

PROJECT INFORMATION SHEET

Analysis for ENPI countries on Social and Economic Benefits of Enhanced Environmental Protection

Contracting Authority and Consultant

The European Union, represented by the [European Commission](#) has contracted a consortium led by ARCADIS Belgium N.V. to undertake an Analysis for European Neighbourhood Policy countries and the Russian Federation on social and economic benefits of enhanced environmental protection. The other consortium partners are: [Institute for European Environmental Policy \(IEEP\)](#), [Ecologic Institute](#), [Environmental Resources Management Ltd.](#) and [Metroeconomica Ltd.](#)



This project is funded by the European Commission's Environment and Sustainable Management of Natural Resources including Energy Thematic Programme.

Objective and Purpose of the Project

The overall objective of the project is to [increase the importance of the environment on the agenda](#) of governments

The specific objective of the project is to [improve awareness on social and economic benefits of environmental improvements](#) by analysing these benefits for each specific country

The project's purpose is to improve the capacity of European Neighbourhood Policy countries and the Russian Federation countries to develop [strategies and to prioritise convergence of their environmental policies and legislation with those of the EU](#) under the ENP Action Plans and the EU-Russia Common Economic Space road-map.

Geographical Scope

The project's activities are undertaken in all European Neighbourhood Policy countries and the Russian Federation:

- [Eastern countries](#): Armenia, Azerbaijan, Belarus, Georgia, Republic of Moldova, Ukraine and the Russian Federation.
- [Southern countries](#): Algeria, Egypt, Israel, Jordan, Lebanon, Libya, Morocco, Occupied Palestinian Territory, Syria and Tunisia.

Project Results and Outputs

The project will achieve the following results:

- Economic and social benefits of convergence towards the policy principles and approaches of selected parts of the EU environmental acquis/international agreements are assessed (by country and region);
- Key capacity and data gaps are identified and proposals for filling them are put forward. Input to ongoing work to improve countries' capacity for integrated environmental policy development is provided.
- Improved ability of stakeholders to demonstrate the importance of environmental actions to their colleagues in other sectors and improved ability to demonstrate the value of environmental policy to their nations.



The following sectors will be assessed: water quality and resource management, waste management, air quality, nature protection, and climate change as a horizontal issue.

The project will have the following outputs:

1. **Country Reports**, with the results of the country benefit assessments and with recommendations to strengthen the capacity for environmental integration.
2. **Regional Synthesis Reports** (for Southern and Eastern countries), with a synthesis of the 17 Country Reports
3. A **Short Guide to Benefit Assessment**, for wider dissemination in the countries.

Project Team

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Three teams have been established to conduct the project:

1. A **Methodology Team**, responsible for the development of the benefit assessment methodology, for producing guidance to the methodology and for preparing Regional Synthesis Reports
2. **Thematic Experts**, supporting the methodology development and the country benefit assessments
3. **Country Teams**, consisting of an EU expert and an expert of the country for which the team is responsible, to undertake the country benefit assessments.

Project tasks and project planning

The project runs from **January 2010 till June 2011**.

The **Methodology Team** will develop a **Benefit Assessment Methodology**, building on previous analysis and methodologies, in particular on the ENP methodology that IEEP developed for DG Environment (2008) and the World Bank's Cost of Environmental Degradation (COED) Methodology. A Benefit Assessment Manual will be prepared by September 2010 to guide the **Country Teams** that conduct the **benefit assessments**.

Each Country Team will undertake a **country mission** in the period May-October 2010, followed up by the national experts that collect the information necessary for the benefit assessments. The Country Teams will choose for each of the countries at least one case study. The selection of the case studies will be determined by the data available and by the objective to have an even spread of case studies over the 5 sectors.

The Methodology Team will collect centrally readily available from international organisations. **Thematic Experts** will support Country teams, by conducting part of the country benefit assessments centrally, and this for each of the 5 sectors. This approach ensures consistency and allows benefiting from economies of scale.

The Country Teams will prepare **Country Reports** by April 2011. Subsequently, the Methodology Team will produce 2 **Regional Synthesis Reports**, building on the country benefit assessments.

Finally, the Methodology Team will produce by June 2011 a **Short Guide to Benefit Assessments**, for wide dissemination amongst the stakeholders in the countries.

Selected project outputs will be published by the European Commission on the internet and the project team will organise 2 Regional **Workshops** in November 2010 and a Final Workshop in June 2011.