"Communicating environmental benefits of EU enlargement"
Annual Meeting 2001 of the Green Spider Network, Cyprus, 7-11 November

Meeting Programme

Wednesday, 7 November 2001
Participants arrive at Larnaca Airport

Transfer to Nicosia historical centre, Hotel Holiday Inn or Hotel Castelli (nearby)

From 18.00 Registration of participants (Holiday Inn)

19.00 Core Group Meeting

20.30 Dinner

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Thursday, 8 November 2001 - Meeting Minutes
Opening Session (Plenary open to the public): EU Enlargement process and public acceptance issues

9.00 Registration of Participants

9.20 Organisational announcements

9.30 Welcome and Opening address on behalf of the Minister of Agriculture, Natural Resources and Environment of Cyprus, Mr. Costas Themistocleous

Welcome address by Mr. George Vassiliou, Chief Accession Negotiator for Cyprus

Welcome address by Mr. Donato Chiarini, Head of EU Delegation to Cyprus (full text)

9.45 Review of EU Enlargement with regard to public acceptance (with questions/discussion)
- Elisabeth Freytag, Head of European Integration Unit, Austrian Federal Ministry for Agriculture, Forestry, Environment and Water Management (full text)
- Nicos Georgiades, Director, Cyprus Environment Service
- Ylva Tiveus, European Commission, DG Environment (full text)
- Stergios Varvaroussis, European Commission, DG Environment (full text)
11.00 Coffee Break

11.30 Pierre Schellekens, European Commission, DG Environment: The benefits of compliance with the environmental acquis for the candidate countries (based on study for DG Environment, with questions/discussion) Summary and Presentation slides

12.00 Johannes Mayer, Austrian Federal Environment Agency: Communication needs for environmental issues in the enlargement process (based on Greenspider answers to questionnaire, with questions/discussion) presentation slides and synopsis of the Greenspider questionnaire.

12.30 Wilfried Vandaele (Belgium) & Christina Pantazi (Cyprus): Living communication: How Floopje has flown from Belgium to Cyprus (with questions/discussion) presentation text

13.00 End of session

13.30 Lunch

Communicating EU Enlargement & the Environment (Greenspider-Session part 1)

15.30 Round-table and discussion following up the opening plenary (which issues, what actions ... ); Agreement on scope and tasks of working groups

16.30 Formation of mixed working groups (EU & Accession countries, according to regions, themes, existing co-operations...)

16.40 Coffee-break

17.00 Green-Spider Formal Network Plenary:

Final discussion and adoption of draft framework document
Nomination of new Core Group member country
Any other issue (requiring formal decision)
18.00 End of session

19.30 Guided walk through the historical centre to nice dinner place

21.00 Dinner

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Friday, 9 November 2001
9.00 Transfer from Nicosia to Paphos (West Coast) via places of interest
12.30 Lunch in Petra tou Romiou (Aphrodite's birth-place), near Paphos (at the coast)

14.00 Check-in Hotel Amathus, Paphos

Communicating EU Enlargement & the Environment (Greenspider-Session part 2)

15.00 Working Groups meet (with flexible coffee break)

17.00 Plenary: Working Groups present results - discussion

18.00 Wrap-up: Conclusions & recommendations/next actions

19.00 End of session

20.30 Dinner

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Saturday, 10 November 2001
10.00 - 16.00 Excursion (from Paphos to Polys, Akamas, Baths of Aphrodite ... )

19.00 First Core Group meeting with newly elected member

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Sunday, 11 November 2001
Departure of participants – Group transfer to Larnaca Airport

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