



MAKING ZERO POLLUTION INTEGRATION ACROSS POLICIES WORK

Workshop agenda

 14 March 2023
 Brussels, Belgium

Introduction

The workshop

This workshop is organised by the European Commission and the German Environment Agency (UBA), also involving the European Environmental Protection Agencies Network ([EPA Network](#)), in the context of the Zero Pollution Stakeholder Platform and the Zero Pollution Steering Group of the Member States, in particular the work of the Zero Pollution Flagship 5 on “enforcing zero pollution together”. The aim of this workshop is to discuss effective improvements of pollution prevention and reduction through cross-cutting approaches and to foster an integrated zero pollution ambition for policy making and implementation. The workshop will also focus on consideration of the various environmental challenges in an integrated, cross-cutting manner: a key question will be how water, soil and air can be comprehensively protected from the various stressors through cross-cutting approaches and what enables effective cross-cutting dialogue and cooperation. As an outcome, a SWOT analysis (strengths, weaknesses, opportunities and threats) of the zero pollution implementation approach will be made.

The workshop will be held during one full day, back-to-back to the meeting of the Zero Pollution Steering Group of the Member States. An outline of the programme is enclosed.

The background

The ‘Zero Pollution Vision for 2050: a Healthy Planet for All’, as stated in the [Zero Pollution Action Plan](#), has a broad and comprehensive scope: “Air, water and soil pollution are reduced to levels no longer considered harmful to health and natural ecosystems and that respect the boundaries our planet can cope with, thus creating a toxic-free environment.”

Within the framework of the European Green Deal, the Commission pursues many legislative and non-legislative initiatives aimed at achieving the Zero Pollution Vision. The workshop will not focus on recent legislative proposals, but rather on experiences and opportunities stemming from the existing acquis and policies, taking into account their envisaged evolution. It will also build on the discussions that took place in the auspices at the workshop of the [Environmental Governance and Compliance Forum](#) on 14 November 2022. [The German Environment Agency \(UBA\) has already made proposals for a cross-regulatory approach](#). Cross-cutting approaches are getting increasing attention under EU policies, e.g. the One Substance, One Assessment approach which is a core initiative for the Zero Pollution Action Plan and the [Chemicals Strategy for Sustainability](#). The workshop will be based on a very broad understanding of pollution, considering not only well-known air, water and soil pollutants, but also emerging ‘stressors’.

The discussions and results should serve as inspiration for the participants for their own work. Following the workshop, conclusions and recommendations will be presented to the Zero Pollution Stakeholder Platform, the Zero Pollution Member State Steering Group, the EPA Network and other relevant actors.

Agenda



14 March 2023 (10:00 - 17:00 CET)



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- 9:30** : Registration and welcome coffee
- 10:00** : **Introduction & objectives of the workshop (moderator: Joachim D'Eugenio)**
- **Veronica Manfredi**, Director for Zero Pollution in DG Environment of the European Commission
 - **Lilian Busse**, Vice-President of the German Environment Agency (UBA)
 - **Ms Censi**, Member of the Committee of the Regions and Deputy Mayor for Mobility of Milan: Green Deal going local – policy integration in local communities
- 10:45** : **Plenary session: Setting the scene (moderator: Lilian Busse)**
- **Ian Marnane (EEA)**: Zero Pollution Monitoring and Outlook – integrated assessment for a more integrated policy making
 - **Lena Vierke (UBA)**: The Zero Pollution Action Plan as a chance for a cross-regulatory approach to pollution prevention and reduction
 - **Stephanos Ampatzis & Marianthi Podimata (ENV)**: Integrated environment policies – towards a more integrated enforcement and implementation on zero pollution
 - Discussion
- 12:00** : **Plenary session: Introduction of topics for breakout groups (moderator: Joachim D'Eugenio)**
- Topic 1: Integrated assessment including 'one substance, one assessment'
 - Topic 2: Implementation, compliance and enforcement of zero pollution laws
 - Topic 3: Mainstreaming the zero pollution ambition
- 12:30** : Lunch
- 13:30** : **Breakout session**
1. Integrated assessment including 'one substance, one assessment'
 2. Implementation, compliance and enforcement of zero pollution laws
 3. Mainstreaming the zero pollution ambition
- Questions for discussion in all groups:**
- Focus on experiences and opportunities stemming from existing policy and instruments: are existing instruments and the way they are co-acting effective as intended? What has worked and what not? If not, why not?
 - What opportunities or barriers exist for integrated, cross-cutting approaches? What are the key enablers?
- 15:15** : Coffee break
- 15:30** : **Plenary session: Reporting back from breakout groups (moderator: Lilian Busse)**
- 16:30** : **Plenary session: Conclusions (Lilian Busse and Joachim D'Eugenio)**
- 17:00** : End of workshop
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