'Entering the digital age for more effective reporting on industrial activities'

Friday 25 June 2021 (virtual) workshop

14:00-16:30 (Brussels time)

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Tentative Agenda

Time (all Brussels time)	Item	Speaker	Desired output / background
14:00-14:10	Welcome / why this workshop	Mr. Christian Schaible (EEB)	*Re-assuring participants, background info, who do we have around?*
14:10-14h30 (15min, 5min Q&A)	Thought starter: EU wide electronic annual compliance report template and sections	Ms. Aliki KRIEKOUKI (tbc)	*What does the EEB propose?*
14h30-14:50 (20min incl. Q&A)	Lessons learned from Czech Republic	Mr. Jan SLAVIK **Czech Ministry of the Environment**	*Lessons learned from CZ experience*
14h50-15h10 (20min incl. Q&A)	Lessons learned from Italy	Mr. Fabio COLONNA / Mr. Mauro PRADA **ARPA** Ms. Monica FAVARONI (tbc) **Italian Ministry for the Ecological Transition**	*Insights sharing: Telereporting Lombardia), (energy)Consumption data reporting national database AIA in Italy*
15h10-15h40 30 minutes	*Feedback round other countries*	ALL	*Addressing the 5 Questions circulated in advance (see Annex)*
5 minutes (15h45)		Mr. Christian Schaible (EEB)	*Introducing next session*
10 minutes	*BREAK*		
15h55 – 16h30 (35minutes)	EU - electronic annual compliance template idea		*Exchange of views*
10 min	objectives, main design features and purposes of electronic reporting tools, frequency of reporting	ALL	*Reality check*
10min	Shortlist "Must" report (content)	ALL	*See circulated EEB template (excel)*
10min	Shortlist "nice to have"	ALL	*See circulated EEB template (excel)*
16h25-**16h30** (5min)	Possible conclusion and next steps recap from the workshop	Mr. Christian Schaible (EEB)	*Recap on main take away*

Background paper

Introduction:

The findings of the first EEB 'Burning the Evidence' report (2017), confirmed in 2020 linked to the EEB Industrial Plant Data Viewer (IPDV) project, highlight shortcomings on access to environmental information on industrial activities. In many cases, due to regional competencies of permitting authorities, accessing permitting or monitoring related information becomes extremely difficult and time-consuming. The current Industrial Emissions Portal/E-PRTR system do not enable benchmarking and compliance promotion at EU level.

Whilst the IED lays down annual reporting obligations so to enable, amongst others, compliance assessment with permit conditions and the E-PRTR lays down basic release information from, there is no harmonised approach at EU level to provide for a more meaningful access to generated information for various purposes. In the US, permit conditions can be compared with 'a few clicks" with those applied in Canada and Mexico, thus enabling cross-country comparison and overcoming the language barriers limitations. Many EU members states however make available annual performance data on IED activities, in different format and the extent of available data is very diverse.

We consider the main drivers of these failings to be linked to the absence of a harmonised electronic reporting format(s) for key IED documents (permits, compliance reports, but also potentially inspection reports and others) and information to be made available due to recent BREFs (e.g. inventory of inputs and outputs, water, energy, waste and chemicals management plan, annual monitoring on certain inputs/outputs and performance indicators) which would enable an EU centralised database (e.g. improved Industrial Pollution Portal) to retrieve those data-fields and make those available online at EU level. Agreeing on a common EU electronic reporting interface would therefore be the first necessary step to enable effective integration of information in the EU reporting portal. The IED Art 14(1) point d) annual compliance report requires the operator to provide, 'at least annually', *"information on the basis of results of emission monitoring […] and other required data that enables the competent authority to verify compliance with the permit conditions".* The basic principles and content of the IED permit are specified in Article 14, cross-linking to the basic principles listed in Article 11 and the applicable BAT requirements.

The EEB proposal – to be further discussed at the workshop – is to agree for a harmonised electronic annual compliance reporting template which could serve multiple purposes, notably to enable improved and more timely access to environmental performance information, benchmarking and compliance promotion at EU level on IED activities. The proposal does not create new reporting burdens, instead it is about better use of available information, therefore making reporting more useful.

Objective of the workshop:

Allow an exchange between NGOs and Member States, as well as EEA / EC delegates (tbc) on how to improve the harmonization of situation as to benchmarking, compliance promotion and information sharing as to industrial activities.

To enable a more meaningful outcome of the workshop with a practical and example, it is proposed to **focus the topic of the workshop about the IED Article 14 "EU model of annual electronic compliance report template".** The aim of the workshop is to build on a concrete output /tool that could serve those objectives and to achieve the following:

- A shared view as to the above stated objectives
- Common views on main design features of electronic reporting tool and purpose(s)
- Agree on a "nice to have" annual compliance report input template, ideally with
    - agreement on essential design features, purpose and frequency of reporting
    - shortlist of "must" report (content) to make available on EU centralized website

- o shortlist of "nice to have" information, that is reported to EU centralized database but not immediately publicly available / at a second step etc

See Annex – Part A for proposed draft template for an electronic EU annual compliance report template (excel file for Large Combustion Plants circulated with the invite)

Proposed format of the virtual workshop:

NGO delegate to share some "thought starters" as to why this theme of EU harmonized annual compliance report is proposed. The main findings of the recent EEB Industrial Plant Data Viewer (IPDV) will be presented with short input on purpose, content and possible added value of an agreed EU wide electronic annual compliance report template. The main elements of the template proposal of an EU wide electronic annual compliance proposed will be presented (20min), 10min Q&A. Member State delegates will give a short introduction (10-20minutes) + 10min Q&A to how the national data system works as to the availability of information contained in the annual compliance report.

Some thematic focus proposals will be as follows

- Delegate from **Czech Ministry of the Environment** (experience and setup on the national annual compliance data)
- Delegates from **Italian Ministry for the Ecological Transition and Environmental Protection Agency (ARPA) Lombardy Region** (national system) to present national system, focus on energy/consumption data and CEM tele-reporting
- Other presentations on the topic (on the spot but without formal presentations)

The group should then be able to reflect and exchange on the "nice to have" annual compliance report template that should be used at EU level. Ideally the group may conclude with some shared understanding on the way forward on the topic – general design & sections (approx. 1 hour).

In order to help guiding the discussions a preliminary shortlist of questions is shared with the participants in advance (See Annex, Part B). The delegates from the Member States should familiarize themselves with those questions and try to provide answers to them at the workshop.