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Transport and environment reporting mechanism (TERM)

Submitted by the European Environment Agency (EEA)

Note: In view of the interest of the Working Party to be informed about new developments within the European Environment Agency (EEA) regarding the transport and environment reporting mechanism (TERM), the EEA has prepared a document which is reproduced below.

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New developments within the European Environment Agency regarding the transport and environment reporting mechanism (TERM)

In December last year, the European Environment Agency published 'Paving the way for EU enlargement'. This report was the third in a series under the transport and environment reporting mechanism (TERM) set up by the European Commission and EEA. The report can be downloaded from http://reports.eea.eu.int/environmental_issue_report_2002_24.

No full-scope TERM report will be published in 2003. Instead, a number of activities – a few of which are listed below – are on the agenda for 2003, with the aim to improve the TERM system:

- international cooperation: strengthening cooperation in particular with EEA's expert network of principal contact persons for transport, the recently launched WHO/UNECE Transport, Health and Environment Pan-European Programme, and OECD's and ECMT's work on transport and environment;
- pricing study: a study will be carried out with the aim to improve the indicators used for monitoring price developments in transport. This enhanced set of indicators should facilitate monitoring the impact of price policy on transport demand and modal split, and monitoring progress made in the field of internalisation of external costs;
- workshop: a workshop for EEA's principal contact persons for transport is planned for June, with the aim to improve exchange of 'soft' information between the EEA and the country's contact persons. This 'soft' information concerns an up-to-date overview of e.g. development and implementation of integrated transport and environment strategies and their effectiveness, and the review and monitoring systems set up to measure progress of such strategies.

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