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The Conference on Environmental Governance in Central and Eastern Europe. Multilevel governance – What does it mean for Europe in Future?

Prague, Czech Republic, April 15 and 16 2010

The current development of European Union governance has become more complex and global, partially usurping competences from the central state and relying on networks of interconnected actors rather than on a hierarchy dominated and defined by the state. Governance becomes organised through multiple jurisdictions and can no longer be understood as a central state monopoly. This poses a challenging question how traditional institutional systems concentrated around a central state can adapt to new roles where direct control over decision-making is shrinking but demand for co-ordination of the complex social arena is expanding. Such arena is understood as multilevel governance where the dispersion of central government authority both vertically to actors located at other territorial levels, and horizontally, to non-state actors.

Key topic of the conference is the evolution of multilevel environmental governance in enlarged EU. Particularly interesting is the restructuring of command and control institutional systems in new member states from Central and Eastern Europe and how does it effect Europeanization of environmental governance. An additional objective of the conference is to provide a platform for interdisciplinary discussion on novel theoretical concepts to address challenges of globalised governance in the European academic community and allow for science-policy interface.

The conference in Prague has ambition to convene the main actors engaged in the development and implementation of EU environmental policy within the countries of Central and Eastern Europe. The conference is organised at the initiative of The Center for Transdisciplinary Study of Institutions, Evolution and Policies, Institute for Forecasting, Slovak Academy of Sciences CETIP, IF-SAS www.progeko.savba.sk, IREAS Czech Republic n.o., www.ieep.cz; www.ireas.cz and supported by the 6. FM project: Marie Curie Research Training Network: “Multi-level Governance of Natural Resources: Tools and Processes for Water and Biodiversity Governance in Europe” (GoverNat).

The book ‘FROM GOVERNMENT TO GOVERNANCE? New Governance for Water and Biodiversity in Enlarged EU (edited by T. Kluvánková-Oravská) will be introduced to the conference audience.

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PROGRAMME

15 April 2010

1300-1330

Registration and Welcome with refreshment

1330-1400

**Priorities and Options for
Future EU Biodiversity Policy**

*Ladislav Miko
DG Environment, EC*

1400-1430

**Architecture, Agency, Adaptiveness
and Accountability of Environmental
Governance in Enlarged EU**

*Frank Biermann
Free University of Amsterdam*

1430-1500

New Environmental Governance in CEE

*Jirina Jilkova
Economic University of Prague*

1500-1520

Coffee-Break

1520-1550

**Multilevel Governance of Natural
Resources, Key Messages from
GoverNat project**

*Felix Rauschmayer
UFZ, Germany*

1550-1700

**From Government to Governance
New Governance for Water and
Biodiversity in Enlarged EU
(Book introduction)**

*Susan Baker (reviewer)
University of Cardiff, UK
Tatiana Kluvankova-Oravska
(editor) CETIP-IF SAS*

1700-1800

Closing discussion

1900

Dinner

16 April 2010

0930-0950	Novel Tools and Processes in Environmental Governance: Introduction (GoverNat project)	<i>Tatiana Kluvanková-Oravska CETIP-IF SAS</i>
0950-1010	The Role of Market Based Instruments for Biodiversity Protection in CEE	<i>Veronika Chobotova CETIP-IF SAS</i>
1010-1030	Experimenting with Common Pool Resources Novel tools and Policy Instruments Experiences from Three new EU Member States	<i>Dimitris Zikos UFZ, Germany</i>
1030-1050	Market Governance for Biodiversity	<i>Ilona Banaszak CETIP-IF SAS</i>
1050-1110	The Implementation of EU Environmental Directives in CEE	<i>Oliver Fritsch University of Aarhus</i>
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1100-1120	Coffee-Break	
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1120-1140	Volunteer Naturalists as Potential Actors in EU Biodiversity Management Example from Finland	<i>Mina Santaoja University of Stuttgart</i>
1140-1200	The Role of NGO in Implementation of NATURA 2000 in Hungary	<i>Cordula Mertens SZIE, Hungary</i>
1200-1220	Long-surviving Institutions for Forest Governance in the Slovak Republic	<i>Sonja Trifunov CETIP-IF SAS</i>
1220-1240	Outcomes and Processes Evaluation in Biodiversity Protection in Belarus	<i>Maria Falaleeva CMRC, University College Cork</i>
1240-1300	The Role of Public Participation in Water Management in the Czech Republic	<i>Lenka Slavikova IEEP, Czech Republic</i>
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1300-1400	Closing discussion	
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1400	Lunch	
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