a question of technical and economic feasibility. Rather, the transition involves an interrelated but manageable set of issues that should be addressed in a coherent manner. Hospital representatives were interviewed for this study in Spain, UK, Germany, Italy, France, Czech Republic, Greece and Hungary. This report demonstrated that it is technically and economically feasible to make the transition to mercury-free sphygmomanometers. The report also discusses data on mercury-free sphygmomanometers that are available on the market and are approved by professional bodies, including ones for special cases like pre-eclampsia and hypertension

UNEP presented the global efforts that are made to restrict mercury containing sphygmomanometers, followed by the WHO representative who laid out the organisation's policy on the issue and discussed their support and active participation to global partnership initiatives towards mercury-free blood pressure cuffs. Health Care without harm (HCWH) presented international experiences from hospitals in countries such as Argentina, India, South Africa, the Philippines and the United States, which have undergone the transition in hospitals to using mercury free sphygmomanometers.

The conference showed evidence from medical and technical experts, NGOs, hospital representatives and Member states representatives that the shift to mercury-free sphygmomanometer use in clinical diagnosis and monitoring is fully possible. Even when it comes to issues of accuracy, reliability, calibration and use of mercury-free sphygmomanometers on special medical conditions such as arrhythmias and pre-eclampsia.

After the conference the EEB received very positive feedback from the speakers including the EC, UNEP and WHO representatives as well as NGOs and other participants. The EC invited one of our speakers as expert to assist the EU Scientific Committee's work on the subject. The study 'Turning up the pressure' has been included in the *circa* system of the EC where all relevant documents from MS and stakeholders are published, acknowledging the EEB's input to the debate. It has been sent to the European Chemicals Agency which will further assess data for final recommendations for restriction.

The six local groups (*Ecologistas en Acción*, *Legambiente*, *Arnika Association*, *Deutscher Naturschutzring*, *France Nature Environnement*, and *Centre national d'information indépendante sur les déchets (Cniid)*) continued working to secure the early phase-out of the mercury cell process in the chlor-alkali industry in their countries, pressuring local authorities and industry and raising awareness locally. At the same time they organized interviews with hospital staff and contributed important input for an EEB study on the feasibility of transition from mercury to mercury-free sphygmomanometers in hospitals.

Four organisations from developing countries - *Toxics Link* (India), *Associação de Combate aos POPs* – ACPO (Brazil), *Global Village of Beijing* – GVB (China), *Ban Toxics!* (Philippines) – carried out projects on mercury following developments in their own countries. GVB have organised an expert meeting on mercury in measuring devices building up on their earlier work; at the same time they are completing a study on mercury emissions in air from

coal and other sources; this study will feed into the UNEP study on the same issue, currently ongoing. Toxics Link, organised a conference on mercury – where EEB presented the global developments- and are about to complete the respective study on emissions to air, as GVB above. Ban Toxics, from Philippines, have continued their work on surplus mercury storage and capacity building and initiated activities on artisanal and small scale gold mining, with good attendance in organised events and positive policy engagement with national policy makers. ACPO, Brazil have been raising awareness during a national health meeting, have been supporting the global activities and will be giving input to the Latin America Storage project. These NGOs have also been participating in national consultations, NGO meetings and have contributed to the success achieved at UNEP level – as described above.

Networking has been continuing and the group has been updated on developments.

The Zero Mercury Working Group has been taking a leadership role with UNEP in jointly co-sponsoring storage meetings for the Asian and Latin and South American regions held in Bangkok and Montevideo, respectively, over the past few months. Aimed at initiating a regional process to support the sequestration of excess mercury, the workshops reviewed an expert report, and presentations were provided on the scope of issues to be considered in the selection of options for safe long term management/storage (i.e. technical/physical infrastructure, public health and safety, environmental, financial, social and political, human resources requirements, legal and regulatory.) In each of the Regions, the countries came together to nominate members of an executive committee, with next steps including development of an options analysis and feasibility study for storage of surplus mercury in each of the regions. As a result of this involvement the ZMWG has been also appointed as the interim leading body of the UNEP mercury supply and storage partnership, currently drafting the business plan thereof. For more information, see:

http://www.chem.unep.ch/mercury/storage/main_page.htm

The EEB/Zero Mercury Working Group have also been participating in conference calls and meetings with UNEP and UNITAR on the issues of mercury in products and an ongoing project in Kyrgyzstan. Our input was sought and acknowledged.

1.J. Noise

Activities Foreseen

- Encourage members to get involved in improving local noise action plans
- Hold one Noise WG seminar to evaluate the implementation of the Noise Directive

Lobbying Activities Accomplished

- March – April: In March, EEB sent joint NGO voting recommendations on the tyre noise labelling vote to MEPs in Environment and Industry Committees, followed by all remaining MEPs for plenary vote in April

EEB Events (Including Working Groups)

23 November – Joint EEB and T&E noise working group meeting in Brussels attended by 21 participants, 14 of which from EEB member NGOs from 10 different European countries. Three other NGOs were represented as close co-operators with EEB and T&E regarding our work on AU noise policies.

The agenda focused on the on-going review of the END and the possible ways to work together for the revision of the directive. Updates were given on the tyre noise legislation as

well as on noise from outdoors machinery. The meeting was very well-attended by EEB members, who actively contributed to the discussion points and strategic planning of future work of the group. It was of great value to hold the meeting jointly with T&E thus strengthening our cooperation on ambient noise policies for next year.

General Events and Meetings

16 March – NGO meeting to discuss joint tyre labelling lobby strategy

11 June – policy officer meets desk officer on the Environment Noise Directive at DG Environment to discuss the review of the directive planned for 2010 as well as the progress with the submission of noise maps from the member states.

22 June – policy officer meets consultant from Milieu on the review of the Environment Noise Directive

17 September participation at Justice and Environment meeting on EU noise legislation in Brussels and contribution to the J&E shadow report on the END implementation

31 October participation at European Aviation Campaigners conference and chairing a workshop on strategic cooperation to reduce noise from airports across Europe

Any Other Activities Accomplished

Established good cooperation with J&E on the END review and agreed to continue working together in 2010.

Publications and Press Releases (all available on www.eeb.org)

Press Releases

31 March: [Tyres to get energy, noise and safety label](#)

Publications

None.

Results and Lessons Learned

Good cooperation with T&E on working jointly on the tyre labelling file. It was interesting to explore the opportunities to continue such close cooperation on other policy dossiers. We noticed interesting dynamics between the voting outcome in ENVI and ITRE Committees whereby ITRE supported more of the NGO recommendations and had a generally stronger and more ambitious stance on the revision text.

Positive outcomes from the vote in plenary:

- The switch to a Regulation (directly applicable, establishes one harmonised EU label) rather than a Directive (needing transposition into national law)
- Entry into force is within the timetable proposed by the EC: all newly produced tyres will have to be labelled from Nov 2012. This is the same timetable as the first phase of the tyres type approval regulation, and should accelerate progress further.
- Despite car industry lobbying, Parliament voted in plenary to keep clearer requirements on tyre information to be provided by vehicle suppliers and distributors, rather than a vaguer version.
- An obligation for tyre makers to make test results available in a public database.

2 aspects have been watered down as compared to the ITRE committee vote, namely:

- No molding of test values on tyre sidewall
- No requirements that the Commission provide explanatory leaflets and posters to retailers, recommendation on methodology for fuel savings calculator and guidance to tyre makers on how to present information in the technical promotional literature.

The Council Working group worked on the file under the Swedish Presidency. An agreement similar to Parliament's text was reached. There will be a 2nd reading in the new Parliament, which can be tricky, as the new MEPs have more freedom to disregard the 1st reading, although they almost never do. EEB will continue working on the file to defend the several very good outcomes from the 1st reading plenary vote.

In 2010 the EEB noise working group was re-activated by the review of the END. At the Noise working group meeting in November a strong and dedicated group of NGO representatives agreed to enhance collaboration with the EEB in following the further process of the review. This will also require higher amount of time for noise work by the EEB policy officer in the coming year.

1.K. Nanotechnology

Activities Foreseen

- Work with EEB members by list server on nanotechnology and contribute to policy level discussions at EU level through active participation in the nanotechnologies governance debate
- Contribute to international debates together with other ENGOs from the US and Australia² on global governance of new technologies contributing to the works of the OECD and WHO working group on nanotechnologies.
- Contribute to international projects (articles for newsletter and webpage)
- Organise a final NanoCap conference in the European Parliament in March 2009, where the progress made and outcomes of the project the EEB was involved in, will be presented to the interested stakeholders.

Lobbying Activities Accomplished

- 05 February – meeting on regulatory aspects of nanomaterials between EEB's policy officer and policy unit coordinator and Greens' advisor in the EP
- 11 February – EEB policy officer and policy unit coordinator present EEB's position on responsible governance of nanomaterials to MEPs
- 11 February – EEB policy officer and policy unit coordinator meet with shadow rapporteur MEPs on the regulatory aspects of nanomaterials parliamentary resolution
- 16 February – policy officer sends letter with EEB recommendations to the triologue On the revision of the Cosmetics Directive to relevant MEPs
- 17 March – EEB policy officer meets MEP rapporteur on regulatory aspects of nanomaterials parliamentary resolution
- 31 March – EEB sends voting recommendations on the regulatory aspects of nanomaterials to MEPs in Environment Committee
- May – June – policy officer participates in the steering group meetings for the preparation of the 3rd annual stakeholder conference on nanotechnologies organised by DG SANCO.
- 19 June – EEB and BUND submit a joint contribution to a DG SANCO consultation on nanotechnologies and risks
- 13 July – EEB and IPEN submit a joint brief "Nanotechnology and the environment: A mismatch between claims and reality" in view of the OECD conference on Potential Environmental Benefits of Nanotechnology
- September – policy officer meets shadow rapporteur to discuss the revision of Novel food regulation

² Friends of the Earth Australia, Environmental Defense Fund US and ETC Groups, Canada

EEB Events (Including Working Groups)

- 16 January – EEB Nano Working Group meeting in Brussels
- 1 April – EEB Nano Working Group meeting in Brussels
- 2 April – Nanocap final Conference in EP co-organised by the EEB, secretary general speaker, policy officer in panel debate
- 14-15 May – EEB capacity building in Vienna including a session on policy challenges of nanotechnologies with contributions by EEB policy officer
- 03 July – policy officer participates in the EEB Chemical Working Group meeting with an update session on EEB's work on nano regulation, especially in the context of REACH
- 11 December – policy officer presents an update on Nano in REACH at the EEB Chemical WG

General Events and Meetings

- 09 February – participation of EU policy unit coordinator at industry event (BASF) "Nanotech benefits for EU citizens"
- 12 February – EEB policy officer and policy unit coordinator meet with BEUC environment policy officer to discuss nanomaterials regulation within the cosmetics directive and coordinate joint lobbying activities on the file
- 4-5 March – EEB policy unit coordinator participates in the 5th OECD working party on nanomaterials meeting
- 11 March – EEB policy officer and policy unit coordinator participate in international NGO phone update and discussion on fullerenes regulation and the development of the cosmetics regulation revision in the EP
- 24 March – EEB policy officer and policy unit coordinator meet up with CIEL staff working on international aspects of nanotechnologies governance
- 27 March – EEB policy officer participates in Risk Bridge Conference on risk assessment of nanomaterials
- 9 April – EEB policy officer meets Greenpeace chemical campaigner to discuss how nanomaterials are governed in the REACH regulation in the EU
- 05 May – policy officer meets ETUI staff on regulating nanomaterials in REACH
- 10 June – policy officer and policy unit coordinator participate in the Transatlantic Consumer Dialogue Conference on Nanotechnologies and Consumer Products
- 07-08 July – policy officer participates in the Competent Authorities Subgroup Nano meeting and gives presentation on NGO position on nano substance identification
- 15-17 July – policy unit coordinator participates in the OECD conference on Potential Environmental Benefits of Nanotechnology
- 15 July policy officer meets up with ECOS coordinator to outline priority areas for work on standardisation in the context of nanotechnologies and materials
- 10 September - policy officer participates in public hearing on nanotechnologies and risks by DG SANCO
- 18 September – policy officer meets BEUC expert on food legislation to discuss the revision and cooperation on the Novel food regulation
- 23 September – policy officer meets Green Peace chemical campaigner to discuss NGO contribution to the RIPoN 1
- 08 October – policy officer meets EEB expert on substance identification to plan his involvement in the RIPoN1 and the ways of cooperating within an NGO taskforce on nano in REACH
- 09 October – policy officer participates in the DG Environment conference "Nanomaterials on market – what regulators need to know"

- 28 October – EEB is represented at the OECD working party on manufactured nanomaterials meeting in Paris
- 03-04 November EEB policy officer and policy unit coordinator participate in the Safety for success dialogue – building trust in nanotechnologies; EEB is represented at the final panel discussion on the second day
- 12 November – policy unit coordinator participates at the Sustainable development and nano conference hosted by the Swedish presidency
- 08 December – NGO strategic meeting in preparation for the CASG Nano
- 09 December – policy officer participates in the CASG nano
- 16 December – EEB policy officer meets representatives of Steptoe and Johnson LLP to discuss EU governance of nanotechnologies

Any Other Activities Accomplished

Finalisation of EEB's position on the responsible governance of nanomaterials and establishing the EEB as a recognised stakeholder in the EU policy on nano regulation.

EEB also strengthened its work on nano at OECD level by participating in the OECD Working Party on Manufactured Nanomaterials (WPMN). The OECD nano work will be further enhanced by a regular NGO representation at the level of sub group meetings within the WPMN. For that purpose EEB has commissioned a scoping study that analysed the work of all relevant sub groups and on the basis of which key areas where NGO representation is essential were identified. We have recruited an expert who is actively involved in the workings of the subgroups (RIPoN1) as NGO representatives.

EEB has also established an NGO task force on nano in REACH where key NGO partners are involved to contribute to the discussions at the CASG Nano discussion and steer the contributions of the NGO expert to the RIPoN1 reports.

Publications and Press Releases (all available on www.eeb.org)

Press Releases

31 March: [Parliament supports NGOs' calls for stricter controls on nanotechnology](http://www.euractiv.com/en/science/meps-back-tougher-rules-nanotechnology/article-181695)

<http://www.euractiv.com/en/science/meps-back-tougher-rules-nanotechnology/article-181695>

08 October: New EEB report assesses critical governance issues of nanotechnologies

Publications

- February: EEB Position on nanotechnologies and nanomaterials: Small scale, big promises, divisive messages [in English](#) and [an extract in French](#)
- April: [Metamorphosis No. 53, p.14, Nanocap conference report and EEB's position on Nanotechnologies](#)
- April: [Nanotechnologies in the 21st Century: Challenges and Opportunities to Green Nanotechnologies, Issue 1](#)
- June: [EEB and BUND \(Friends of the Earth Germany\) response to the EU Public consultation "Scientific Hearing on Nanotechnology"](#)
- July: [Nanotechnology and the environment: A mismatch between claims and reality](#)
- July: [Nanotechnologies in the 21st century: Nanomaterials - health and environmental concerns, Issue 2](#)
- October: [Nanotechnologies in the 21st Century - A critical Review of Governance Issues in Europe and Elsewhere, Issue 3](#)

Results and Lessons Learned

Nanomaterials governance was a hot topic for EU policy makers in 2009. We have seen ambitious results in EP votes on the revision of the cosmetics and novel foods regulation, as well as on the regulatory aspects of nanomaterials parliamentary resolution. A common message in all parliamentary positions is that the Commission's stance that nanomaterials are in principle covered in existing EU legislations is not acceptable. Parliament clearly demands another legislative review that plainly shows how and in which EU laws the safe use and development of nanomaterials are guaranteed. Additional demands by the parliament include mandatory labelling of consumer products that contain nanomaterials, public inventory for these products, full application of the no data, no market principle, EU wide public debate/discussion on the future of nanomaterials and their acceptance by citizens, reconsideration of the definition of nanomaterials giving more flexibility for regulators beyond the size limit of 1 to 100 nanometres.

In the second half of the year work has commenced on two other EU laws with relevance to nanoregulation – the revision of the Novel Food and Food information to consumers legislation. Both of these were in very early stages of first reading discussions by the end of the year and will need continuous input by the EEB in 2010.

EEB continues to work closely with other Brussels NGOs participating in the nano governance debate. In terms of the EEB NGO family, we would need to continue working on capacity building and promotion of the nano campaign among our members in the coming year.

1.L. Waste

Activities Foreseen

- Seminar on EU waste policy (challenges and opportunities) with specific focus on the new Member States during the Czech presidency (the conference will be organized together with the EEB waste working group meeting)
- Waste Working Group meeting with possible one-day study trip to waste management facilities
- Reinforce membership activities and contacts as well as capacity building on waste related issues: meetings to be organized in specific countries (a minimum of 6 countries to be targeted) with EEB waste policy officer : possibility of compiling examples of case studies, difficulties to implement EU waste law and prepare a publication.
- Snapshot report on the implementation of EU waste law e.g. Packaging directive to prepare for a review of the packaging directive (EEB waste working group to decide at the beginning of 2009 which instrument to target)
- Participation in review process and advocacy work on WEEE, WID and potentially biowaste and packaging directives
- Monitoring EU policy developments related to waste and dissemination via NGO network

Lobbying Activities Accomplished

- On WEEE revision:

- 14 October Speaking in a meeting in the EP on WEEE collection and responsibility organised by Digital Europe
- 4 November attendance to first exchange of view and discussion with Rapporteur, other MEP and Retail industry

- 13 & 19 November: meeting with MEP's (Greens, S&D) to explain EEB's Position on collection target and individual producer responsibility.
 - 25 November, meeting with Belgian Permanent Representation on WEEE implementation at MS level
 - 11 December Meeting with ALDE political Advisor on WEEE
- All along October, November and December, regular discussions and meetings with Industry to facilitate the IPR coalition, develop compromises on collection targets and financing
 - From 2 December onward, regular discussions and meetings with Municipalities organisation to present EEB position on WEEE collection, and try to achieve compromises on collection responsibility and financing . Meetings with Municipal Waste Europe, OVAM and IGBE
- On Biowaste:
- 25 November, meeting with Belgian Permanent Representation on Biowaste Directive opportunity
- On WFD:
- 20 November, meeting with Desk officer A.Versmann to better integrate EC implementation possibilities and prevention objectives

EEB Events (Including Working Groups)

- 23 January. Visit to waste sorting facilities in Catalonia organised with Waste Prevention Foundation
- 16- 17 April. Waste Policy Officer and volunteer visit of vermin-composting plant in Portugal with EEB Portuguese, Spanish and French member organisations.
- 6 November, 4 December organising meetings with IPR coalition to prepare amendments improving the enforcement of IPR
- 10 November setting a meeting with cement industry to better understand the co-incineration opportunities and limits
- 15&16 December, Waste working group meeting on WEEE and other waste issues, involving different stakeholders and European Commission

General Events and Meetings

- 22 January. Presentation at a workshop on waste prevention and waste framework directive organised by Technical University of Catalonia and Waste Prevention Foundation
- 27 January. Meeting of the Industry/NGO IPR alliance
- 29 January. Presentation delivered on the WEEE directive at the Institute of European Studies of the Free University of Brussels
- 26 February. Meeting with RREUSE on the WEEE directive
- 12 March. Meeting with DG Environment on next steps on the waste framework directive
- 13 March. Stakeholder meeting on biowaste at the Committee of Regions
- 18 March. Agra Informa meeting on packaging waste: presentation on sustainable consumption and production action plan
- 2 April. Commission stakeholder meeting on a study on Waste Implementation Agency
- 15 April. Meeting of the Industry/NGO IPR alliance
- 24 April. Meeting with WEEE forum on WEEE directive and WEEE label project.
- 28 April. Meeting and presentation at Digital Europe on WEEE directive review

- 29 April. Meeting of a Biowaste alliance of industry and NGO to advocate in favour of a biowaste directive
- 12 October, attendance to a conference set by incineration industry
- 19 October, attendance to the meeting set by the EC on waste prevention guidelines
- 21&22 October, speaking in La Baule congress on Waste policy and WFD transposition
- 5 November, visit of an incineration plant in Flanders
- 19 November, presentation of the main EEB priorities regarding Waste issue for Oslo region representatives
- 7 December, meeting with the Alliance for beverage cartons and the Environment

Any Other Activities Accomplished

- Preparation of waste working group meeting in June.
- Preliminary contacts with Czech members with a view to possibly organising a conference in Central Eastern Europe in the autumn.
- Elaboration of EEB response to stakeholder consultation on Biowaste Green Paper:
- 9 March. Conference call of EEB taskforce on biowaste.
- Preparation of EEB position paper on WEEE
- 22 April. conference call with the EEB taskforce on WEEE
- Setting up a new information gathering and monitoring tool for EEB members "Waste spotlight", newsletter for the EEB waste working group sent every two weeks.
- 21 April. OECD Conference call on the use of targets for sustainable resource management
- Preparation of amendments on WEEE
- Discussion with retail industry on environmental information to be associated to EEE
- Making suggestions to improve Prevention guidelines
- Preparation of a position on Biowaste impact assessment
- 1 December :Participation to an OECD event on recycling of waste and sustainable material management
- 7 December: attendance to a meeting on recycling needs and capacities organised by the Bavarian permanent representation

Publications and Press Releases (all available on www.eeb.org)

Press Releases

None

Publications

- February: Metamorphosis No. 52, p. 9, article "Are manufacturers really responsible for their own e-waste?"
- February: Metamorphosis No. 52, p. 5, Member Focus, "No time to waste!" A report from EEB's waste working group
- March: EEB Position on the European Commission's Green Paper on Biowaste
- 13 March. Waste spotlight 1
- 27 March. Waste spotlight 2
- 10 April. Waste spotlight 3
- 24 April. Waste spotlight 4
- April: Metamorphosis No. 53, p.15, "The organic loop - How garden & kitchen waste can restore European soil"
- June. EEB position on the recast of the WEEE directive.
- June. Biowaste Alliance position paper on the need for an EU biowaste directive.
- October 2009: Updated paper on WEEE recast

- December 2009: Position paper on Biowaste impact assessment
- December 2009: Campaign guide to help Members transpose the WFD

Results and Lessons Learned

- Maintaining the dynamic of the waste working group and identifying potential new Members attracted by this dynamic
- Reinforcing relationships between EEB, Industry and Municipalities federations on waste policies
- For WEEE, identifying possibilities to obtain compromises between stakeholders to maintain ambitious collection targets
- For WFD transposition, providing advices and guidelines for members to take the most out of the transposition process, in terms of prevention and recycling of waste. The campaign guide is based on contributions by different members; it illustrates the dynamic of the waste working group, and the benefits of having a coordination of MS experiences.
- For Biowaste, consolidating the existing alliance and reinforcing amongst members a common position on the need for a specific legislation
- Making clearer to Members the necessity to articulate waste and product policy through resources efficiency objectives
- Due to a late handover by a new policy officer on product and waste, all the planned capacity building workshops haven't been organised. Only two of them took place, but clear opportunities in Mediterranean Europe, and in central Europe have been identified for 2010
- Due to a lack of resources to maintain the Waste spotlight website, the snapshot reports on European waste legislation have stopped in June 2009. The circulation of key information has re-focused on political short term needs.
- Two Waste Working Group meetings have taken place as foreseen, but instead of a one day study trip as planned, it's been preferred to dedicate a whole day on WEEE discussion involving key stakeholders.

1.M Sustainable use of Resources

Activities Foreseen

- see under Sustainable Consumption and Production

1.N. Sustainable Consumption and Production

Activities Foreseen

- Integrate SCP work into working group meetings and events such as on ecological product policy, waste, chemicals, biodiversity, and ecological fiscal reform and sustainable development.
- One seminar on SCP.
- Publications – possibly on producer responsibility, natural resources sustainability criteria, green chemistry (links to ecological product policy and chemicals activities)

Lobbying Activities Accomplished

Since the publication of the Sustainable Consumption and Production/Sustainable Industry Policy (SCP/SIP) Action Plan in July 2008, official follow-up activity has focused on the European Ecolabel Regulation, the Ecodesign of Energy-using Products Directive (activities on both of these are detailed in the “Ecological Product Policy” section), on natural resources and the Retail Forum.

On natural resources, DG ENTR organised a meeting of the Raw Materials Stakeholder Group which was attended by the EEB biodiversity policy officer, as the agenda included the Soil Framework Directive and guidelines on Natura 2000 sites and mining. Beyond taking part in a Euractiv debate on ‘Raw Materials for Economic Growth – Towards a Sustainable Policy’ in the autumn, no further work has been done on natural resources due to workload constraints. Notably, DG ENTR work on ‘criticality of raw materials’ has been ongoing, otherwise no obvious Commission work on natural resources.

The Retail Forum featured in the EU Action Plan was officially launched on 3 March, and 3 meetings held in 2009. The EU Policy Unit Coordinator has attended all the meetings, providing feedback on priority issues and commenting on the need for public policy frameworks that support the easier identification of sustainable products. Official views (not position papers) on the issues to be discussed within the Forum and on one of the specific issues discussed (optimisation of distribution systems) were prepared with BEUC (on issues road map) and with T&E (on distribution systems). As workshops are held on the specific issues being discussed, the Policy Unit Coordinator attended a workshop on ‘effective marketing and communication’.

Within the ISO standardisation system, a joint document was prepared on carbon footprinting and labelling, with a focus on the methodology used since this is the ISO focus. Four organisations (ANEC, BEUC, ECOS and EEB) signed up as the messages in the document are relevant to political discussions at EU level.

EEB Events (Including Working Groups)

- Spring Alliance – Policy Unit Coordinator attended launch conference and is leader for environmental groups on the “new economic model” working group. (see also under section 2A, Sustainable Development, above).
- 15 May – Policy Unit Coordinator made advance presentation on the Blueprint at the EEB biodiversity working group meeting

- 27-28 May – SCP conference and working group meeting. Working group meeting discussed implementation of the SCP blueprint by EEB's membership. The *Blueprint for European Sustainable Consumption and Production* was launched at the conference.

General Events and Meetings

- EU Policy Unit Coordinator attended a meeting organised by the Belgian Federal government, on environmental information on consumer goods.
- Policy Unit Coordinator participated in a seminar on SCP and sustainable industrial policy organised within a project funded by the German government, conCISEnet. EEB participates in a High Level Network, represented by the Policy Unit Coordinator. Other members are from industry, retail, trade unions, European Commission, academia.
- 25 March - Sec-Gen took part in panel discussion on Sustainable Development and Corporate Social Responsibility, at the Les Echo/Federe annual conference in Paris.
- Policy Unit Coordinator participated in a meeting on civil society organisations (CSOs) and SCP, organised by the Centre for Sustainable Consumption and Production (an initiative of the Wuppertal Institute and UNEP) in the context of an FP7 research project bringing together CSOs and the research community. Participation included taking part in an opening panel session and running a workshop on the EU SCP blueprint being developed by EEB and representatives of social NGOs and the research community. A keynote speech was made at the closing conference in Brussels later in the year.

BULLET POINT: 26 May - Policy Unit Coordinator participated in the closing seminar of a sustainable consumption research project, SCOPEII. Since the blueprint was prepared in close collaboration with the research community, back-to-back meetings were organised by EEB and the SCORE! Network (along with EEB conference where the blueprint was launched).

- 27 May – SCP conference. The *Blueprint for European Sustainable Consumption and Production* was launched at the conference.

Conference Title was: "Finding the new path: a more strategic role for sustainable consumption and production". 81 participants, from EEB (5 staff and 14 Member organizations), other environment organizations, academics, representatives national and regional governments, umbrellas of local government, business, advisory bodies, media, trade-unions, Commission.

- Policy Unit Coordinator met with representatives of Eurocommerce, co-chairs of the Retail Forum with the Commission, as well as with the retailer, Carrefour. Close work with BEUC has taken place, as it is the other NGO represented in the Retail Forum.
- Policy Unit Coordinator made a presentation at an event organised by Eurocoop, launching coordinated activity on climate change. This was an opportunity to communicate on the blueprint and to dialogue publicly with Eurocommerce on the Retail Forum. Eurocoop has since joined the Retail Forum.
- Policy Unit Coordinator provided NGO views at an event organised by the Austrian Ministry for the Environment and the UK Sustainable Development Commission, entitled "Redefining Growth and Prosperity".
- IPP Regular Meeting attended by Policy Unit Coordinator, where a presentation was made on the blueprint. This group is likely to evolve into an SCP Regular Meeting.
- Policy Unit Coordinator attended EEA EIONET meeting on SCP.
- Meetings held with other organisations interested in understanding how the blueprint can relate to their work: ANEC (presentation at Environment Working Group meeting), Fair Trade Advocacy Office (informal meeting).

Any Other Activities Accomplished

None.

Publications and Press Releases (all available on www.eeb.org)

Press Releases

- 2 March: Retail forum paves way for sustainable consumption in Europe

Publications

- May 2009: Blueprint for European sustainable consumption and production – the path of transition to a sustainable society
- May 2009: BEUC and EEB contribution to roadmap of issues for Retail Forum
- Nov 2009: EEB and T&E comments – Issues Paper Optimisation Distribution Systems
- Dec 2009: ANEC, BEUC, ECOS, EEB position paper on carbon footprinting

Results and Lessons Learned

EEB's disappointment with the 2008 Action Plan led us to work together with the research community and social NGOs to produce our *Blueprint for European Sustainable Consumption and Production* which has received much interest from NGOs, national governments, and industry. In producing the blueprint, we added our voice to wider discontent on various elements of the Action Plan, but most notably on how none of the key environmental impact areas are directly addressed by it.

In terms of Commission-led developments, we have taken an active role in the Retail Forum, attending all the meetings and contributing substantially to discussions. It is early days for the Retail Forum, so it remains to be seen what impact it will have on retailer behaviour. Retailers vocally resist sector-wide requirements, and the Commission does not appear to want to push the sector towards improvements.

EEB identified the need to link SCP more closely to other political areas such as sustainable development and the 7EAP preparations. This has been positively taken up by the Belgian government which invited EEB to make a presentation on the blueprint at an event they organised on the 7EAP.

See Ecological Product Policy section for details on the legislative elements of the Action Plan – EuP and Ecolabel.

ANEC, BEUC, ECOS and EEB prepared a position paper on carbon footprinting, driven mostly by the ISO footprinting methodology process that ANEC and ECOS are participating in, but with BEUC and EEB identifying the need to start to set out positions on carbon footprinting and labelling due to Commission behind-the-scenes work on these.

EEB has had very good, strategic contact with most players involved in SCP, whether from the civil society movements, research community, national governments, industry, retailers, etc. at EU level and with UNEP and participating ENGOs in UNEP's Marrakech Process.

1.O. Ecological Product Policy (EPP)

Activities Foreseen

- Participate in Consultative Forum and assist ECOS in the preparation of environmental NGOs positions.
- Advocacy activities involving European Parliament on specific product groups under consideration in the EuP (Energy Using Products Directive) process.
- Organise a seminar with the EEB eco-product working group to refine EEB's position on the link between EU policy instruments (energy/carbon labelling, Ecolabel, EUP, WEEE, RoHS, REACH).
- Study/ Publication on the implementation of Ecodesign directive and a way forward to propose requirements on end-of-life
- Advocacy work on the revision of the Ecodesign directive

Lobbying Activities Accomplished

- January-February: Five meetings in the European Parliament on recast of the EuP directive and revision of the Ecolabel regulation.
- February – April: Four meetings with the European Commission (DG ENV, DG ENTERPRISE, DG TREN) on EuP directive (including boilers/water heaters) and energy label
- 24 February. Joint EEB, ECOS, WWF, INFORSE letter to Commissioners and Ministers on energy labelling format
- 28-30 April. Meetings in the European Parliament on the energy label
- 14 October: Contributing to the coolproduct event in EP to launch the Coolproduct Manifesto
- From October onward, advocating for a closed A to G energy labelling building on acknowledged success with other partner NGO's
- From November onward, starting to liaise with MS representatives of the consultation forum (Belgium, Denmark, Netherland) to advocate for the necessity to create guidelines for Self regulated initiatives to implement EuP energy requirements
- 12 November, attending a meeting organised by Digita Europe on Imaging devices Self regulated Initiative and contributing to achieve more ambitious energy requirements
- Using the opportunity of WEEE lobbying to insist on the link between waste management and ecodesign to achieve European recycling ambitions, and in consequences stating that recyclability is an important environmental requirement to integrate in product policy
- Insisting in the consultation forum sessions on the necessity to reinforce consistency between waste and product policies (EuP, WEEE and RoHS), rather than considering that each policy should be considered as self-sufficient

EEB Events (Including Working Groups)

- 23 June: a Ecoproduct working group has been organised to discuss the EuP Directive, involving speakers from DG TREN and DG ENV
- 17-18 December : Two days meeting of Ecoproduct working group, involving different stakeholders and two head of unit of DG TREN and DG ENV to discuss the overall product policy at European level

General Events and Meetings

- 8 January. Meeting of the Environmental NGOs steering committee on Ecodesign
- 12 January. Green Alliance workshop on ecodesign and cradle to cradle
- 15 January. Presentation on Ecolabel regulation revision at Socio-Economic Committee.

- January – February: Attended two discussions on ecodesign and ecolabel in the ENVI Committee of the European Parliament
- 4 February. Attended lunch discussion in the European Parliament (Strasbourg) on the Ecodesign Implementing measure on light bulbs
- 30 March. Workshop on ecodesign at The Centre
- 21 April. Meeting with Emerson on ecodesign methodology
- 9 October Consultation forum for Computer and Display
- 12 October Consultation forum for CSTB and Imaging devices
- 15 October Strategic meeting of coolproduct campaign
- 16 November Strategic meeting with ECOS on how to increase awareness and involvement of national NGO's regarding the EuP Directive implementation measures
- 17 November Consultation forum for Medical devices and Machinery tools
- 20 November Attendance to the presentation by DG ENV of the opportunity to extend the product categories to non energy related products, and to extend the environmental requirements beyond energy use

Any Other Activities Accomplished

- 6 February. Conference call of the EUP environmental NGO steering committee
- 23 April. Conference call with DG Environment on Green public procurement
- 16 July. Conference call with DG Environment on Green public procurement
- 31 August. EEB provided comments for the Commission stakeholders' consultation on GPP criteria for the following product groups: boilers, air conditioners and heat pumps, windows, thermal insulation, street and traffic lighting and combined heat and powers
- Contributing to Environmental NGO's position papers to prepare or react to implementation measures proposals
- Contributing to Environmental NGO's position papers to prepare or react to the proposal to redefine Energy labelling lay out
- From December onward, preparing arguments in favour of minimum standard templates and requirements for Self regulated initiatives

Publications and Press Releases (all available on www.eeb.org)

Press Releases

- 17 February: MEPs approve move toward more ecologically friendly products
- 1 April: New energy labels to leave consumers in the dark
- 13 October: Green groups demand new EU laws to end energy wastage in buildings

Publications

- April: Metamorphosis No. 53, p.12, "MEPs reject industry pressure for a new energy label"
- July. Metamorphosis No. 54, Campaign Update "Green public procurement – the role of public authorities in a 'green transition'"
- October : Coolproduct Manifesto: Cool products Warm homes
- Position papers on implementation measures proposals for Computer, Non professional display, CSTB, imaging devices with ECOS and other Environmental NGO's

Results and Lessons Learned

- As regard to Green Public Procurement, the procedure for establishing harmonised EU GPP criteria is non-transparent and does not include any stakeholder meeting or forum to discuss the level of ambition of the proposed measures. The Commission's strategy to develop two levels of what is to be considered "green" might be counter productive (core criteria and comprehensive criteria) as it may be misleading to consider "core" criteria as "green" enough to move the EU market towards energy efficient products. EEB should call for reinforcing mandatory elements of EU's strategy on public procurement policy for instance in the context the recast of the Energy Labelling directive, while continuing its involvement in the development of harmonised EU GPP criteria.
- The preparation and attendance to official consultation forum meetings is of utmost importance to try influence the level of ambition regarding environmental requirements in implementation measures. Clear results have been obtained on energy requirements and revision periods for computers (a reference to Energy star version 5 instead of 4.1, a 3 years revision period instead of 5). The level of ambition has also been raised for imaging devices.
- A lesson learnt has been the importance of working within a network of European NGO's on product policy to co-develop position paper and articulate the needs for expertise, communication and national NGO's mobilization.
- Due to modifications till end of December 2009, it's not been possible to officially release the planned study on the implementation of EuP, the methodology used for setting the associated environmental requirements and the link to WEEE and RoHS policy. But all the key contents were formalized.

1.P. Green Public Procurement

Activities Foreseen

EEB received for the first time dedicated funding for the work on GPP in March 2009 by ECF. As this additional resource could not been anticipated, no activities on GPP were foreseen in the work programme for 2009. Within the project funded by ECF, EEB committed to deliver the following activities:

- Systematic monitoring of information related to the development of GPP criteria by the Commission and – where appropriate coordinating with experts - drafting of position papers on the draft criteria proposals developed by the Commission.

Lobbying Activities Accomplished

- 16 September. Joint letter with other NGOs to cabinet of the Environment Commissioner regarding NGO concerns on forestry related issues in GPP criteria prepared by the Commission.
- 3 December. Ecolabel Coordinator met the Dutch Permanent Representative and the Dutch GPP expert to exchange views on GPP.

EEB Events (Including Working Groups)

- 17-18 December. Ecolabel Coordinator participated at the EEB Eco-products Working Group. Presentation and discussion on GPP with EEB members.

General Events and Meetings

None

Any Other Activities Accomplished

None

Publications and Press Releases (all available on www.eeb.org)

Press Releases

(No press releases from October to December)

Publications

- August – September: Participation in the stakeholder consultation process on the development of GPP criteria for 10 new product groups. EEB Ecolabel Coordinator submitted comments on the following 6 product groups:
 - Heat Pumps
 - Air Condition
 - Combined Heat and Power (CHP)
 - Thermal Insulation
 - Windows
 - Street Lighting

RESULTS

- Describe here the political results we have achieved or contributed to, as well as describe why we did NOT manage in the end (political developments/choices, etc)

In September 2009 a new Ecolabel Coordinator took over the position as his predecessor went on maternity leave.

It is premature to assess the political results of the EEB involvement in the development of GPP criteria as they will be adopted next year.

The GPP criteria development process lacks transparency and does not follow the participatory and multi-stakeholder approach of the European Ecolabel Board. As there were no working groups meeting (or the like) to discuss the drafted criteria and the submitted comments, it is difficult to tell how much of the EEB suggestions and critique have been taken up by the Commission.

- Explain external reasons for lack of implementation of our 2009 plans (such as delay with Commission proposals, etc.

NONE

- Explain the political relevance of picking up on issues that were NOT in the work programme.

NONE

- Describe also positive elements of working with our members, making coalitions, etc.

1. Q. Ecolabel

Activities Foreseen

- EEB Seminar (see eco-product activities) to refine EEB's position on the link between Ecolabel and other product related policies, follow on decision-making process
- Continuation of EEB's involvement on behalf of environmental NGOs in the Ecolabel process and in the development of Ecolabel criteria (ad-hoc working groups, EU Ecolabelling Board and consultation forum)
- monitoring and dissemination of information related to Ecolabel
- Advocacy on co-decision revision of EU Ecolabel Regulation

Lobbying Activities Accomplished

- 12-13 October. EEB Ecolabel Coordinator participated in the EU Ecolabel Presidential Meeting and liaised with Commission and Member States on relevant issues.
- Beginning of December. Preparation of joint statement on forestry issues in the Ecolabel together with other NGOs. The statement was presented at the EUEB.
- 09-10 December. Ecolabel Coordinator participated in the EU Ecolabelling Board
- 21 December. Ecolabel coordinator submitted an email to the Commission and the EU Ecolabelling Board (EUEB) on the exclusion of halogenated flame retardants.

EEB Events (Including Working Groups)

- 10 December. EEB Chemicals Working Group. Ecolabel Coordinator participated at the dinner to discuss relevant issues with regard to the "horizontal" meeting on chemicals as announced by the Commission.
- 11 December. Ecolabel Coordinator participated at the EEB Nano Working Group.
- 17-18 December. Ecolabel Coordinator participated at the EEB Eco-products Working Group. Update and discussion on Ecolabel as well as participation of the Ecolabel Coordinator in Ecodesign related discussion.

General Events and Meetings

- 22-23 September. Ecolabel Coordinator participated at the EUEB meeting.
- 25 September. Ecolabel Coordinator and EEB expert participated at the ad hoc working group meeting on laundry and dishwashing detergents
- 15 October. Ecolabel Coordinator and EEB expert participated at the ad hoc working group meeting on refrigerators
- 16 October. Ecolabel Coordinator and EEB expert participated at the ad hoc working group meeting on washing machines
- 28 October. EEB Policy Unit Coordinator and Ecolabel Coordinator met the Head of Unit and the Ecolabel team of the Commission at DG Environment to discuss a horizontal approach on the use of chemicals in the Ecolabel
- 5 November. Ecolabel Coordinator and EEB expert participated at the ad hoc working group meeting on copying and graphic paper.
- 10 November. Ecolabel Coordinator and EEB expert participated at the ad hoc working group meeting on all purpose cleaners.
- 09-10. Ecolabel Coordinator and EEB expert participated at the EUEB meeting.

Any Other Activities Accomplished

11. December. Ecolabel Coordinator gave an interview to ENDS Europe on outcomes of EUEB discussions (included in the ENDS Daily newsletter and [online](#)).

Publications and Press Releases (all available on www.eeb.org)

Press Releases

- 21 January: Less dangerous substances in consumer products: the Ecolabel should pave the way
- 17 February: MEPs approve move toward more ecologically friendly products

Publications

- March: EEB and BEUC comments on Draft Commission decision establishing ecological criteria for the award of the EU Ecolabel for tissue paper products
The paper advocated for the use of recycled fibres in Ecolabelled tissue paper and for more stringent certification requirements if virgin fibres are employed.
- March : EEB and BEUC comments on various product groups for EUEB
The position paper urged Member States to call for more stringent requirements when voting in the Regulatory Committee (Ecolabels for textiles, bed mattresses and footwear), with a particular focus on substitution of hazardous chemicals.
- 5 October. EEB position on the draft criteria proposal for Pc's and Laptops were sent to the Commission and EUEB members.
- 9 October. EEB comments on the draft criteria proposal for "Copying and Graphic Paper" were sent to the Commission and EUEB members.
- 16 October. EEB comments on the draft criteria proposal for "Lighting" were sent to the Commission and EUEB members.
- 4 December. EEB comments on the draft criteria proposal for Washing Machines and Refrigerators were sent to the Commission and EUEB members.

RESULTS

- Describe here the political results we have achieved or contributed to, as well as describe why we did NOT manage in the end (political developments/choices, etc)

EEB has a service contract with the Commission to provide ENGO representation to the European Ecolabel Scheme. To get the greatest benefit from the funds received, EEB and BEUC work jointly for separate service contracts. This allows for a part-time BEUC/EEB Ecolabel Coordinator, who works with experts from both organisations, mostly preparing joint position papers.

In September 2009 a new Ecolabel Coordinator took over the position as his predecessor went on maternity leave.

The Commission announced to have "horizontal discussions" on the use of chemicals in March 2010. EEB has been calling for such a horizontal approach for many years as the Ecolabel scheme – also under the new regulation – lacks of a strategic approach on the sustainable use of chemicals. Efforts by the EEB to highlight this problem (as well as repeating discussion on the same chemical substances in nearly all ad hoc working group meetings) were crucial and finally lead to the decision of the Commission to organize this discussion.

- *Explain external reasons for lack of implementation of our 2009 plans (such as delay with Commission proposals, etc.*

NONE

- *Explain the political relevance of picking up on issues that were NOT in the work programme.*

NONE

- Describe also positive elements of working with our members, making coalitions, etc.

Results and Lessons Learned

EEB has continued to cooperate with the European Consumers' Organisation (BEUC) in its involvement in the Ecolabel Scheme. Both organisations share a joint Ecolabel Coordinator who coordinates representation of NGOs in technical working groups on product criteria and liaises with the EEB Ecolabel network and European ENGOs. In June, a new service contract has been signed with the Commission to support EEB and BEUC representation in the EU Ecolabelling Board.

Concerning certification of virgin fibres ensuring that they come from well managed forests, we are satisfied with the increased support from Member States to the introduction of chain of custody requirements. This was a positive outcome of the ad hoc working group for the revision on Ecolabel for Copying and Graphic Paper. The EEB has received significant support from FERN in our lobbying activities in this issue.

1.R. Greening Industry Performance

1.r.1. Integrated Pollution Prevention & Control (IPPC)

Activities Foreseen

- Coordinate EEB Industry Working Group including two meetings
- Mobilise EU decision makers to adopt/follow EEB's position on the draft Directive.
- Produce and publicise an updated EEB's position on the outcome of the first reading through briefings, press release and position papers on eventual first reading agreement

Lobbying Activities Accomplished

(See also under IQ2 below)

EEB Events (Including Working Groups)

(See also under IQ2 below)

General Events and Meetings

- 01 April: attendance and participation to IEF meeting together with EEB Cement and Lime BREF expert Christian Tebert (Oekopol)
- Provided input on Tannery BREF and Chlor-Alkali BREF review
- November: Meeting with a consultant in regards to reducing ammonia emissions from intensive rearing activities (IRPP BREF)

Any Other Activities Accomplished

- Ongoing expert involvement during the BREF reviews in Sevilla

Publications and Press Releases (all available on www.eeb.org)

(see under IQ2 below)

Results and Lessons Learned

The IEF meeting on 01 April highlighted that the new IE-D proposal leads to a further politicization of the Sevilla process because of the eventual stronger role of BREFs. Ensuring high quality and ambitious BREFs now becomes even more important, which will mean reallocation of resources to the process which is gaining in importance.

Input coordination between EEB Sevilla experts and experts from progressive Member States proved to be very effective. However experience showed that the guidance on the data quality for deriving useful BAT conclusions are sometimes ignored and that it proved to be difficult to obtain useful site specific emissions data from individual plants. Ambitious and mandatory monitoring requirements at EU level could remediate this problem.

1.r.2. Towards an integrated Directive on Industrial Emissions

Activities Foreseen

- Coordinate EEB Industry Working Group including two meetings
- Mobilise EU decision makers to adopt/follow EEB's position on the draft Directive.
- Produce and publicise an updated EEB's position on the outcome of the first reading through briefings, press release and position papers on eventual first reading agreement

Lobbying Activities Accomplished

EEB was very active in pushing for its position in the European Parliament. This was mainly achieved through extensive lobbying of the shadow rapporteurs / rapporteur Kraemer during the setting up and drafting of the compromise package. EEB was also involved in the setting up of the voting lists for the ENVI Committee vote and plenary vote.

- February: letter to the Environment Council calling for support on EEB's position regarding the IE-D proposal
- January- March: several meetings with MEPs and shadow rapporteurs to finalize the compromise package, elaboration of detailed voting recommendation for the ENVI Committee vote on 22 January
- January-10 March several meetings with MEPs and shadow rapporteurs to maintain a strong first reading position, elaboration of detailed voting recommendation and setting up of the voting list for the plenary vote on 10 March
- April: elaboration of EEB position paper on possible Emission Trading Scheme for NOx and SO2 under the current IE-D proposal
- April 3rd, attended Commission workshop on possible EU wide NOx and SO2 Emission trading scheme
- May – June several meetings with desk officers of permanent representations to the EU working on Industrial Emissions Directive and German Federal Ministry of Environment

EEB Events (Including Working Groups)

- 15 May: participated and spoke at NGO capacity building workshop on Industrial Emissions Directive in Vienna.
- 11 June: EEB Industry Working Group meeting. Delegations from the Swedish Presidency, Belgium and Ireland attended to the event as well as the desk officer at DG ENV (Alexandre Paquot). The afternoon session dealt with Seveso III proposal to which the desk officer at DG ENV (Tobias Biermann) attended. EEB members from various countries participated to the event, in total 18 participants.
- 16 November: organised EEB Industry Working group. It was decided to hold a closed session in order to discuss strategy and amendments for second reading on IED and prepare the EEB event organised in the European Parliament the next day
- 17 November: EEB organised together with The Brussels Office (Yara) a closed event for second reading of IED. The rapporteur (Kraemer) and shadows from the file (except Gardini), with assistants of selected MEPs, as well as some policy advisors attended. From the Member States about 12 Environment Ministry representatives participated (DE, DK, NL, BE, ES, FR, AT, POL) including Alexandre Paquot and Marianne Wenning from the European Commission.
- 3 December: attended to Ad-hoc IED meeting in Brussels. Presented views of EEB on quality assurance and guidelines for Sevilla Process
- 15-18 December: participate to Final TWG meeting on BAT conclusions for Glass BREF, Sevilla

General Events and Meetings

- throughout January - March- several meetings with political advisors, shadow rapporteurs on the IE-D Proposal and key MEPs
- throughout January and February several meetings with DG ENV
- throughout January and April: several meetings with Member States experts of the IPPC WG in Council
- February: several strategy meetings with NOx abatement technique provider
- 10 February: meeting with Commission officials regarding Stoiber group recommendations
- 10 February: speaking at an event organized by the German representation at the EU on the IE-D proposal (speakers included representatives from the European Commission, the CZ Presidency, rapporteur and MEP Krahmer, German state secretary and Environment Ministry representatives, BusinessEurope)
- 11 February: meeting with climate change campaigners pushing for CO2 EPS in the IE-D proposal
- 19 February: meeting with delegation from Israeli Ministries on the IE-D proposal
- 9-11 March: monitoring and attendance to EP plenary first reading vote
- 24 March: meeting with Finnish member working on IE-D/IPPC
- 3 April attendance to stakeholder meeting on possible Emission Trading Scheme for NOx and SO2 under the current IE-D proposal organized by DG ENV
- May: several meetings with industry promoting NOx reduction through Industrial Emissions Directive
- 14 May briefed EEB members spoke at ELNI workshop on IE-D, Brussels
- 11 June EEB Industry Working Group meeting
- 23 June attended and participated to EEB Clean air Working Group meeting
- 8 September: meeting at German Federal Ministry of Environment
- 23-24 September: Attendance and speaking at IMPEL conference in Sibiu <http://www.gnm.ro/implementationconference/agenda.php>
- 3-4 November attended to Air pollution conference
- 3 December: attended to Ad-hoc IED meeting in Brussels. Presented views of EEB on quality assurance and guidelines for Sevilla Process
- 15-18 December: participate to Final TWG meeting on BAT conclusions for Glass BREF, Sevilla

Any Other Activities Accomplished

- input to Stoiber group on administrative burdens regarding recommendations on IPPC/IE-D

Publications and Press Releases (all available on www.eeb.org)

Press Releases

- 23 January: [A step in the right direction toward cleaning up industrial pollution](#)
- 11 March: [MEPs vote to reduce industrial pollution](#)
- 25 June. [Environment Council weakens controls on industrial emissions](#)

Publications

- February: [Metamorphosis No. 52, p. 6, Campaign Update, "Industrial Policy"](#)
- April: [Metamorphosis No. 53, p. 10, "Parliament fights off Industry attempts to weaken industrial emissions controls - Will the Environment Council give in?"](#)
- April: [Umweltaktuell p. 5 -7 "Regeln fuer Schornsteine: vergibt Europa die Chance, Schadstoffe an der Quelle zu vermeiden?"](#) (article available on subscription)

- November: Article for ELNI no2/2009 : « Current Discussions on the proposal for an Industrial Emissions Directive : Stronger role for Best Available Techniques ? (available on subscription)
- 4. December. Article in VDI Nachrichten (German newspaper) Nr. 49 “ Schlupfloch in EU-Richtlinie belastet Umwelt”

Results and Lessons Learned

As expected, plenty of very bad amendments were tabled by industry and certain Member States. The starting point was 533 amendments to the Commission Proposal and EEB succeeded in getting all of its 50 amendments tabled by shadow rapporteurs and other MEPs.

In regards to the ENVI vote we succeeded in getting a very strong committee report. We pushed for getting an ambitious “compromise package” and many of the worst amendments to get dropped under the “block votes”. There was a high risk of getting a vote on amendments that would have seriously weakened the Emission Limit Values and other requirements (especially regarding large combustion plants).

During plenary the strategy was to re-table a lot of "overshooting" amendments which was threatening the whole ENVI deal. At the end this would have been only in the interest of the EPP party. However the ALDE group voting list had a "-" on most of the EPP amendments, as promised by the Rapporteur Kraemer when the Greens withdrew some of our amendments tabled for plenary in order to make sure the report was not sent back to committee. EEB made sure to request roll call votes on the most important amendments, which in light of the upcoming elections surely achieved the desired effect.

All in all, the result of EPs first reading was a big relief, where it was (and has been throughout the process) close to turning out very bad. There are significant good elements in the adopted report, and on the whole apart from one amendment from the oil industry the main elements of the Commission Proposal have been upheld.

EEB is disappointed by the Common position of the Council: it supports that permit writers have to set ELVs that do not exceed the BAT associated emissions levels (BATAEL) but derogations because of “local conditions” are still possible. The Council thinks that one way of controlling the derogations would be to require the competent authority to provide the justification for that assessment and to allow the Commission to establish “guidance specifying the criteria to be taken into account” for this derogation.

On Large Combustion Plants EEB is deeply worried about the lenient stance by some Member States on existing LCPs, which contribute around 90% of NOx and SO2 of industrial emissions. The Council provides for the introduction of a 20.000 hours opt-out derogation provision. Additionally Member States may delay the new ELVs by further 5 years (until 2021) through the use of a Transitional national plan (TNP).

The Commission and Council failed to deal with derogations from BAT performance. The Presidency proposal even weakens the Commission’s mandate to remediate this problem. The current wording on derogations (Article 16.4) gives too much flexibility to competent authorities to deviate from BATAEL. Not having such criteria in the legal text could lead to “business as usual” (i.e. permits not reflecting BAT and therefore creating an unlevel playing field in the EU and downgrading environmental ambition).

The EEB will call upon the European Parliament to give the Council common position the highest priority and

- persist in its strong support for the extension of minimum environmental performance based on BATAEL to other industrial sectors not yet covered by the “European Safety Net”. This EU wide safeguard will limit the derogation facility.
- Considerably restrict the derogation facility from BATAEL (Art. 16.4), provide for criteria in the legal text on the local conditions
- Reject the possibility for some Member States that did not implement BAT for Large Combustion Plants to get further derogations and 5 years delay for modernizing existing large combustion plants (reject TNP (Art. 33b) and opt out derogation (Art. 33c))

Unbalanced lobbying forces and lack of NGO resources to counter the downgrading attempts realized by some Member States (UK, POL, ES, IT, FI, LV, LT, BG, RO) risks cancelling out the breakthroughs that were achieved in Parliament. Ensuring that the European Parliament does not give in to this downgrading of environmental ambition will be key in the ongoing process.

1.S. Standardisation

Activities Foreseen

- Involvement in ECOS management.
- Involvement in and coordination of specific CEN Working Groups

Lobbying Activities Accomplished

None.

EEB Events (Including Working Groups)

None.

General Events and Meetings

The EU Policy Unit Coordinator chaired an ECOS experts' meeting, the first organised in almost 3 years. It was an opportunity to have strategic feedback from individual experts from their various issues, to help strengthen ECOS' representation / preparation of positions and internal structures for easier liaison with the experts.

Four ECOS executive committee meetings and AGM were chaired. Focus for Policy Unit Coordinator (ECOS President) was in strengthening the Board in order to have more oversight support. Priority was in finding a Treasurer, and interviews were held with candidates for the position. In preparation for the AGM, Policy Unit Coordinator approached Brussels-based ECOS members to propose staff for Board representation. 2 new Board members have replaced 2 outgoing ones, with Brussels experience and strategic relevance for the organisation.

Any Other Activities Accomplished

None.

Publications and Press Releases (all available on www.eeb.org)

Press Releases

None.

Publications

None.

1.T. Preventing industrial hazards: Seveso Directive

Activities Foreseen

- Establish early contacts with the European Commission in the revision process
- Monitor and contribute to the studies performed in view of the revision process
- Feed in expertise and other key demands from EEB members to new proposal
- Create and coordinate EEB Seveso III working group
- Develop and defend EEB position.

Lobbying Activities Accomplished

- EEB experts provided input to CCA meetings

EEB Events (Including Working Groups)

- 11 June: EEB Industry Working Group meeting. The afternoon session dealt with Seveso III proposal to which the desk officer at DG ENV (Tobias Biermann) attended. EEB members from various countries participated to the event, in total 18 participants.

General Events and Meetings

- 16 April: meeting with Seveso II desk officer of DG ENV
- 22-24 April: EEB expert attended and participated to CCA meeting in Prague
- 4-5 June: EEB expert attended and participated to CCA meeting in Ispra
- 10 November: participated together with 2 EEB experts to stakeholder consultation meeting at the Committee of the Regions. Presented EEB position on review.
- Mid December: drafted and sent EEB ideas paper on Seveso II review to DG ENV desk officer (consultation exercise)

Any Other Activities Accomplished

Initiated discussion and drafting of position paper on Seveso II revision. Participated and submitted EEB ideas paper on Seveso II review through the public consultation by DG ENV.

Publications and Press Releases (all available on www.eeb.org)

Ideas paper for Seveso

Results and Lessons Learned

The Seveso II Directive will undergo a review at the end of 2009 and it is expected that a new Commission proposal would be adopted in second half of 2010. So far no Environmental NGO is actively following this file. Considering the crucial importance of securing an ambitious regulatory framework for these highest risks installations that puts prevention and precaution at the centre, the need for strong NGO involvement during the review process should be considered. However, EEB seriously lacks staff capacity to follow this file. The likely outcome of the environmental ambition of the proposal depends on the extent of EEB involvement –and re-allocation of priorities- to be decided by the Board.

1.U. Towards and effective environmental liability directive

Activities Foreseen

- Exchange information on enforcement (or lack of it). If new laws are used at all, lead to improvements, if work and cooperation of Competent Authorities (CA) is satisfactory etc.
- Identify shortcomings, if appearing in a recurrent way consider preparation of a strategic complaint
- Start preparing ENGO comments for 2010 Commission report paying particular attention to the aspect of financial security
- Joint EEB J&E workshop October or November 2009

EEB Events (Including Working Groups)

- 18-19 September, Brussels. Enforcement workshop with J&E, one of the workshop sessions was dedicated to the ELD with a presentation from the Commission and one from J&E followed by a long discussion resulting in similar conclusions as in the past. We have too little experience from cases that involve the ELD and consequently it is difficult to evaluate the effectiveness of the directive.. (more see below 'Results')

General Events and Meetings

- 10 July: Participation at Commission workshop on "Implementation Efficiency of the ELD"

Any Other Activities Accomplished

J&E continues up-dating of the transposition table. No EEB activities at present, foreseen for 2nd term in co-operation with J&E. This will be one of the issues for discussion at the planned joint seminar in fall.

Results and Lessons Learned

It was clear from the beginning that the ELD is a complicated Directive to transpose as it leaves too many options and for some of the areas covered by the ELD national legislation existed already. This has been confirmed by the extremely slow transposition process and the fact that we are still not aware of any case which made reference to the ELD.

At present we are still waiting for cases with reference to the ELD. This is probably partly due to the extremely slow transposition of the directive but also due to its complexity and the lack of jurisprudence serving as a precedent showing that reference to the ELD can work. We seem to be in a kind of vicious circle.

Besides, without concrete cases it is difficult for us to identify shortcomings, one of the activities we had foreseen. At the September workshop planned we will however start a discussion on possible comments for the 2010 Commission assessment and consider at the same time the pros and cons of asking for a revision of the directive.

2.A. Sustainable Development

2.a.1. Sustainability Agenda [LATER CALLED "SPRING ALLIANCE"]

Activities Foreseen

- **Jan 09:** Kick-off conference in Brussels with all potential partners, with workgroups on specific issues (new economic model, infrastructures to address future challenges, climate/energy, and tools for sustainable development, rural development, land use, water, biodiversity and fisheries)
- **Feb-May 09:** 5-ongoing workgroups to elaborate Spring Alliance Manifesto. 25th March Secretary General took part in panel discussion on Sustainable Development and Corporate Social Responsibility, at the Les Echo/Federe annual conference in Paris.
- Ad-hoc WG on EU budget review.
- **May – Jun:** Compilation of results Manifesto by editorial committee
- **Jun-Jul 09:** 17 June 2009 Brussels, Spring Alliance Conference sorting out possible conflicting views.
- **22 July 09:** Manifesto presentation by the executive steering committee to President EC
- **24 July:** Presentation Manifesto to the Informal EU Ministers Environmental Council Energy (23) and Competitiveness Councils (25) in Sweden.
- **Sept 09:** Spring Alliance High Level Conference "Putting People and Planet first: EU leadership for a social and green strategy post 2010" Brussels (EESC 28 Sept. followed by reception with MEPs).
- **Sept – Dec** Presentation of the Manifesto with representatives of Commission (new potential Commissioners), Swedish Presidency, Members of Reflection Group, President new EP, etc. TBC
- Presentation of the Manifesto publication at various events where the future of the EU, the tasks of the Commission will be discussed, and stimulate MEPs to include relevant elements in the hearings of the candidate Commissioners.
- Approaching the Swedish Presidency with proposals on how the Councils of Ministers and the European Council can support the agenda or elements of it.
- **Nov 09:** Seeking debate with the European Commission on how the new Lisbon agenda, and (at a slightly later stage) the proposals for the future Common Agriculture and Cohesion Policies as well as the Financial Perspective 2014-2020 can reflect the civil society agenda.
- **Nov 09:** EEB –Green Budget Europe event in Spain ahead the Spanish Presidency "A conference on greening the EU economy' morning part: "Spanish Leadership in formulating new economic agenda for the EU " From Competitiveness and Growth" to "People and Planet": changing the Lisbon Strategy into a sustainable development programme. (TBC)

Lobbying Activities Accomplished

In General: see also the chapter on 2.C. "Promoting Eco-Innovation", as the promotion of the Spring Alliance Manifesto was closely linked to the work the EEB did on eco-innovation before and during the Swedish Presidency.

- Joint EEB / ETUC / Social Platform letter to the Spring Summit (13/03/09) :
- "Make sure that short term recovery measures fit in a long term vision of a society that works for social progress, protects the environment and redistributes wealth'. http://www.eeb.org/activities/General/documents/090319_ETUC-EEB-Social%20Platform_Joint%20letter_SPRINGsummit-FINAL.pdf
- Meeting with EC-SG Programme Planning Unit (12/05/09) to present Spring Alliance and discuss synergies in planning of future activities. New meeting planned for wk 37/38 with Tonnie de Koster (Lisbon team leader), DG Unit Strategic Objective Security and External Responsibility.
- Letters to the Ministers for Environment, Energy, Economic and Financial Affairs, presenting EEB's views on the eco-innovation initiative of the Swedish Presidency and including reference to the Spring Alliance Manifesto.
- Letter to Swedish Minister about follow up Informal Council on eco-efficiency (31 July)
- Letter to EC President JM Barroso to present the Biodiversity Rescue Plan that is mentioned in the Spring Alliance Manifesto (and got his attention).
- Presentation, in writing, of the Manifesto to all the presidents of the political groups in the European Parliament.

EEB/Spring Alliance Events (Including Working Groups)

Jan-April: Spring Alliance - steering committee meetings (7) April – Aug : (9) – editorial committees (5-7) – Communication / Press Officers – Web designer meetings (3)

29-30 January 2009: Kick off conference

March / April / May / June: 5 WG meetings in + ad-hoc meeting on EU- Budget – WG – leaders and steering committee and pre-consultation meeting (8 June).

19 May Meeting with Karl Wagner – consultant WWF – Stefan Scheuer consultant Planet Earth Europe.

27/28 May: Participation at EEB SCP conference and working group

17 June 2009, Brussels: Spring Alliance Conference (Manifesto) 30/06: Meeting with EESC – logistics / preparations Conference September

23 July: Meeting with European Climate Foundation representative

10 September: representatives of the Spring Alliance steering committee met with Mr. Tonnie Erik de Koster, team leader of the Lisbon strategy for growth and jobs and the European Economic Recovery Plan at the **EC Secretariat General**.

18 September, **an Outreach Strategy Lunch briefing** was briefed for Spring Alliance supporters to shortly get briefed about the campaign up-dates and to discuss political developments.

28 September 2009 Brussels: High level Conference Spring Alliance for EU decision makers followed by reception MEPs (and EEB AGM 29 September).

General Events and Meetings

12-02-2009 : Deutsche Bank Lunch briefing: Sustainability – "If not Now when?" - External

23- 02-2009 : EC DG Employment, Social Affairs and equal opportunities Workshop:

'Scientific Support for promoting social fairness in sustainable development'

24-02-2009 : EC DG Employment, Social Affairs and equal opportunities Conference:

'Social Fairness in Sustainable Development - A Green and Social Europe

26-02-2009: ETUI Lecture 'Assessing environmentally friendly policies from a labour and social perspective'

17-03-2009: PES Meeting with Green 10 : PES manifesto “People first a new direction for Europe”

31-03-2009: The Resource Efficiency Alliance / European Economic and Social Committee and European Partners for the Environment (EPE) Conference: “ From Economic Recovery Action Plan(s) to an EU Green New Deal.

02-04-2009: WWF Colloquium: Beyond GDP: “The ecological footprint in Belgium”

03-04-2009: Global Progressive Forum: PES Conference” The New Globalisation for Progressive Change” (European Parliament)

14/15-04-2009: OECD NGO meeting Sustainable Development 15-04-2009: European Economic and Social Committee: “A programme for Europe: proposals from civil society. The EESC meets leading representatives of the European Parliament’s political groups.

16-04-2009: VODO/Club of Rome - European Parliament (hosted by MEP Bart Staes): Conference “Social Sustainable Degrowth”

21-04-2009: SERI/ Sustainable Development Commission / Austrian Ministry of Environment “Redefining Growth and Prosperity” (Growth In Transition framework).

18/19 -06-09: European Sustainable Development Network (Prague)

24-06-2009: Breakfast meeting EURESA / Pour la Solidarite (Think Thank): Insurances and SD objectives.

29-06-2009: ETUI seminar: EU responses to the financial crisis and alternatives to GDP as an element of paradigm shift.

02-09-2009: EESC meeting with President Mario Sepi.; about the Spring Alliance, but also about relationship environmental NGOs with EESC.

Any Other Activities Accomplished

EEB promoted the participation in, and outcome of, the Spring Alliance in many occasions, in speeches, meetings, etc.

Publications and Press Releases (all available on www.eeb.org & www.springalliance.eu)

Press Releases

- Kick Off Conference: joint press release by EEB-ETUC-SP January 28, 2009
- 28th September: Civil society and trade unions come face to face with President Barroso on EU priorities

Publications

- February: Metamorphosis No. 53, p. 10, “In the midst of crises: setting a green and social agenda for the next decade”
- March: Spring Alliance January 2009 conference summary: Preparing for EU Leadership on sustainability: A social and green agenda for the next decade
- June. Preparing for EU leadership on sustainability – a social and green agenda for the next decade. Proceedings from the Kick Off Conference, January 2009.
- July: Joint EEB and Green Budget Europe response to European Commission consultation on the expiry of Regulation (EC) No 1407/2002 on State aid to the coal industry
- July. Metamorphosis 54. Editorial “Five more years with Barroso? Follow the Spring Alliance!!”
- July: Final Manifesto www.springalliance.eu
- September: Flyer flower shaped Manifesto 2 pager for lobby activities
- In-Brief: Regular up-dates / announcements on Spring Alliance

Results and Lessons Learned

The idea of a Spring Alliance got a great response from the two original partners of the EEB: ETUC and Social Platform. Together we decided to invite Concord as well, in order to have organisations directly involved that focus on the external/global dimension. We also approached BEUC, the umbrella of consumers organisations, but in the end it declined, as it felt it did not have the mandate on behalf of its members to agree on some of the positions taken (outside scope of its work). The Manifesto was finally agreed by the Steering Group of the four organisations, but with taking into account as much as possible the opinions and interests of some organisations that were not under these umbrellas, such as other European environmental organisations. The Spring Alliance created great expectations with officials from Environmental Ministries, Commission officials, right up to President Barroso. The enthusiasm clearly stems from the fact that we managed to bring a range of civil society formations together.

We have the impression that it somewhat influenced the Policy Guidelines and the EU-2020 consultation, but not too much. A disappointment was that besides the Greens, none of the political groups put environment and sustainable development high on the agenda in their debate with President Barroso, and that President Barroso himself constantly emphasizes how much his hands are tight by the reluctance of Member States to engage in common social policies.

The results of the Spring Alliance were remarkable in particular in the context of an economic recession which put in particular the ETUC under great pressure. Despite this, it could agree, in line with its involvement in the “Spring Group” before, to keep up with its earlier position on climate change, on environmental fiscal reform, and agree on ambitious biodiversity, agriculture and resource efficiency demands.

The decision of the EEB to hire a full-time coordinator for the year 2009 proved to be very important.

2.A.2 REVIEW OF THE EU SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT STRATEGY

[The Work programme 2009 did not mention specific Activities Foreseen. In fact, what was on the table was the review of the EU Sustainable Development Strategy that was agreed by the European Council in 2006]

Lobby Activities accomplished

In the first half of the year the EEB had to wait for the Commission to finally come out with its review of the SDS. EEB had contacts with staff who told that the review would be more meaningful than two years before. EEB had a few occasions to make specific comments. We focussed on the lack of a strong institutional framework for the SDS, for example at the ESDN event in Prague we participated in.

Since the meeting in Stockholm on 15 May we kept informal contacts with the Prime-Minister team and some officials of other governments. Written comments were sent at several moments, to members of the special working group “Friends of the Chair”. And EEB mentioned this issue in its Swedish Ten Tests.

Meetings

15 May: met officials in the Swedish Prime-Minister’s office to discuss the review of the SDS
18-19/6: took part in, gave speech and in panel of European Sustainable Development Network.

30/9: spoke at meeting of NGOs connected to the Council of Europe, in Strassbourg.

2/10: spoke at EESC conference on the global dimension of sustainable development.

3-4/11: missed meeting of European Sustainable Development Network because of accident.

Publications and Press-releases

- 27 September: “Mainstreaming, move from words to deeds”, EEB position on the review http://www.eeb.org/activities/sustainable_development/documents/092709_EEB_Comments_Progress_report_SDS.pdf
- 4 December: letter to Members of the European Council, with demands on the review.
- 11 December: EUROPEAN COUNCIL SHORT ON SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT, Missed opportunity to show leadership,
- 27 September: “Mainstreaming, move from words to deeds”, EEB position on the review

RESULTS AND LESSONS LEARNT

The EUSDS is marginalized, there is no pressure inside or outside the Commission to work on its implementation. The only two genuine issues in the SDS (so not also part of other policies) are the publication of a roadmap on phasing out of hazardous subsidies and the development of a 50 year vision. They are not being published, on the vision not even work has been done, except for energy.

EEB had some influence on the report through its emphasis on institutional strengthening. Some of its ideas were suggested by the Commission.

The Swedish Presidency set up a special team to work on a substantial conclusion from the December European Council. It did not have an easy job, as many governments were not ambitious on this file. However, in the end, nothing substantial was said by Europe’s leaders. It is puzzling how Prime-Minister Rieffelt set up such a process and ignored the results.

2.B. Making the market work for the environment

Activities Foreseen

- Maintain EEB Environmental Fiscal Reform group, to exchange experiences on the national level and to mobilise for EU progress. One or two meetings a year, likely to be at least partly connected to Green Budget Europe activities.
- Assist Green Budget Europe through its Steering Committee.
- Closely track follow-up to initiatives and proposals, based on discussions of Green Paper on Market Based Instruments published in March 2007; also follow up proposals and work to review the Energy Tax Directive [published in 2008].
- Continue to promote EU environmental fiscal reform
- Promote removal of subsidies which harm environment; based on Commission roadmap [when it comes out], prepare relevant actions and initiatives
- Develop specific activities to promote Greening of Public Procurement, including responding to Commission initiatives as follow-up of SDS.
- Highlight the need for market instruments for environment in the Lisbon Process.

Lobbying Activities Accomplished

- 10 February: EEB sent letter of GBE to EP on the Eurovignette.
- 19 February: letter to all Commissioners urging them not to withdraw on a proposal for reduction of VAT on Energy Efficient products. Distribution of this letter to EEB members and national governments.

- 3 April: meeting at DG Taxud with Director Wiedow about the stalled work on the Package on Greening Taxation. Other participants: Green Budget Europe and Transport & Environment
- 4 Nov: spoke at ACCA seminar on Green Taxation in a Recession. Other speakers included representatives from DG TAXUD

EEB Events (Including Working Groups)

- 18 July: Meeting of EEB Working Group on Environmental Fiscal Reform, London
- 27 Nov: Meeting of EEB Working Group on Environmental Fiscal Reform, Madrid

General Events and Meetings

- January, March and Dec: 3 telephone conference calls with GBE Steering Committee
- 29 April: Steering Committee meeting Green Budget Europe in Prague, with dinner with Vice-Minister Bizkova and press-conference.
- 15 July: Steering Committee meeting Green Budget Europe in London.
- 17 July: Sec Gen spoke at the GBE Annual Conference on Greening the EU budget.
- 26 Nov: Joint EEB and GBE seminar, Madrid: 'Environmental Fiscal Reform And Its Contribution To A Green Economy'
- 30 Nov: Attended DG TAXUD Conference: 'What Taxation for a Low Carbon Economy?'

Any Other Activities Accomplished

- EEB took part in the start of preparations for the next GBE conference, which will be held on the 17th July in London.
- Within the framework of the Spring Alliance we promoted EEB's views on environmental fiscal reform.

Publications and Press Releases (all available on www.eeb.org)

Press Releases

- 20 February: Press Alert: EEB implores European Commission to heed calls for green VAT breaks

Publications

- February: Metamorphosis No. 52, p. 8 – guest article from EEB Member Green Budget Germany – “Reform of company car tax in Germany: urgent and long overdue”
- July: Joint EEB and Green Budget Europe response to European Commission consultation on the expiry of Regulation (EC) No 1407/2002 on State aid to the coal industry
- October: Joint paper, and summary with GBE on Greening the Energy Tax Directive
- October: Metamorphosis No.55 p.10 – ‘Is it Now or Never? Edging Towards EU Wide Energy and CO2 Taxes’
- Dec: Memorandum to Spanish Presidency and Ten Tests

Results and Lessons Learned

Finance Ministers dominate the debate on using fiscal instruments and environmental objectives are of no importance to them. This Commission will not take further initiatives, so it is up to the next Commission to take this up again. Green fiscal reform is rising up the agenda again, stimulated by interest from the Swedish Presidency, plans from France to introduce a carbon tax from 2011 as well as significant national deficits.

It is expected that the Commission will revise the Energy Tax Directive in 2010, however there remains much speculation on the shape of the revision and the level of ambition that the Commission will pursue.

If EEB wishes to see a strong revision, we will need to spend more time and efforts to guarantee this, for example, more public literature and circulating our arguments more widely.

We continue to work consistently with Green Budget Europe, and with strong effect. It is important however that we work with other organisations to broaden our constituency in this area and to reach new audiences. This is particularly important in terms of forming new alliances with potential winners of a strong green tax reform in Europe, such as the renewable energy industries who have so far been fairly silent.

2.C. Promotion of Eco-Innovation

Activities Foreseen

- Follow and comment on EU discussions on support for innovation, aiming to direct more support to eco-innovation

Activities Accomplished

Separated in

2.C.1.: Activities related to the Swedish Presidency initiative on Eco-Efficient Economy

2.C.2.: Other activities, including participation in an Expert Group on reform of the European Technology Platforms.

2.C.1.: Activities related to the Swedish Presidency initiative on Eco-Efficient Economy

Lobbying Activities Accomplished

- Letter to Swedish Minister about follow up Informal Council on eco-efficiency (31 July), commenting on the presidency conclusions of the Informal Council and making suggestions.
- 29/9: letter to Swedish Finance Minister on preparations for EcFin debate.
- Letter ahead of the Environment Council of 21 October <http://www.eeb.org/activities/letter%20to%20the%20%20Environmental%20Ministers%2022nd%20September%2009.pdf> including text on eco-efficient economy
- Informal contacts with the Presidency and other governments to seek to maximise support for the tax reform element in the Presidency's proposals.
- 1/10: letter to Competitiveness Council on Eco-Efficient Economy.
- 21/10: press-release on results Environment Council

EEB Events (Including Working Groups)

None.

General Events and Meetings

- In the first half of the year, EEB had several contacts with the Swedish Environment Ministry, including speaking about the upcoming Presidency in which it would launch a debate about an eco-efficient economy.
- 24/7: speech at the Informal Environment Ministers Council and paper produced beforehand. Input for Environment and Energy Informal Councils in moving towards Eco-efficient societies <http://www.eeb.org/activities/General/documents/EEB-input-informal-councils-energy-env-220709.pdf>

Publications and Press Releases (all available on www.eeb.org)

Press-releases:

- 23 July: [EEB calls for radical and comprehensive EU eco-efficiency policies](#)
- 7 December: [EEB tells European Council: Time to push for an eco-efficient economy](#)

Publications:

- [Input for Environment and Energy Informal Councils in moving towards Eco-efficient societies](#)

Results and Lessons Learned

The concept of an eco-efficient economy as a key theme for the Swedish Presidency was a good idea. It went beyond earlier debates which were mainly focussing on green technologies as new elements on the market, not the market itself.

At a meeting on the 1st September with the G-10, Minister Carlgren said it was the EEB Sec-Gen who persuaded him to launch the eco-efficient economy project. It started well, and thanks to the key-note speech EEB's Secretary General held at the Informal Environment Ministers council, environmental tax reform as a major tool for greening the market was on the agenda for a while. It became the big concrete issue to fight for. Despite mobilisation of supporters in the Working Group of the Council, the resistance of in particular the UK remained too strong. And in the end, due to lack of commitment of Prime-Minister Rieffelt, nothing of the four informal council debates was reflected in the December European Council meetings.

For the EEB this was a great opportunity to revitalize the debate on environmental fiscal reform.

2.C.2. Other activities, including participation in an Expert Group on reform of the European Technology Platforms.

Sec-Gen agreed to take part in an **Expert Group on European Technology Platforms**. This ETP group is to give advice on how to make such Platforms more relevant to society. These Platforms bring together businesses to discuss better coordination of research and innovation around certain themes and are to advise the Commission on where the needs are for research funding. The group started early 2009 and finished 1st September 2009. The Sec-Gen produced for this group a paper clarifying what are the "grand challenges" for the EEB with an eye on the role of these Technology Platforms. This was in the end included in the paper, as one of the annexes.

MEETINGS:

- January: Two Pre-meetings at DG Research for Sec-Gen's membership in the European Technology Platforms Expert Group.

- Jan-September: Six meetings of ETP. Sec Gen presented paper on Grand Challenges for approval at the final meeting on 21 April.
- 2 meetings with DG Markt: getting to know each other meeting with EEB, FoE, ECOS, WWF, Greenpeace attending one or other meeting. DG Markt is relevant in EEB's work on public procurement, VAT-reductions, EuP - although DG Markt seldom leads on these dossiers the Internal Market influence they have is strong
- 23 February. Sec Gen was a panellist in a Conference on "Scientific Support for Promoting Social Fairness in Sustainable Development"
- 4 June – Policy Unit Coordinator took part in ENDS debate entitled 'Can Innovation lead us out of the Climate Crisis?', alongside representatives of industry, European Commission and market players.
- 5 November - Policy Unit Coordinator makes presentation at Oko-Institut annual conference in Brussels on 'Green Transformation towards a Sustainable Industrial Policy for Europe'
- 12 November - Policy Unit Coordinator makes presentation at DG RTD event 'Strengthening the role of R&D in boosting eco-innovation and eco-efficiency' and submits views on priorities for upcoming calls
- 23-24 November - Policy Unit Coordinator attends kick-off meeting of PROSUITE FP7 project as EEB is a member of the advisory board. The project will develop tools for sustainability assessment of technologies, including on nanotechnology and carbon capture and storage

Publications and Press Releases

None

Results and Lessons Learned

The ETP group mainly consisted of people that are active in one or more Technology platforms and it is difficult as outsiders to grasp what exactly is the relevance of the advice. However, the Sec-Gen's checklist for grand challenges was appreciated, so it may have some impact.

2.D. Lisbon Process

[No Activities Foreseen were laid down in the Work programme 2009, only Aims]

Activities concerning the Lisbon Process were almost entirely incorporated in the work on the Spring Alliance (2.A.1.)

Activities Accomplished

- 12 March: EEB, ETUC and Social Platform sent common letter to the Spring Council on how to respond to the economic crisis in an environmentally and socially sound manner.

RESULTS AND LESSONS LEARNT:

Important that we could send a common message in such difficult times.

2.E. Energy Policy

Activities Foreseen

- See also 1.B. (Climate Change), 2.B. (Financial Instruments), 2.G. (Transport)
- On CCS, play active part in discussions leading to adoption and implementation of Directive on Carbon Capture and Geological Storage
- Under 'clean coal', we shall work towards developing definition for best available technology and obligations for its use
- Energy Efficiency in Buildings:
Given the large potential in energy savings, EEB decided to take the review of the Directive on Energy Efficiency in Buildings (EPBD) as reason to work on this more intensively. EEB works with CECODHAS (The European Liaison Committee for Social Housing), Eurima (European umbrella of insulation materials producers) and others. EEB started discussions with members about a project to push for more systematic government programmes for renovation with purpose to reduce energy use in housing, with EU co-funding, and started work on pushing for improvements in the EPBD. We are discussing with the European Climate Foundation about possible financial support.

Lobbying Activities Accomplished

EEB produced a position paper on the Energy Efficiency in Buildings Directive (see below under Publications for link) and had meetings with MEPs ahead of the first reading vote.

EEB produced a second, updated working paper on the Energy Performance of Buildings Directive.

June – Aug meetings with representatives of the Swedish Presidency and a number of MEPs to promote our positions and exchange ideas.

Oct – Dec: Series of meetings with representatives of Swedish Presidency, MEPs and Perm Reps on the EPBD

- 7 Oct: Joint NGO meeting with DG Tren, Head of Taskforce on Energy Efficiency Action Plan
- 8 Oct: Attended ECF organised 'speed dating' event in EP to meet MEPs and discuss the EPBD

EEB Events (Including Working Groups)

- 9 February: CECODHAS in partnership with EEB and ETUC event – “Energy efficiency in housing and in the work place: Unlocking the potential of EU policies to reach the 2020 Goals” - Social Housing sector, Trade Unions and green NGOs proposals to the COPENHAGEN Climate Summit (Part of EU Energy Week). EEB's Sec-Gen took part in the concluding session and several EEB members were sponsored to take part.
- 22 & 23 June: Meeting of EEB Working Group on Energy Efficiency.
- 16 Oct: Meeting of EEB Working Group on Energy Efficiency in Buildings

General Events and Meetings

- 18 June: CP spoke at European Policy Centre, Brussels, on the EPBD. Other speakers included Commission officials from DG TREN.
- 14 Oct: Helped organise the Cool Products Conference in the EP. Sec Gen spoke to introduce the manifesto
- 17 Nov: Attended FoEE and Bankwatch event on Cohesion and Structural Funds and energy policy

Any Other Activities Accomplished

- Secured funding from the European Climate Foundation for a one year project, from July 2009, involving eight EEB member groups on the EPBD and national implementation.
- September and October: Helped draft the Cool Products manifesto

Publications and Press Releases (all available on www.eeb.org)

Press Releases

- 16 February: Fight climate change with the Buildings Directive - Zero energy homes require greater ambition
- 13/10/09 Green groups demand new EU laws to end energy wastage in buildings
- 18/11/09 EU falls short in eco-standards for buildings

Publications

- February: EEB Position on the Recast of the Energy Performance of Buildings Directive
- February: Metamorphosis No. 52, p.11: "A conference on energy efficiency in housing: EU tools to unlock the potential"
- May: Letter to EU Energy Ministers on EPBD recast ahead of energy working group meetings.
- May: Letter to Commissioner Piebalgs on EPBD recast ahead of working group meetings.
- July: Metamorphosis No. 54, "Building Foundations and breaking down walls: Improving energy performance of our buildings"
- July: EEB Working Position Paper on the Recast of the Energy Performance of Buildings Directive
- July: Joint letter from EEB, EURIMA, WWF, and EuroACE to all 27 Energy and Environment Ministers ahead of the Informal meetings of Energy and Environment Ministers in Åre, Sweden
- July: EEB response to the Commission consultation on the evaluation and revision of the Energy Efficiency Action Plan
- EEB Parliamentary BRIEFING - ENERGY PERFORMANCE OF BUILDINGS
- Oct: Joint NGO Letter to relevant Commissioners, Ministers, MEPs and Attachés on the EPBD
- Nov: Joint NGO Letter to President Barroso on the revised EEAP
- Dec: Memorandum to Spanish Presidency and Ten Tests

Results and Lessons Learned

The final agreement is an improvement on the Commission proposal. However, it is much weaker than the Parliament's first reading and is not as ambitious as the EEB had called for – in terms of scope, urgency and the range of measures required. All buildings built from the end of 2020 onwards must have high energy-saving standards ('Nearly Zero Energy') and be powered to a large extent by renewable energy. Public authorities' building projects are to lead the way two years earlier, after 2018. While the standards are strong, these deadlines are too late to help meet the EU's emission reduction targets for 2020. But the main opportunity for improvements lie in existing buildings for which no specific targets have been set but new requirements for increased efficiency on all major renovations which are likely to be insufficient. Much is left open to Member States to decide which measures to take to transform the existing building stock. We welcome the recognition that all components of a building, such as windows, roofs, fittings etc have a significant impact to the energy performance and are therefore included. Despite calls from the EEB and the Parliament, no

new funds, or options of innovative fiscal incentives such as reduced VAT for energy saving services and products were introduced. Rather than addressing it in the Directive itself, further assessment of financial resources is expected by the Commission and Member States in 2011 and therefore delaying the urgently required decisions in this area.

2.F. Agriculture

Activities Foreseen

- Coordinate and strengthen EEB WG on Agriculture. Two meetings during year
- Continue to coordinate ENGO involvement in official advisory committees on agriculture from Commission
- Exchange information on implementing reformed CAP in Member States
- Support EEB's representative in Stakeholder forum on European Food Security Agency
- In context of revision of Biofuels Directive, engage in debate on agriculture and energy
- Initial discussions on our involvement in the upcoming debate on the CAP budget past 2013
- Working on Pillar 1 payments (how can these be made effective in a situation where market prices are higher and will remain so)
- A thorough look at how Article 69 provisions are used (national envelopes)
- Follow up work on Health Check proposals [in case the Council does not approve these already in 2008]

Lobbying Activities Accomplished

None.

EEB Events (Including Working Groups)

None.

General Events and Meetings

6 February. Secretary General went with Nurcan (EEB's new secretary) to visit DG Agri to meet new contact person for NGO involvement in the DG Agri advisory committees.

7-8 June Participated in a kick off meeting of developing joint CAP vision organised by BirdLife.

13-14 October Participated in the second meeting for developing a joint CAP vision.

14 December Participated in meeting with high level DG AGRI official to present the common NGO vision.

Any Other Activities Accomplished

None. See also section 1D on GMOs.

Publications and Press Releases (all available on www.eeb.org)

December: [Proposal for a new Common Agricultural Policy](#)

Results and Lessons Learned

Little to no activities on agriculture took place due to continuing lack of staff capacity. In June BirdLife initiated a process to develop a joint blue print for a new CAP post 2013 by organising a two day workshop. The EEB participated at this meeting as it provides an opportunity for the EEB network to be involved in CAP discussion with minimal investment of

time. More-over EEB Member Stichting Natuur and Milieu committed to supporting this involvement by coordinating the EEB's consultation of the first draft papers. The end result was that the EEB could sign up to a common NGO vision on how CAP subsidies could be spend in a more sensible way.

2.G. Transport

Activities Foreseen

- Close cooperation with European Federation for Transport & Environment regarding CO₂-cars and fuel quality
- Continuing involvement in biofuels discussion, including monitoring real impacts of EU policies, led by EEB Biodiversity Working Group

Lobbying Activities Accomplished

Throughout the whole period regular meetings with officials in DG TREN and ENV and EEB policy office took place.

First contacts were made with new MEP's to prepare for an EP event on biofuels and bioenergy on November 11 in cooperation with BirdLife, T&E and the German Marshall Fund.

EEB Events (Including Working Groups)

None.

General Events and Meetings

16 July. EEB Policy officer and expert took part in pre-consultation meeting of Commission on iluc impacts of biofuels.

Any Other Activities Accomplished

See also activities related to biofuels under Section 1D, Biodiversity.

Publications and Press Releases (all available on www.eeb.org)

- EEB Policy briefing of the EU's revised biofuels and bioenergy policy:
- [Submission of EEB, together with other NGO's, to 'pre-consultation' on ILUC](#)
- [Joint NGO position on why and how to avoid ILUC impacts of biofuels](#)

Results and Lessons Learned

Although little of the EEB's original demands for a more responsible and cautious policy on biofuels and bioenergy made it into the Directive, the proposals the Commission is currently preparing as a follow up now offer an important window of opportunity to addressing this. Most importantly are the proposals which aim to regulate the indirect land use change impacts of biofuels and general sustainability impacts of bio-energy policies. Although again DG TREN, supported by DG AGRI and a wide range of industry groups is trying hard to avoid it, the one and only immediate option for addressing iluc impacts that is currently on the table and supported by EEB, an iluc correction factor looks increasingly more likely of being proposed. On the side of bio-energy things look a lot more troublesome. Discussions with the Commission have revealed that the Commission is expected to deal with bio-energy sustainability aspects through a new Directive. In their impact assessment for this Directive they have however completed omitted to assess the short term GHG impacts that an increased mobilisation of biomass is going to have on existing carbon stocks. Given the important role that bio-energy is expected to play in the meeting of the 20% renewable target

this could completely undermine the potentially positive GHG impacts of the use of more bio-energy.

3.A. Greening European Parliament and Commission

Activities Foreseen

- Support of national environmental movements in their election campaigns.
- In addition to the Green 10 manifesto (finished and distributed in 2008) provide update on different policy issues, arguments and questions for discussions and, if possible, pledges for the MEP candidates. Will be partly prepared by the Green 10.
- Soon after the new MEPs took up their work in Brussels find ways to get in touch with them and make sure they get to know us.
- Advise MEPs on their discussion with the candidate Commissioners
- Contact new Commission on environment, sustainable development and environmental policy integration.

Lobbying Activities Accomplished

- 10 June: Green 10 published "Off Target", an evaluation of the Barroso-I Commission, with a press conference. This had good press-coverage. Press-release at <http://www.green10.org/>
- Welcome letter to new MEPs
- 8 July: wrote leaders political groups in EP about Off Track report in relation to discussion with/about Barroso-II
- EEB Contributed to Euractiv dossier on Barroso-I
- 9 September: sent letter to leaders of the 5 main EP groups about the Policy Guidelines next Commission by Barroso.
- 19 September: EEB sent congratulations letter to Barroso.
- 28 September: reception with new MEPs at the end of the annual conference
 - Preparation of welcome information package for new MEPs to be distributed at the reception on 28 September and sent to the others thereafter 24 September and 13 November, G-10 sent letters to President Barroso opposing the idea of splitting DG Environment and DG Climate, pleading for a strong link between those issues [not published]. Coordination by WWF
 - November: EEB coordinated formulation of questions for MEPs to consider for the hearings with Commissioners-designate [not published]. They were distributed to 12 committees, covering 14 Commissioners-designate, on 3 and 4 December.
 - 22 December: Green 10, coordinated by EEB, wrote letter to Members of the European Parliament asking them to intervene in decision of President Barroso to remove several parts of DG Environment to other DG's, including the setting up of a separate DG Climate. Copy was sent to Environment Ministers and relevant Commissioners-designate.

EEB Events (Including Working Groups)

- Green 10 reception with new MEPs took place on 1 September and was a great success. We had more than 90 participants from the EP including over 40 MEPs from different political groups and different committees. Jo Leinen, new chair of the Environment Committee gave a short welcome speech.

- 28 September: after the EEB Spring Alliance event, EEB invited MEPs for a reception at the EESC.

General Events and Meetings

- 30 April: Graham Watson, MEP, UK liberal and possible candidate as EP President, invited ENGOs for a discussion meeting

Any Other Activities Accomplished

- Regular information of EEB members on election activities and programmes and websites of political parties via the internal electronic newsletter In Brief.
- EEB Board sent members a draft letter with 12 questions for candidates encouraging them to adapt it according to their interests and priorities and send it to the candidates in their country.

Publications and Press Releases (all available on www.eeb.org)

Press Releases

- Press briefing on G-10 letter of 22 December to EP, see above.

Publications

- April: Metamorphosis No. 53, editorial and pages 3-7, interviews with key people on their experiences working in or with European Parliament
- June OFF TARGET, assessment of Barroso-I Commission
- July - October issues of Metamorphosis: comments on President Barroso discussions.

Results and Lessons Learned

G10 manifesto was ready too late to discuss it with all political groups in the EP and the letter from the EEB Board was relatively late so that several member organisations had already sent their own letter/questionnaire.

G10 reception was a success, worth the effort and organised at the right moment.

3.B. Working with the Presidencies

Activities Foreseen

- Produce Memorandum and Ten Tests for Czech, Swedish and Spanish Presidencies
- Create opportunities for discussion between decision-makers and environmental NGO movement, including by organising two high-level meetings with ministers before Environmental Council
- Assess Czech and Swedish Presidencies
- Produce Priorities for 2010 (addressed to Spain, Belgium and Commission)
- Hold intensive contacts with environmental ministries of future Presidencies
- Possibly hold events related to Czech and/or Swedish Presidencies
- Engage with these Presidencies in the Agenda for the next decade.

Lobbying Activities Accomplished

EEB had ongoing contacts with Czech Presidency about the EU agenda. It developed such contacts also with Belgian and Swedish officials, and in particular also the Swedish Environment Minister. It also started to build up such contacts with Spanish officials, the Minister and State-Secretary. In the case of Belgium the contacts were with the Federal Ministry, the Flemish Ministry (to lead

- ongoing contacts with Esmeralda Borgo about EU agenda (Presidency next Autumn) as well as with organisers conference preparing for 7th EAP.

- January/February: informal input into discussion of 2010-11 Presidencies, via Belgian members.
- February/April: via SNF comments on preparatory work for the Informal Council of July, on Greening the Economy.
- Letter to Governments of Spain, Belgium and Hungary (as third member of the next Presidency group) as well as the European Commission: EEB'S PRIORITIES FOR THE EUROPEAN UNION FOR 2010 (7 April 2009)
- Gave advice to Czech Presidency on organisation of events/activities, including on Access to Justice in Brno (16-17 April) and events in June.

- 31/7: letter to Minister Carlgren encouraging him to draft Council conclusions on the Eco-Efficient Economy of a concrete nature.

- 22/9: sent letter to Economics Minister Oloffson as chair informal competitiveness council meeting in October, on eco-efficient economy.

EEB Events (Including Working Groups)

- 20 January. Co-organised a meeting between G-10 directors and Czech Minister Bursik and Vice-Minister Dusik in Brussels. Meeting was very informal, and was good opportunity for discussing priorities, ambitions and limitations.
- 21 January. With Board Member Esmeralda met with Roland Moreau, head of the Environment Ministry of Belgium, about future Presidencies (2010-2011).
- 3 March. EEB co-organised meeting between Ministers of Czech Republic, Sweden, Commissioner Dimas and Green 10 representatives the evening before the Environment Council. EEB spoke in particular about the recovery packages and IPPC.
- 11 March. Had meeting with Spanish EEB-members to discuss Spanish Presidency and current issues (including climate and trade).
- 11 March. Meeting with Minister Espinosa of Spain (Rural, Marine and Natural Environment) and senior officials about the Spanish Presidency. 15 May: meetings in Swedish Prime-Ministers office, Environment and Economic Affairs Ministries in preparation of the Presidency.

- 15 May: met officials in the Prime-Minister's office and the Ministries of Enterprise and of Environment in Sweden. Issues included the Lisbon Strategy and SDS as well as the Environment agenda during the Presidency.

- 1 September: meeting G-10 with Minister Carlgren about his priorities.

- 20 October: led G-10 delegation for meeting with Environmental Council ahead of its meeting in Luxembourg. Issues were Climate change, IPPC-review, Eco-efficiency and Biodiversity.

- 27 November: Board of the EEB had a meeting with Minister Espinosa of Spain, for a first discussion about EEB's priorities for 2010.

General Events and Meetings

- 11 June: speech and participation at meeting on future of environmental policies, Prague.
- 18-19 June: speech and participation annual conference of the ESDN (European Sustainable Development Network).

- 23-25 July: President and Sec-Gen participated in (part of) the informal councils Energy and Environment in Åre, Sweden. Gave keynote speech on eco-efficient economy and the spring alliance.

Any Other Activities Accomplished

- The papers mentioned were produced as foreseen, see below.
- With direct involvement of EEB's Board, a presentation of EEB's Priorities for 2010 was prepared and finalised and sent on the 7th of April to the governments of Spain, Belgium and Hungary (part of Presidency-trio) as well as all Commissioners.

Publications and Press Releases (all available on www.eeb.org)

Press Releases

- 25 June. Good on mercury and waste, bad on climate and enforcement. EEB assesses the Czech Presidency.
- 1 July. EEB's Ten Green Tests for the Swedish Presidency of the EU.
- 23 December: on Ten Green Test for the Spanish Presidency
- 23 December: EEB disappointed about overall performance of Swedish Presidency.

Publications

- January. EEB's Memorandum to the Czech Presidency (including the Ten Green Tests)
- 10 February: letter to March Environment Council
- February: Metamorphosis No. 52, p. 2 – "Expectations for the Czech Presidency" – Guest written by EEB Czech Member Organisation Arnika Association
- February: Metamorphosis No. 52, p. 2 – "The French Presidency: Great expectations, great frustrations" – Guest written by EEB French Board Member Georges Cingal
- February: Metamorphosis No. 52, p. 3 – "EEB's Ten Green Tests for the Czech Presidency"
- April 7: "EEB's priorities for the European union for 2010"
- 27th May: Letter to the June Environment Council
- 25 June: Assessment of the Czech Presidency
- 1 July. EEB's complete memorandum to the Swedish EU presidency.
- Metamorphosis No. 54, July 2009. Ten Tests for the 2009 Swedish Presidency.
- Metamorphosis No. 54, July 2009. "Modest results of the Czech Presidency"
- Metamorphosis no. 54, July 2009. "Expectations for the Swedish Presidency"
- Input for Environment and Energy Informal Councils in moving towards Eco-efficient societies
- December: Assessment Swedish Presidency

Results and Lessons Learned

EEB developed good working relations with both Presidencies this year. The Czech Environment Ministry did not suffer too much from the government crises the Presidency faced, as Minister Bursik was replaced by Ladislav Miko, who came straight from DG Environment.

Our anticipation with Presidencies, early contacts, helps to get acquainted with individuals and the issues. Our Ten Tests and Memorandums are appreciated and feared, and the assessments present a cumulative overview of the main trends, failures and achievements in the last 12 years.

3.C. Improve public participation in the EU

Activities Foreseen

- Monitor implementation of Regulation on implementation of Aarhus Convention by EU Institutions.
- Continue to monitor implementation of Aarhus in individual Member States and the Commissions efforts to guarantee this.
- Promote the Directive on Access to Justice.

Lobbying Activities Accomplished

The promotion of the Directive is ongoing part of the dialogue with Presidencies and EEB also included it in its response to the Commission's Communication on Enforcement of Environmental Law.

EEB Events (Including Working Groups)

Only in September, with Justice&Environment

General Events and Meetings

26.3: EEB gave presentation to French judges on the Aarhus Convention and in particular access to justice, in Paris.

- April:

Any Other Activities Accomplished

- organised input for the revision of SEVESO II directive on articles related to public participation (upon request of Christian)

See under 4B below.

Publications and Press Releases (all available on www.eeb.org)

Press Releases

None.

Publications

April: Metamorphosis No. 53, page 11, guest article from Client Earth "Going to court under the Aarhus Convention"

May: As part of our letter to the Environment Council, call for re-opening the work on the Directive on Access to Justice

Results and Lessons Learned

TBD.

3.D. Improving implementation and enforcement of existing legislation

Activities Foreseen

- Take part in the discussion on the Communications on Enforcement of EU Environmental Legislation.
- Help EEB members when necessary to promote implementation and compliance
- Collaborate with environmental lawyer networks
- Beginning of the year workshop of EEB law-group (EEB + J&E people involved in legal issues) to discuss 2009 work priorities for better enforcement, including a discussion on an EU Environment Directorate.
- 2nd law-group meeting in fall
- Provide members with overview of most important 2009 transposition and reporting deadlines
- Prepare template for EEB and J&E members to encourage and facilitate their monitoring of and reporting on issues for which there is a transposition or reporting deadline
- Use J&E questionnaire and campaign on Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) application and extend the campaign to all MS; publish overview and report back to Commission
- Work with the law-group on SEA
- Where relevant prepare NGO comments for submission to Commission
- Seek cooperation with DG Environment, IMPEL network and European Parliament's Environment Committee, and European Environmental Agency regarding systematic reporting
- Assess and explain EU environmental laws
- Increase NGOs' capacities and awareness of regulatory interlinks and their legal capacities. Help NGOs which lack legal capacity to find support from other more experienced EEB organisations. If capacity is found, collect information about typical cases and how they were handled.
- Own initiatives, like NGO questionnaires and strategic complaints, specifically with environmental laws under deregulation pressure and/or where target achievement deadlines approaching

Activities implemented:

Follow up Enforcement Cases

- 'Granadilla case', complaint to Ombudsman about Commission's refusal of access to documents still pending. Commission didn't follow the Ombudsman's proposal for a friendly solution. EEB sent another letter to the Ombudsman not accepting the Commission's reply and presented arguments. Waiting for the Commission reply which asked the Ombudsman already for the third time for an extension of the deadline.
- Participation at EP Environment Committee enforcement sessions.
- Continued support to complaints cases by EEB members by bringing them up in discussions with EU officials. In 2008 EEB had brought up with the Commission cases of non enforcement of compensation measures agreed between the Commission and Member State administrations. For the Spanish case it was leading to Commission interventions. In 2009 EEB started collecting information on more such cases with the intention to compile them and submit them in 2010 to the Commission.

EEB Events (Including Working groups)

Capacity building workshop in Vienna, Austria (14-15 May '09) brought together some 30 people mainly from Austrian NGOs but also from neighbouring countries, in particular the Czech Republic. It had, besides discussions on the up-coming EU elections and presentations on sectoral environmental policies, also several enforcement issues on the agenda. The presentation by an Austrian NGO representative on the Aarhus Convention (Convention on Access to Information, Public Participation in Decision-making and Access to Justice in Environmental Matters) and the legislative basis for transboundary environmental impact assessments was followed by a paper on "Implementation of EU Environmental Law and Infringement Procedures" given by a representative from the Austrian Ministry for the Environment.

18-19 September, Brussels. A law-group workshop was attended by 25 participants from EEB and Justice & Environment (J&E) members. Issues discussed included the Environmental Liability Directive (ELD), EIA and SEA, the Commission Communication on applying EU environmental law and 2 presentations on Aarhus related issues.

On ELD the participants heard a presentation from the Commission on "Environmental Liability Directive (ELD): Progress and impact" followed by an NGO evaluation of the situation. So far there have been no major cases with reference to the ELD which makes it extremely difficult, for the Commission officials as much as for NGOs, to assess the quality of the ELD. Law-group members decided in their co-ordination session at the end of the workshop to start in 2010 to analyse why the ELD seems to be avoided rather than applied and discuss NGO proposals in view of making this complex directive with such a wide national divergence more easily applicable. The Commission Communication on applying EU environmental law was as well presented by somebody from DG ENV's Legal Unit followed by an NGO assessment, both looking at

- what are the measures foreseen
- what are our comments
- how can we monitor if they will lead to improvements
- what is foreseen to inform the public, where and how will information be made available

After listening to the 2 speakers the participants had a very lively discussion on the proposed Commission measures for better enforcement.

The workshop programme also included a short paper on the key issues for transposition of the Environmental Crime Directive, an overview about directive, key issues for transposition, penalties possible after Lisbon and a NGO strategy towards transposition.

The 2 Aarhus presentations focused on Access to Justice: Cases, Directive and further steps and Aarhus Compliance Committee cases.

The workshop finished with a discussion on the future work priorities of the group and how to cooperate in the most efficient way. During this part of the workshop the participants also received a brief up-date on the difficult (blocked) situation of the recast of the Access to documents regulation. The group also started preparation of the next law-group workshop in Ireland [took place in February 2010 with a strong focus on biodiversity protection issues].

General Events and Meetings

10 July: EEB participated at the Commission seminar on the 'Implementation Efficiency of ELD'

8 July: EEB took part in the Round-table discussion organized by Ecosphere 'Enforcing Europe's environmental law: Is the Commission passing the enforcement buck?'

Other Activities Accomplished

Working with the Law-Group on

- EEB response to Commission Communication on implementing EU Environmental Law COM(2008)773/4 (link see below under 'publications')
- EEB position on 'Minimum Criteria for Environmental Inspections'. Commission draft expected beginning 2010 (finalised).
- Also following Aarhus and ELD (see special sections) Collecting information on NGO pre-package meeting [one meeting, several meetings, what happened with the information; ?As the feed-back on most of the meetings was satisfactory the law-group decided not to follow it up with the Commission at present, but keep on observing the organisation and information value of these meetings.
- J&E has done a lot of work on EIA, law-group discussed expanding the work and study to other countries, particularly important in view of the Commission evaluation of the EIA Directive in 2010

Regulation Access to Documents

- Discussion of EEB expectations with MEPs and participation in committee meetings with Access to documents on the agenda.
- Preparation of EEB draft position on Access to documents and mailing of voting recommendations to MEPs. The EP vote meant a real improvement towards more transparency of the Commission draft, including improved access to documents beyond the legislative process and a broader definition of what is a document. But as the EP adopted amendments going beyond the Commission amendments the Council refused to discuss those (with reference to the recast procedure). In a resolution of December 2009 the EP called on the Commission to table a new (improved) draft which the Commission didn't do. It only dealt with the formal requirements according to the Lisbon Treaty. So we are still in a stalemate situation and there is not very much the EEB can do at present.

Publications and Press Releases (all available on www.eeb.org)

Press Releases

None.

Publications

- February: Metamorphosis No. 52, p. 9, Article "More transparency or more restricted access to documents – what will we get?"
- Contribution of enforcement chapter to G10 Commission assessment (to be published in coming weeks)
- EEB Comments on the Commission Communication on implementing European Community Environmental Law COM(2008) 773/4
- EEB Briefing Document and Position Paper: Minimum requirements for environmental inspections, December 2009

Results:

EEB interventions sometimes help to make things move. Pre-NGO meetings to package meetings (meetings organised by the Commission in the MS to discuss pending complaints) are now gradually taking place in all MS, 6 per year. The last one we were informed about was a meeting in Romania. The general feed-back EEB gets from its members is positive, they find these meetings very useful and run in a satisfactory way.

The measures proposed in the Commission's enforcement communication will need close monitoring to assess if they lead to any improvements. This can only be done in close cooperation with EEB members. The first general comments EEB received from its members were not very encouraging,

they didn't seem to see improvements, like a quicker treatment of so-called priority cases and expressed high concern about possible deprioritising of other cases. But we have too little information available so far to make any judgement.

EEB's complaint about lack of monitoring by the Commission of agreed compensation measures led to some improvements in Spain. Shortly after the presentation of the cases to the Commission it carried out investigations about the implementation for the agreed compensation measures. With regard to the Portuguese case where EEB had complaint about partial implementation no improvements were observed. An issue the law-group will pick up again and try to get feed-back on the situation from other countries to see if the improvements were limited to Spain because we presented our criticisms with regard to Spanish cases, or if there is generally a better monitoring of the implementation of agreed compensation measures.

4.A. Enlargement and Southern Europe integration

Activities Foreseen

- Provide continuing reliable information point for EEB members and our partners on issues relevant to accession process and the Stabilisation and Authorisation Process (SAP), particularly for its members and partners in candidate countries and Western Balkans on relevant EU policy developments
- Involve EEB partners from candidate countries in EEB's work with EU institutions on enlargement (directly and indirectly)
- Continue involvement of candidate country environmentalists in EEB's work, particularly through our Working Groups
- Seek opportunities for involvement in EU's SAPs for Balkans
- One or two workshops for NGOs from candidate countries and Balkans on EU policies, including reports
- Seek opportunities for useful involvement in European Neighbourhood Policy (ENP) and its financial instrument (ENPI), particularly by engaging ENGOs in countries involved in process
- Possibly, issue publication on relevant developments relating to enlargement process and SAP
 - If contract is granted, continue to run the New NGO Forum.

Lobbying Activities Accomplished

None.

EEB Events (Including Working Groups)

None.

General Events and Meetings

- 16 January. Meeting with Ms. Iryna Makarenko – member of the Cabinet of the Prime Minister of Ukraine
- 16 March. Working meeting with Ms. Nadya Boneva – Time Foundation/Bulgaria

Any Other Activities Accomplished

- prepared and submitted proposal for the EU call for tenders on work with NGOs in candidate and potential candidate countries
- finalised reporting to the European Commission on the new NGO Forum project

- commented on NGO statement on RENA (Regional Environmental Network for Accession) for upcoming meeting of SEE environment ministers.
- prepared necessary materials and contacted potential project partners in candidate and potential candidate countries for the EU call for tender on RENA (consortium leader is AGRECO/Belgium)
- collected and disseminated information about the accession process to our partners in candidate and potential candidate countries

Publications and Press Releases (all available on www.eeb.org)

None.

Results and Lessons Learned

EEB continues to follow the accession process but there have not been any major events or activities organized by us. Quite some time was spent on reporting and preparation of new project application(s). Besides that, there are a lot of projects/activities organized by different institutions and organizations involving almost the same organizations we are working with which leads to a less active response from them to our activities. However, after having discussed briefly with some of EEB members from candidate countries, it is clear that it is necessary to continue our work on this issue and, once again, become more active and visible.

4.B. The Aarhus Convention for wider Europe

Activities Foreseen

- Coordinate and provide leadership of Public Participation Campaigns Committee of the European ECO Forum based on its work programme
- Organise NGOs' input and participation in official meetings related to Aarhus Convention
- Involvement in Bureau's work and official Convention meetings
- Fundraising for this campaign on behalf of European ECO Forum.
- Continue publishing 'Participate' magazine and web-site and range of e-mail lists focussing on specific issues under Aarhus Convention and its implementation tools
- Organise pan-European training workshops on Aarhus rights, particularly on compliance procedure
- Support three focal points to provide legal advice and assistance to NGOs which seek practical implementation of Aarhus provisions, including by using Convention's compliance procedure. Focal points are in Lviv (Ukraine), Vienna and Geneva
- Issue publications to support work on compliance.
- Organise European ECO Forum meeting prior to the First meeting of Parties to the PRTR Protocol

Lobbying Activities Accomplished

None.

EEB Events (Including Working Groups)

None.

General Events and Meetings

- 13-20 February. UNEP GC/GMEF25 meeting in Nairobi
- 17 March. Meeting with Sigrid Rausing Trust
- 8 June. Meeting in Ireland on the Aarhus Convention
- 23-24 June. Capacity building workshop in Kosovo

- 8-10 July. Meeting of the Working Group of Parties to the Aarhus Convention
- 8 October. Event to mark entry into force of the Protocol on Pollutant Release and Transfer Registers (PRTRs) in Brussels
- 14 October. Meeting of the Task Force on Access to Justice in Geneva
- 28 – 29 October. Capacity building workshop in Yerevan/Armenia
- 25 – 26 November. Roundtable on launch of the first pilot PRTR prepared by NGOs in Astana/Kazakhstan

Any Other Activities Accomplished

- hired part-time publications officer for Aarhus work
- hired expert on preparation of survey on Public Participation under the Aarhus Convention
- prepared and submitted three funding proposals for the campaign (SRT, Sweden and Norway)
- coordinated Russian translation of NIRs report
- organised Russian translation of Participate Newsletter N°24
- coordination of the work on survey on PP
- discussions within the network on capacity building activities
- started preparations for two publications, one on Aarhus Convention and another one on Espoo Convention and SEA Protocol
- established first contacts with NGOs in developing countries for future work on “global Aarhus”
- prepared final reports 2008 for Belgium, Norway and Spain
- organised (together with the local partners) capacity building workshops in Kosovo and Armenia
- organised NGO participation and input for the series of meetings in Geneva (Task Force on PPIF, Expert group on Public Participation and Working group of Parties to the Aarhus Convention)
- organised discussions on pre-nominations of candidates for Compliance Committee of the PRTR Protocol and submitted to the Aarhus Secretariat
- participated in the support action to free Turkmen environmental activist Andrey Zatoka from prison
- organised an NGO input for the Aarhus Compliance Committee meeting’s discussions on Turkmenistan
- organised and sent to the Aarhus Secretariat the Amicus brief on Belarus Nuclear Power Plant
- assisted in preparation and implementation of the project to prepare an NGO pilot PRTR in Kazakhstan and participated in the final roundtable in Astana
- organised re-design and provided an update of the campaign’s website www.participate.org which will be launched early 2010
- continued work on efficient use of the Aarhus Convention’s compliance mechanism

Publications and Press Releases (all available on www.eeb.org)

Press Releases

None.

Publications

- February: [Participate No. 23](#)
- April: [Participate No. 24](#)
- April: [Metamorphosis No. 53, page 11, guest article from Client Earth “Going to court under the Aarhus Convention”](#)
- May: [Letter to the EU Environment Council on Access to Justice Directive](#)

- July: Participate No. 25
- October: Metamorphosis No. 55, page 8, campaign updates “Victory! Kiev Protocol comes into force”

Results and Lessons Learned

Work on efficient use of the compliance mechanism is improving as well as a quality of communications prepared. The intensive work in this area leads to better understanding by NGOs when and how to use this tool. Assistance to prepare communication(s) as well as help during the Compliance Committee meetings was provided to NGOs from Belarus, Spain, Austria and others.

Our work on PRTRs has led to the first pilot PRTR prepared by Kazakh NGOs which now will be used as an example for other organisations/countries to follow. Experience from this project will be presented at the first meeting of Parties to the Protocol on PRTRs in April 2010.

Survey on Public Participation under the Aarhus Convention has been conducted and finalised and it shows that there is a need for the formal structure under the Aarhus Convention to tackle this issue throughout the UNECE region.

4.C. European ECO Forum

Activities Foreseen

- Active membership of Coordination Board of European ECO Forum
- Participation at CEP meetings and other activities under the UNECE and coordination of the European ECO Forum activities for these meetings

Lobbying Activities Accomplished

16 January: Letter to Ministers of Environment of the UNECE region, the Chair of the Committee on Environmental Policy (CEP) of the UN ECE, Heads of Delegations to the UN ECE CEP concerning final discussions on the draft Reform plan of the “Environment for Europe” process

EEB Events (Including Working Groups)

None.

General Events and Meetings

26 -29: January. CEP meeting in Geneva

19 May: CEP Extended Bureau meeting in Geneva

2 - 4 September: Working Group on Environmental Monitoring in Geneva

20 - 23 October: CEP meeting in Geneva

Any Other Activities Accomplished

- continued editing of European ECO Forum News Digests
- regular communication with Coordination Board
- struggling with list servers
- organised participation and input for the high-level meeting on Pan-European Assessment report organised by the EEA in Copenhagen (3 July)

Publications and Press Releases

Press Releases

None.

Publications

- January: European ECO Forum NEWSLETTER No 39
- February: European ECO Forum NEWSLETTER No 40
- March: European ECO Forum NEWSLETTER No 41
- April: European ECO Forum NEWSLETTER No 42
- May: European ECO Forum NEWSLETTER No 43

Results and Lessons Learned

“Environment for Europe” (EfE) reform plan adopted at the CEP meeting in January. We as NGOs (European ECO Forum) managed to defend the most important points of this plan, including environmental NGO-Ministerial Roundtable becoming an integral part of the EfE conferences, having agreed outcomes, mid-term review of the implementation of the outcomes of the EfE conferences, etc.

4.D. OECD

Activities Foreseen

- Inform Environmental NGOs in OECD countries about relevant work done by OECD and opportunities to get involved
- Organise actual involvement of these NGOs in OECD events (depending on dedicated funding)
- Liaise with OECD, particularly Environmental Policy Committee and Directorate Environment, to discuss OECD's programme and public participation
- Maintain list-server of interested ENGOS

Lobbying Activities Accomplished

- January: EEB advised WWF on its international relations, putting particular emphasis on the importance of the environmental organisations to be represented in the OECD

EEB Events (Including Working Groups)

None.

General Events and Meetings

- 3 – 4 Feb. EEB participated in OECD Environment Policy Committee (EPOC) Meeting, Paris. ECO delegation: John Hontelez and Pendo Maro (EEB)
- 23 – 28 Feb. EEB Coordinated ECO participation at OECD Pesticides Risk Reduction Steering Group (RRSG) and Registration Steering Group (RSG) Aerial Draft Seminar, San Francisco. ECO delegation: Brian Hill (PANA)
- 4 – 6 March. EEB coordinated ECO participation at OECD Meeting on Nanomaterials. ECO representative: Doreen Fedrigo (EEB)
- 11 – 13 March. EEB coordinated ECO participation at OECD Meeting on PRTRs, Paris. ECO delegation: Jindrich Petrlík (ARNIKA); Mara Silina (EBB); Christian Schaible (EEB)
- 3-4 June: EEB coordinated ECO participation at OECD Conference on Household Behavior and Environmental Policies, Paris. ECO delegation: Doreen Fedrigo (EEB); Sylvia Lorek (Sustainable Europe Research Institute)
- 12 June: EEB coordinated the ECO participation at OECD Joint Meeting of the Chemicals Committee and the Working Party on Chemicals, Pesticides, and Paris. Eco delegation: Christian Schaible (EEB).
- 2-3 July: EEB coordinated ECO participation at OECD Expert Workshop on Innovative International Financing for Biodiversity, and WGEAB Meeting, Paris. ECO delegation: Dr.

Joachim H. Spangenberg (Sustainable Europe Research Institute); Pablo Gutman (WWF USA)

- 18 Sept: EEB co-ordinated CSO participation at the Conference on the Economics of Climate Change: Adrian Dellecker (WWF International)
- 22 Oct: EEB and WWF attended OECD Environment Policy Committee (EPOC) meeting, including a discussion on the Green Growth Work Stream: John Hontelez and Catherine Pearce (EEB) and Tony Long (WWF EPO)
- 4-5 November: EEB Co-ordinated CSO participation and co-ordination of NGOS at the Global Forum on Environment on Eco-Innovation: Leida Rijnhout (ANPED - Northern Alliance for Sustainability)
- 1 December: EEB co-ordinated CSO participation at the UNEP/OECD Workshop on Sustainable Resource and Materials Management: Stephane Ardit (EEB)

Any Other Activities Accomplished

- March: EEB updated information on its OECD mailing list of environmental organisations and prepared an additional list of non-OECD member organisations
- October onwards: EEB began co-ordination of CSO engagement in the OECD Green Growth Work Stream

Publications and Press Releases (all available on www.eeb.org)

None.

Results and Lessons Learned

ECO involvement in OECD events continues being rewarding for participating organisations. The additional input that is required on the Green Growth work stream over the next 18 months is demanding additional time and attention. This is something we had not prepared for. Similarly in order to attend meetings etc associated with this work, careful management of the OECD budget will also be required.

4.E. EU-Mediterranean Partnership

Activities Foreseen

- Continue EEB's contribution to work with Comité de Suivi
- Continue role on the Board of Mediterranean Information Office for Environment, Culture & Sustainable Development Education

Lobbying Activities Accomplished

None by EEB.

Anastasia Roniotes represented the CdS at the World Water Forum in Istanbul (16-22 March 2009) and, on behalf of the CdS, disseminated at the Mediterranean Session a position paper (see below 'publications')

EEB Events (Including Working Groups)

None

General Events and Meetings

3 April, MIO Board Meeting, Brussels: Jacqueline Miller replaced Georges Cingal (no information received on meeting)

Any Other Activities Accomplished

Information exchange with Barbara Tomassini who represents the CdS on the Board of the Euro-Med Civil Platform, commenting of minutes and other reports, giving support to initiatives she wants to take concerning workshops organised by the Platform.

Publications and Press Releases (all available on www.eeb.org)

CdS Position Paper on “Freshwater Issues in the Mediterranean - Mediterranean Regional Process”, presented at the 5th World Water Forum, Istanbul, 16-22 March 2009

Results and Lessons Learned

The situation has not changed. EEB lacks staff capacity to get more involved. In order not to miss any important documents EEB should comment on it has been agreed with MIO that e-mails requiring EEB response would be flagged to us.

5.A. Capacity building

Activities Foreseen

- Produce briefings: short, easily-accessible, easily-translatable materials which introduce relevant EU issues: description of subject, environmental objectives, relevance to national agendas, history within EU, timetable, expected resistance and coalitions, what to do as part of national environmental movement; role EEB sees for itself and help needed
- Strategic advice to members
- Four one or two-day national training workshops: two will be held ahead of Presidencies to explain Presidency’s particular role to NGOs and how they can get involved. Remaining workshops could be different, depending on participants’ preference. Could include relevance of EU legislation and policies for national environmental policies and practices, opportunities and limits, how EU works (decision-making processes), EEB’s role and relations it has/wants with members, successes and the determining factors for these; the hot issues on the current and short-term agenda, opportunities to get involved, implementation and enforcement: how to go about it, where appropriate: working of Structural Funds: theory and practice, provisions in EU law for public participation, or with specific focus on European Parliament elections and/or enforcement
- If space allows, internships for EEB members at EEB office
- Project cooperation on request (EEB capacity permitting).
- [see also enforcement chapter]

Lobbying Activities Accomplished

(Not an area for lobbying activities)

EEB Events (Including Working Groups)

- 5-6 May. Workshop in Sinaia, Romania, which included a session on the EU elections during which the Romanian NGOs drafted a letter to their MEPs and candidates
- 14-15 May. Workshop in Vienna, Austria, including a session on the EU elections with participation of some MEPs and candidates.
- 3 July. Participation at FNE staff meeting to present the EEB and discuss how to strengthen cooperation
- 11 September, Vienna, participating in staff meeting at the EU-Umweltbüro to present the EEB, how it works in the Brussels scene, how we involve our members and what can be done to strengthen cooperation
- 28 November. Pre-Presidency workshop in Madrid with a focus on biodiversity (see biodiversity section)

General Events and Meetings

None.

Any Other Activities Accomplished

None.

Publications and Press Releases (all available on www.eeb.org)

Press Releases

None.

Publications

- Regular mailing of the internal electronic newsletter In Brief (IB).
- Response to members' individual information requests.
- Updated Biofuels policy briefing (March)
- We used the set of policy briefings which were prepared to form part of the welcome package EEB sent to the new MEPs

Results and Lessons Learned

By now capacity building meetings have taken place in most of the Member States where EEB has member organisations. We therefore slightly changed the set-up of the meetings, explaining the functioning of the EU only if there is a special request and concentrate instead more on specific topics where EEB or the hosting organisation feels that there is a lack of information, understanding and cooperation. These meetings are prepared in cooperation with the hosting organisation and EEB's EU Policy Unit taking into account where policy officers wish to present their topic to improve links and cooperation.

The Romanian workshop allowed establishing contacts with non-member organisations which, however, so far didn't lead to an application for EEB membership.

Feed-back from workshop participants was positive. They always help to show the relevance of the EU and work at EU level for the members' work at national level. The workshop also improves the members' understanding of the means and possibilities EEB and its members have to do advocacy work and how to cooperate to influence the political processes.

Member's proposal/request: table with overview of political processes of the most important issues where EEB is involved. This would help members plan their activities, get an idea when lobby activities might be expected from them.

5.B. Working with EEB members

Activities Foreseen

- Working Groups have a member of staff to provide coordination and support. In addition to the regular working groups the budget will include funding for 2 law group meetings to strengthen enforcement work.
- To improve cooperation between EEB and our members, we (hopefully!!) set up an extranet system in 2008, which will help make information more easily available and allow for easier information exchange in discussion groups.

Lobbying Activities Accomplished

(Done as part of the WG activities – different topic sections; and also in the run-up to the EU elections – see that section)

EEB Events (Including Working Groups)

See under 5A, Capacity Building, above and the section on biodiversity

28 September, Brussels. Annual Conference, see special section 'Spring Alliance'.

29 September, Brussels. EEB's Annual General Meeting (AGM)

General Events and Meetings

None.

Any Other Activities Accomplished

- Extranet has finally been set up and started working in November. Will be gradually used by all working groups and all members will get a password so that they can access the information
- Preparation of overview of members' participation in WGs (ongoing, needs to be finalised in January or February)
- List of EEB contact person in each member organisation, started in November (ongoing)

Publications and Press Releases (all available on www.eeb.org)

None.

Results and Lessons Learned

See under 5A, Capacity Building, above. EEB has to increase efforts to strengthen cooperation with its members, find ways how to motivate members to get more involved. This is part of the communication strategy which will be finalised beginning of 2010. Once extranet is working it will help to make information more easily available.

General Information

Contrary to what had been promised by the IT experts the extranet started functioning so late in 2009 that we couldn't use it for the preparation of the AGM as intended and announced.

EEB regrets that we still don't have a member in Malta not in Latvia not any contact with an NGO in Iceland. We will continue efforts to establish contacts with NGOs in these countries.

5.C. Presentation of EEB's views to the wider public

Activities Foreseen

- Produce quarterly magazine, Metamorphosis. Distribution currently c.3,300 copies
- Produce or co-produce specific newsletters and bulletins, currently 'Participate';
- Produce priority lists, 'Ten Green Tests' and Memoranda for Presidencies. Memoranda currently have distribution of 800 copies
- Detailed letter before each Environment Council
- Hold meetings with high-level officials, including commissioners, ministers, with EEA, MEPs etc
- Make special contact with Presidencies to collaborate on specific items of common interest
- Regularly produce press releases and occasional press conferences
- Regularly produce position papers, occasionally produce background documents and handbooks

- Maintain and improve EEB homepage and all its relevant documents
- Redevelop website
- Hold occasional conferences for discussion between EEB and decision-makers and/or stakeholders, potential coalition partners etc
- Frequently involve Commission officials in (parts of) Working Group meetings
- Give regular presentations to visitor groups

EEB Events (Including Working Groups)

None.

General Events and Meetings

None.

Any Other Activities Accomplished

- Working with Green 10 planning an update of the Green10 publication “Could Try Harder” – an assessment of the full term of the last European Commission – to be presented at a press conference in June 2009
- Working with Green 10 planning a publication introducing the Green 10 for distribution to the new European Parliament (reception planned for July or September 2009 - TBD)
- Planning press work around release of 2nd Water Framework Directive snapshot report – league tables – with WWF in May
- Regular updates of EEB website, including new page for 2009 EU elections, and preparations/content updates for website redesign – included two meetings of Website Working Group (comprised of Press Officer and three members of EEB staff) resulting in draft plan for new website as well as organising content updates from staff
- See also sections on Working with the Presidencies (3B) and activity areas for details regarding individual contact with Commission Officials, the Czech, Swedish and upcoming Spanish Presidencies, high level officials, EEA and the European Parliament

Publications and Press Releases

Press Releases

- 21 January. Less dangerous substances in consumer products: the Ecolabel should pave the way
- 23 January. A step in the right direction toward cleaning up industrial pollution
- 28 January: joint press release by EEB-ETUC-SP January 28, 2009
- 04 February. New study raises concern over mercury pollution from burning products
- 10 February. Mercury in fish is a global health concern
- 16 February. Fight climate change with the Buildings Directive - Zero energy homes require greater ambition
- 17 February. MEPs approve move toward more ecologically friendly products
- 20 February. Press Alert: EEB implores European Commission to heed calls for green VAT breaks
- 20 February. World governments support breakthrough agreement on mercury
- 02 March. Retail forum paves way for sustainable consumption in Europe
- 11 March. MEPs vote to reduce industrial pollution
- 31 March. Tyres to get energy, noise and safety label
- 31 March. Parliament supports NGOs' calls for stricter controls on nanotechnology
- 01 April. New energy labels to leave consumers in the dark
- 14 April. EU Environment Ministers told to mind their soils and adapt to climate change
- 29 May. River managers plan a bleak water future for Europe

- 10 June. Green Groups: European Commission Off Target
- 18 June. Turning up the pressure! Phasing out mercury measuring devices in hospitals
- 25 June. Environment Council weakens controls on industrial emissions
- 26 June. Good on mercury and waste, bad on climate and enforcement: EEB assesses the Czech Presidency
- 1 July. EEB's Ten Green Tests for the Swedish Presidency
- 13 July. Is the EU failing to protect species and valuable wetlands?
- 23 July. At Informal EU Ministers meeting: EEB calls for radical and comprehensive EU eco-efficiency policies
- 28 August. Green groups celebrate end of energy wasting lightbulbs, but demand clear consumer information
- 8 August. EEB: MEPs must challenge Barroso over lax environmental agenda
- 8 September. EEB: MEPs must challenge Barroso over lax environmental agenda
- 28 September Civil society and trade unions come face to face with President Barroso on EU priorities
- 8 October New EEB report assesses critical governance issues of nanotechnologies
- 12 October Environment Ministers must make EU lead at UN climate talks
- 13 October Green groups demand new EU laws to end energy wastage in buildings
- 21 October EEB Comment on Environment Ministers conclusions on eco-efficient economy
- 27 October World governments move towards global treaty on mercury
- 16 November Time to end use of mercury-based blood pressure devices
- 16 November Will the EU stop treating soil like dirt?
- 18 November EU falls short in eco-standards for buildings
- 7 December EEB tells European Council: Time to push for an eco-efficient economy
- 8 December EEB expectations for COP15, Copenhagen climate talks
- 9 December Ministers worried about hazardous chemicals cocktails, but postpone action
- 11 December European Council short on sustainable development
- 15 December Golden Opportunity for EU in Copenhagen
- 19 December Copenhagen Accord falls far short on climate treaty
- 22 December Ministers worried about hazardous chemicals cocktails, but postpone action
- 22 Dec: Press briefing on G-10 letter of 22 December to EP.
- 23 December EEB disappointed about overall performance of Swedish Presidency
- 23 December 'Ten Green Tests' for Spain's EU Presidency

Publications

- January: European ECO Forum NEWSLETTER No 39
- January. EEB's Memorandum to the Czech Presidency (including the Ten Green Tests)
- February: European ECO Forum NEWSLETTER No 40
- February. EEB Position on the Recast of the Energy Performance of Buildings Directive
- February. EEB Position on nanotechnologies and nanomaterials: Small scale, big promises, divisive messages in English and an extract in French
- February: Participate No. 23
- February. Metamorphosis No. 52
<http://www.eeb.org/publication/2009/meta-52-web-FINAL.pdf>
- February. ZMWG Report: Mercury in Fish, a global Health Hazard

- February. ZMWG Report: MERCURY RISING, Reducing global emissions from burning mercury-products
- 16 February. Quick Views of Zero Mercury Working Group on UNEP GC 25 in EN, FR and ES
- March: EEB and BEUC comments on Draft Commission decision establishing ecological criteria for the award of the EU Ecolabel for tissue paper products
The paper advocated for the use of recycled fibres in Ecolabelled tissue paper and for more stringent certification requirements if virgin fibres are employed.
- March : EEB and BEUC comments on various product groups for EUEB
The position paper urged Member States to call for more stringent requirements when voting in the Regulatory Committee (Ecolabels for textiles, bed mattresses and footwear), with a particular focus on substitution of hazardous chemicals.
- March. Policy Briefing on EU biofuels and bioenergy policies
- March. What future for EU's water? First assessment of the draft River Basin Management Plans under the EU Water Framework Directive
- March. EEB Position on the European Commission's Green Paper on Biowaste
- March. Joint NGO leaflet "*Dangerous Chemicals in products you buy? Your right to know.*" http://chemicalshealthmonitor.org/IMG/pdf/REACH_consumers_FINAL.pdf
- April: Participate No. 24
- April: NGO briefing on BAP Mid Term Review
- April: Metamorphosis No. 53
- April. Nanotechnologies in the 21st Century: Challenges and Opportunities to Green Nanotechnologies, Issue 1
- April. Detailed report on the Annual Activities of EEB in 2008
- April. Briefing document. EEB's input to the Informal Environment Council on adaptation to climate change.
- May. Blueprint for European Sustainable consumption and production – the path of transition to a sustainable society.
- May. What future for Europe's water? Full report (with WWF)
- May. Will the EU's water be revived? Summary brochure (with WWF)
- June. Biowaste alliance position paper on the need for an EU Directive on Biowaste.
- June. EEB's position on the recast of the WEEE Directive.
- June. Preparing for EU leadership on Sustainability. Proceedings from the Kick off conference, January 2009.
- June. Turning up the pressure – phasing out mercury sphygmomanometers for professional use.
- June. EEB's assessment of the Czech EU presidency.
- June. EEB's Ten Green Tests for the Swedish EU Presidency.
- July. EEB's Memorandum to the Swedish EU Presidency.
- July. Off target! The Green 10's assessment of the environment performance of the European Commission (2004 – 2009)
- July. Metamorphosis No. 54
- June. Nanotechnology and the Environment: A mismatch between claims and reality
- September: An EU Rescue Plan for Biodiversity NGO briefing for the Strömstad meeting under the Swedish Presidency
- October 2009, Report from the conference 'EU Mercury phase out in Measuring and Control Equipment'
- Oct: Joint NGO Letter to relevant Commissioners, Ministers, MEPs and Attachés on the EPBD
- October 2009: Updated paper on WEEE recast
- October: Joint paper, and summary with GBE on Greening the Energy Tax Directive
- October: Nanotechnologies in the 21st Century - A critical Review of Governance Issues in Europe and Elsewhere, Issue 3

- October : Coolproduct Manifesto: Cool products Warm homes
- 5 October. EEB position on the draft criteria proposal for Pc's and Laptops were sent to the Commission and EUEB members.
- 9 October. EEB comments on the draft criteria proposal for "Copying and Graphic Paper" were sent to the Commission and EUEB members.
- 13 October: Joint position paper on Reach dissemination of information on chemical substances
- 16 October. EEB comments on the draft criteria proposal for "Lighting" were sent to the Commission and EUEB members. 5 October. EEB position on the draft criteria proposal for Pc's and Laptops were sent to the Commission and EUEB members.
- 9 October. EEB comments on the draft criteria proposal for "Copying and Graphic Paper" were sent to the Commission and EUEB members.
- 16 October. EEB comments on the draft criteria proposal for "Lighting" were sent to the Commission and EUEB members.
- November, Joint NGO analysis of new EU Biofuel policy 'Biofuels, Handle with care':
- Nov 2009: EEB and T&E comments – Issues Paper Optimisation Distribution Systems
- ANEC, BEUC, ECOS, EEB position paper on carbon footprinting
- Dec: Proposal for a new Common Agricultural Policy
- 4 December. EEB comments on the draft criteria proposal for Washing Machines and Refrigerators were sent to the Commission and EUEB members. March: European ECO Forum NEWSLETTER No 41
- Dec: EEB Briefing Document and Position Paper: Minimum requirements for environmental inspections, December 2009
- Position papers on implementation measures proposals for Computer, Non professional display, CSTB, imaging devices with ECOS and other Environmental NGO's
- December 2009: Position paper on Biowaste impact assessment
- December 2009: Campaign guide to help Members transpose the WFD
- 4 December. EEB comments on the draft criteria proposal for Washing Machines and Refrigerators were sent to the Commission and EUEB members.
- December: Assessment Swedish Presidency
- Dec: Memorandum to Spanish Presidency and Ten Tests

Letters and Briefings

See also individual activity areas.

- 15 January. ZMWG Proposal for a UNEP Decision on Mercury
- 4 February. Letter to Ministers together with Greenpeace, FoE Europe, Save our Seeds, Via Campesina, IFOAM and EuroCoop.
- 10 February. EEB Letter to the EU Environment Council of 3 March 2009
- 19 February. EEB letter to the European Commission requesting support for green VAT breaks
- February. Joint NGO letter to Parliament urging February and March GMO "no" votes
- 12 March. Joint NGO letter to the Commission on new leaflet "Dangerous chemicals in products you buy? Your right to know."
- March. EEB/ETUC/Social Platform letter to Spring Summit
- 11 March. EEB and BEUC joint letter to Environment Ministers on European Ecolabel voting decisions 19th and 20th of March
- April. Briefing document: EEB's input to Informal Environment Council on adaptation to climate change
- 2 April. Lettre ouverte à Madame Roselyne Bachelot, la Ministre de la Santé de France (Joint letter EEB, WECF, HEAL - en francais)

- May: Letter to the EU Environment Council on Access to Justice Directive
- June: AGE, ANEC, BEUC, EEB and EDF Letter to Transport Ministers on regulation on passengers' rights in bus and coach transport
- July: EEB input into informal Energy and Environment Councils on eco-efficient economy
- July: Joint letter from EEB, EURIMA, WWF, and EuroACE to all 27 Energy and Environment Ministers ahead of the Informal meetings of Energy and Environment Ministers in Åre, Sweden
- July: EEB response to the Commission consultation on the evaluation and revision of the Energy Efficiency Action Plan
- September: letter for October Environment Council
- Oct: Joint NGO Letter to relevant Commissioners, Ministers, MEPs and Attachés on the EPBD
- November: Letter to MEPs: Comments on Barroso's "Political Guidelines for the next Commission"
- November: letter for December Environment Council

Results and Lessons Learned

For the publications, we have received very positive feedback from members in particular regarding the improved design and layout. Having a stronger, more attractive aesthetic helps readability and also makes the publications more accessible to many. Therefore, it is important to continue developing the structure and design of our publication materials, whilst at the same time securing a consistent identity with our work. This will be a focus of work in the near future.

Regarding press release, there is still a concerted effort to strike a balance between detailed, accurate, and rich work as well as being user friendly – and in particular media friendly. It is important to keep “EU jargon” at a minimum. From a promotional side, the EEB website has been accepted and registered on Google News, which is in the top five news sources globally, which can help reach more readers.

Website development was undertaken in November with the release date of a new look website for February 2010 due to the current website being aesthetically unattractive and difficult to navigate. Further work needs to be done with regards to member coordination on new releases, although do to the often reactive nature of our work it is difficult to coordinate such a thing at short notice. However, there is a ready made network available which we could utilise more often.

5.D. EEB's Annual Conference and Annual General Meeting

Activities Accomplished

The Board agreed with the idea to link the AGM this year to a major event of the Spring Alliance. Therefore no specific preparatory activities were needed.

5.E. EEB staff in Brussels

Staff-changes from 1st January 2009:

- Sabrina Bijlsma started on 5th January as Project Coordinator for the Spring Alliance.
- Nurçan Küçükbinar also started on 5th January as Secretary replacing Chantal de Meersman who retired at end of 2008.
- Anna Lind has also worked since 5th January as Project Officer for the zero mercury campaign. She has a 10 months contract working 4 days/week.
- James Drew joined us on 12th February working until mid-July as part-time Communication Officer on Aarhus matters.
- Catherine Pearce took up the task of Climate and Environmental Policy Integration Officer on the 5th of May, replacing Pendo Maro who left mid April.
- Simon Nazer has started on the 25th of August as press and publication officer, instead of Vanessa Bulkacz, who moved to CAN Europe.
- Stéphane Arditi will replace Nathalie Cliquot as policy officer on waste and product policies from 28 September. Nathalie moved to the Commission.
- Lukas Hammer will replace Blanca Morales as Ecolabel coordinator, for a year, starting 1st September. Blanca is going to have a child.

Interns:

- Ella Gustafsson started her 5 months internship in the Communications Unit on 7th January and was with EEB until 23rd June.
- Lukas Hammer started in February as an intern on waste and product issues and was with EEB until the end of June.
- Daniel Bell worked in December 2010 on an internship in the Communications Unit.