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10 November 2011, 10.30-13.00, Brussels (DG Environment)

Invitation to discuss “Options for future European resource policies”

Dear colleague,

The EU's Europe 2020 Strategy is geared towards smart, sustainable and inclusive growth. But how can we support the shift towards a resource-efficient, low-carbon economy to achieve sustainable growth?

We have the pleasure to invite you to a workshop that will bring together around 50 leading scholars, policy makers and business representatives who deal with resource use and resource efficiency.

2 good reasons for you to engage in this event

- **Receiving cutting-edge research findings for underpinning European resource policy:** Quantitative assessments of scenarios of future natural resource use and resource productivity in Europe and their economic and environmental impacts will be presented and discussed.
- **Discussing options for future EU resource policy with renowned policy makers and researchers:** Short commentary notes from renowned experts will kick off the debate. You will have the chance to discuss with leading experts in the fields of resource use and resource efficiency.

Programme

Venue: DG Environment, Avenue de Beaulieu 5, 1160 Brussels

Date: Thu, 10 November 2011

Time: 10:30-13:00

Facilitation: Heidi Wittmer (Helmholtz Centre for Environmental Research – UFZ)

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| 10:30-11:30 | Presentation of key project results Bernd Meyer and Martin Distelkamp (GWS) Hector Pollitt (Cambridge Econometrics) |
| 11:30-12:00 | Comments from academia Paul Ekins (University College London) Michal Miedzinski (Technopolis Group) |
| 12:00-13:00 | Panel discussion Paul Ekins (University College London) Jock Martin (EEA) Robin Miège (European Commission) Sirpa Pietikäinen (European Parliament) |
| 13:00 | Refreshments |

Objectives and Outcomes

The objective of this workshop is to discuss key project results, in particular the quantitative assessment of different scenarios of future natural resource use and resource productivity in Europe and their economic and environmental impacts. We also aim to receive feedback from experts from various backgrounds, verify the analyses undertaken in the project, and disseminate the results

Who will attend?

We are expecting 50 participants from various backgrounds: policy makers at EU and national levels dealing with the development and implementation of resource policies, scholars who work in the fields of resource use and resource efficiency, as well as representatives from business, NGOs, and the media.

The context

DG Environment commissioned the study "Macroeconomic modelling of sustainable development" (Project No.: ENV.F.1/ETU/2010/0033) to strengthen the foundation for European resource policy. The study assesses the importance of resources for today's economy and evaluates the risks for future European resource use. Under different possible scenarios for resource prices, availability and substitutability, the project team examines the consequences of different levels of resource efficiency in the EU economy with two macro-economic simulation models. The impacts on our prosperity, competitiveness, stability, employment and the environment are analysed.

Registration and further details

Participation is free for invitees. Unfortunately, we cannot cover participant's personal travel and accommodation expenses. All other costs related to the workshop will be covered by the project. To register for this event, please reply to event@seri.at.

It would be our pleasure to welcome you in this selected group of European experts, and we look forward to hearing from you.

Kind regards,
Friedrich Hinterberger (SERI) and Bernd Meyer (GWS) on behalf of the project team

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