



Agenda Item 4 Environmental Emergencies Centre



8th meeting
of the Advisory Group on
Environmental Emergencies

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Brussels, Belgium

Background & justification

- AGEE 7 – Rosersberg Initiative –
TA1 – Awareness raising, training, capacity-building;
- Technical expertise available internationally;
- Transboundary effects, impartial analysis;
- Likelihood of increase in emergencies
 - Industrialization;
 - Urbanization;
 - Climate change.
- EEC could bridge capacity gaps.

Options for an EEC

- Within existing institution, such as JEU;
- Integrated into external institution;
- Decentralized resource centres;
- Regional institutions as focal points;
- “Virtual” online centre.

Survey of needs and existing initiatives (1)

- Gap between international expertise and national capacity to respond to environmental emergencies persists;
- Environmental emergencies are both humanitarian and environmental, requiring very specialized expertise.

Survey of needs and existing initiatives (2)

- Existing global and regional initiatives should be mapped and analyzed (geographic and thematic scope, objectives, target audience, methodology, set-up, staff and resources required);
- JEU could study relevant websites, send out questionnaires to a targeted audience, and conduct interviews with relevant stakeholders.

AGEE 8 invited to discuss

- What are capacity gaps and needs at country level ?
- Your experiences with national/regional institutions ?
- Do you agree that an EEC is needed ?
- Do you have a preference for regional centres or a global centre, or a combination of the two ? Should the centre be (attached to) a university ?
- Are there additional options to those mentioned here ?
- How might a survey and centre(s) be funded ?



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