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Environmental Governance in the EU Member States: status assessment



Environmental governance in the EU Member States is an essential enabler for achieving environmental objectives and for ensuring that the obligations in EU environmental legislation are translated into tangible results on the ground. Until now, this aspect has not had sufficient attention in the discussions on implementation.

IEEP's new report, the assessment framework described in it, and the accompanying Environmental Governance Assessments for each Member State, are a first step in ensuring a consistent approach to the assessment of environmental governance at country level.

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Dimensions

Five dimensions were identified as the basis for the assessment of environmental governance:

- transparency
- public participation
- access to justice
- compliance assurance
- efficiency and effectiveness

Within these five dimensions, 21 specific themes were selected, together with a cross-cutting contextual theme examining the general governance and organisational structures.

Recommendations

Among the recommendations in the final report is a clear message that paying more attention to enabling public participation, and welcoming its contribution, would help Member States improve performance on delivering environmental objectives.

The report is available via the Publications Office of the European Union [here](#) or the download link below.

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[Development of an assessment framework on environmental governance in the EU Member States.pdf](#)

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