



IMAGINE Final Conference

Introduction from EC DG ENV

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Next deadlines concerning the implementation of the END

- 30 June 2007: 1st round of mandatory strategic noise maps have to be drawn up
- 18 July 2008: 1st round of mandatory action plans have to be drawn up
- 30 December 2007: MS have to report their maps related data to the EC
- 18 January 2009: MS have to report their plans related data to the EC



Legal requirements laid down in the END concerning the 1st round of strategic noise mapping

- *Competent bodies for strategic noise mapping can use interim methods set in annex II + related EC recommendation adopted in 2003*
- *they can also use national methods IF these are equivalent to the interim methods*
- *Equivalence MUST in this case be demonstrated by MS*
- *L_{den} and L_{night} based maps must be drawn up in any case*



Key elements of the WG AEN Good Practice Guide

- *GPG version 2 published in 2006 has been elaborated by WG AEN, an expert group set by DG ENV in agreement with MS*
- *it provides practical and technical assistance to strategic noise mapping authorities concerning the 1st round of mapping*
- *it is not legally binding paper, however it is very useful*
- *it can be download from the EC EUROPA noise webpage*
- *people can send e-mails into a mailbox indicated in this webpage, WG AEN will reply and post the reply to the GPG dedicated website*





Legal harmonisation process: Important messages

- *the END states that the EC has to submit proposals on harmonised assessment methods to the adoption by a regulatory noise committee composed of MS representatives*
- *the END does not set a deadline for this, however it is anticipated that the harmonisation process could intervene before the 2nd round of noise mapping (=before 2012), not before the 1st round*
- *IMAGINE methods will obviously be duly considered and scrutinized by EC services in this perspective, particularly because 50% of IMAGINE project is funded by EC*
- *other valuable methods, if any, could be also considered*
- *once the regulatory committee has not formally approved the EC proposal on harmonised methods, the interim or national equivalent methods should be applied*





European Commission's desires

- *How can the IMAGINE deliverables effectively assist EC services in drafting its proposal concerning common noise assessment methods*
- *What we still miss after the completion of IMAGINE project to ensure drafting, programming and implementation of common noise assessment methods?*
- *What is the feedback of the stakeholders concerning the IMAGINE deliverables?*





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