

# “Development of the National System for Greenhouse Gas Inventory and Reporting on Policies, Measures and Projections”

**Ministry of Environmental protection and  
regional development**

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## I PURPOSE, FUNCTIONS AND RESPONSIBILITIES

The purpose of the Steering Committee is to form a collegial decision-making institution among all interested parties representing the Project Promoter and Partners throughout the implementation period of the Project.

The entitled members of the Steering Committee take responsibility to:

- monitor the Project implementation process according to the goal and activities as provided by the Project Agreement
- review information about Project implementation progress and results provided by the Project Promoter

The Steering Committee is entitled to:

- acquire all information from Project Promoter required for completion of its responsibilities
- take actions in order to insure accomplishment of the Project goals and publicity measures
- bring forward motions about amendments in Project Agreement
- bring forward motions about adjustments in Project Schedule
- suggest representatives from other governmental institutions and non-governmental organizations or experts for advisory participation in the Steering Committee meetings

## II COMPOSITION OF THE STEERING COMMITTEE

The Steering Committee is composed of a total of seven members, five of whom are entitled to vote.

Entitled members are appointed by the Project Promoter Ministry of Environmental Protection and Regional Development (MEPRD) and four Project Partners: Norwegian Environment Agency (NEA), Latvian Environment, Geology and Meteorology Centre (LEGMC), Ministry of Agriculture (MA).

The Steering Committee Chair and Vice-Chair are appointed by MEPRD.

Two members without entitlement to vote are representatives of environmental NGO's appointed by the Environmental Advisory Council MEPRD.

The composition of the Steering Committee is as follows:

### **Entitled members:**

**Chair** Alda Ozola - Deputy State Secretary, MEPRD

**Vice-Chair** Ilze Prūse - Director of Climate Change Department, MEPRD

Elin Økstad - Section Head, Emission Inventory and Analysis, Climate Department, Norway Environment Agency (NEA)

Ansis Grantiņš - Member of the Board, LEGMC

Ilga Līdaka - Director, Department of Agriculture, MA

### **Members without entitlement to vote:**

Jānis Brizga - Chair of the Board, Green Liberty

Anitra Tooma - Editor in Chief, Environmental Word

## III STEERING COMMITTEE MEETINGS

- Four Steering Committee must be held during the project implementation period (1 April 2014 – 30 April 2016).
- Two meetings take place in Latvia and two in Norway.
- If necessary, interim meetings can be called by the Steering Committee Chair or by a simple majority of the members and can also be held by electronic mail.
- The meetings are led by the Steering Committee Chair or the Vice-chair.

## IV PROXIES

- During meetings of the Steering Committee, each entitled member shall have one vote.
- The chair has the deciding vote in cases of tied votes.
- E-mail voting shall be permitted in the interim of meetings.

## V STEERING COMMITTEE SECRETARY

- The Steering Committee secretary is the project coordinator (MEPRD) responsible for the preparation of the meetings in Latvia and Norway.
- The role of the secretary is to ensure that the Steering Committee members are informed sufficiently in advance of the meeting agenda and any known motions to be voted on during a forthcoming meeting.
- In order to bring forward a motion the Steering Committee members submit the motions to the secretary 5 days before the meeting.
- The secretary sends out a bi-monthly newsletter via e-mail to all Steering Committee members and other interested parties representing the Project Promoter or Partners.

## Project Promoter

Ministry of Environmental protection and regional development

## Project Partners

- Ministry of Agriculture;
- State limited Liability Company Latvian Environment, Geology and Meteorology Centre

## Donor State Partner

Norwegian Environment Agency

## Total funding

**1 981 871 EUR**

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## Main objective

The main objective of the project is to strengthen Latvia's institutional capacity to improve the national system for preparing, analyzing and reporting high quality information to ensure continuous improvements of the GHG emission inventory, policies, measures and projections and to comply with the relevant UNFCCC, Kyoto protocol and European Commission reporting requirements



## Main activities

- Project management
- Improvement of GHG inventory system in Latvia
- Increasing capacity of the Latvian inventory experts
- Improved quality of ex-ante and ex-post evaluation of climate change policy measures
- Publicity



## Ongoing activities

- Project management
  - Project coordinator to join in coming weeks
- Studies undertaken for inventory improvement
  - Promoting sustainable land management through creation of a digital soil database
  - Agricultural sector GHG emissions calculation methodology and data analysis with development of modeling tools integrating the changing climate
  - Estimation of soil carbon stocks in cropland and grassland
  - Evaluation of QA/QC procedures in LULUCF sector
- Development of an integrated database
  - Ongoing preparation of the procurement process
- Experience sharing events/workshops for experts

# Planned experience sharing/workshops in 2014

- Training workshop about QC/QA procedures, industrial processes (f-gases) (2 days in Latvia, October, week 41)
- Experience sharing event about national inventory system (2 days in Norway, October, week 44)
- Experience sharing event about agriculture and forestry sectors (2 days in Norway, October, week 44)
- Training workshop about QC/QA procedures, land use, land-use change and forestry sectors (2 days in Latvia, **posponed to May, 2015**)
- Experience sharing event about model system and guidelines in policy evaluation (2 days in Norway) **TBD/postponed to 2015**
- Training workshop about uncertainty evaluation (2 days in Norway) **TBD/postponed to 2015**



- Project publicity conferences
  - Opening conference postponed, date TBD
  - Number of conferences
- Any other measures required?



# Potential topics for discussion

- Opening conference date
- Steering Committee meetings
  - What kind of information should be provided for the Steering Committee before the next meeting?
  - Did the meeting open up sufficient opportunities for discussion and participation in decision-making?
  - Are there any other participants that should take part in the next meeting?
  - What improvements could be made for communication?
- AOB



# Thank you for your attention!



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