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# The European Environment Agency

## Foreword

The context of the Agency has been evolving rapidly. Originally conceived as an organisation to provide environmental information and data on the state of the environment, today it is being asked by the European Parliament, the European Commission and its member countries to report on the effectiveness of environmental and sectoral policies and their implementation.

Alongside these institutional needs, the extent and rate of change in the world is arguably greater than ever before — climatic change, biodiversity disturbances, global natural resource consumption and impacts on people's health. This suggests that the Agency, together with Eionet and other EU institutions will need to anticipate the changing needs for information over the coming decades.

By taking an integrated approach to the assessment of environmental improvement and deterioration, the EEA has been able to provide unique insights into the environmental impacts of different sectors and across policy areas.

One of our challenges in the time ahead is to continue developing indicators that clearly illustrate the links between the environmental, social and economic dimensions of sustainable development.

The EEA has built up its expertise and improved the way in which it serves and communicates with its main clients. It has successfully used multiple communication tools to address and reach more groups in society.

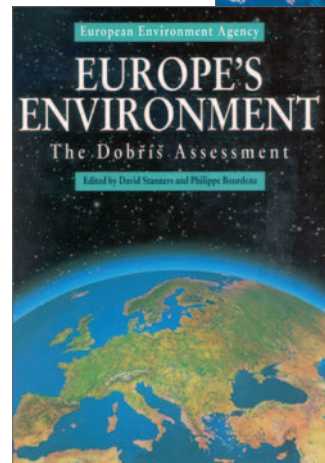
During these past 10 years staff at the Agency have learned and gained knowledge about Europe's environment. Explaining complex and often contradictory trends will continue to be a challenging goal.

With the support of staff, former staff, Eionet, the Management Board and Scientific Committee the Agency has been able to fulfil its mission. I would like to take this opportunity to thank all those involved for their invaluable contribution to the Agency's achievements.



Professor Jacqueline McGlade  
Executive Director





- EEA moves into its premises at Kongens Nytorv 6 in Copenhagen.

- The national focal points of Eionet meet for the first time in Copenhagen and have since then met regularly three times a year.

- Two main reports contribute to the UNECE pan-European ministerial process 'Environment for Europe' and the mid-term evaluation of the 5th environment action programme.

- President of the European Commission Jacques Santer with Commissioner for the Environment Ritt Bjerregaard launch the first EEA website.

1994

- EEA and Eionet become operational

1995

- EEA starts delivering

1994

1995



■ The first director of the EEA, Domingo Jiménez-Beltrán flanked by the Environment Commissioner and the Chairman of EEA's Management Board, Derek Osborn.

■ EEA, responding to a request from the European Parliament, publishes a report on environmental taxes.

■ Danish Minister of Environment Svend Auken inaugurating the European Topic Centre on Waste.

■ Eionet's electronic network established, the first of its kind in Europe.

■ Responding to clients

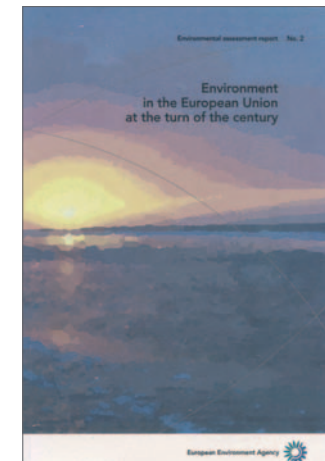
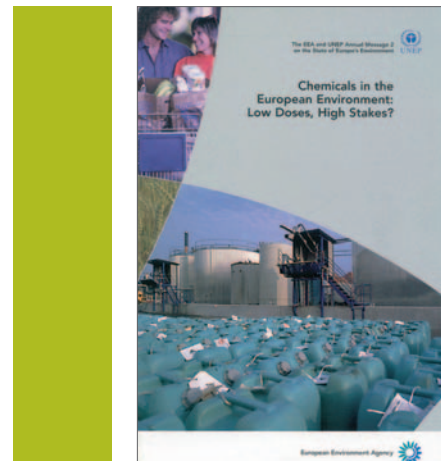
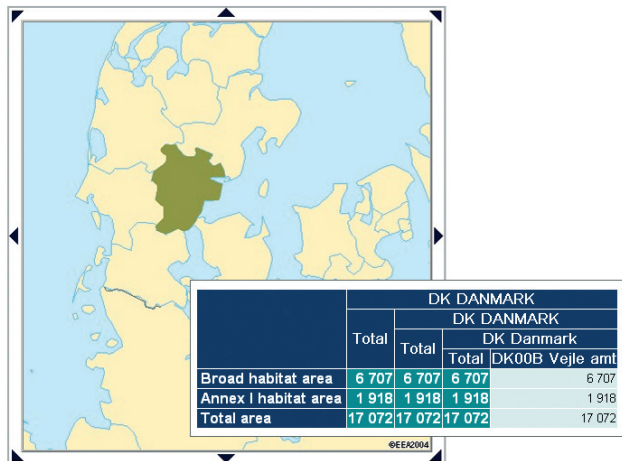
■ EEA and Eionet fully operational

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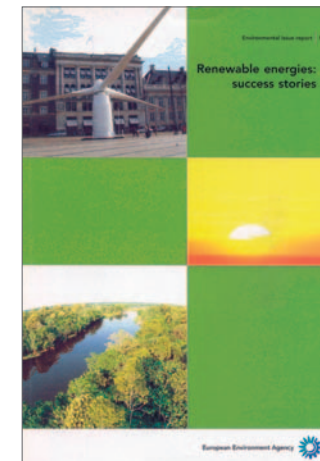


- 'Europe's environment — The second assessment' tracks pan-European environmental trends for the 4th UNECE Ministerial Conference in Århus.
- The EEA data warehouse makes information accessible in line with the spirit of the Århus convention.
- 'Chemicals in the European Environment: Low Doses High Stakes?' raises awareness about a critical health issue. A joint message with UNEP.
- 'Environment in the European Union at the turn of the century'. EEA's first five-year report contributes to the development of the 6th environment action programme.

**1998** ■ The principles of openness and transparency established

**1999** ■ Building strategic partnerships

# 1998 1999



■ 'Environmental signals 2000. European Environment Agency regular indicator report'

■ 'Are we moving in the right direction? Indicators on transport and environmental integration in the EU: TERM 2000'

■ 'Late lessons from early warnings — The precautionary principle 1896–2000'

■ 'Reporting on environmental measures — Are we being effective?'

■ 'Renewable energies: success stories'

■ Communicating using indicators

■ Reporting on policy in action

2000

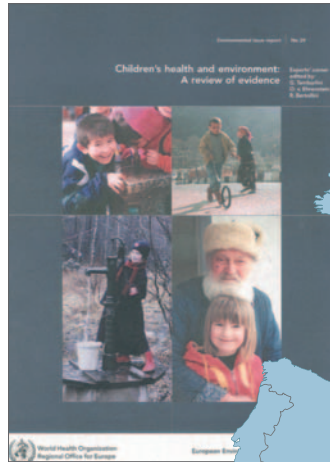
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Bulgaria  
Czech Republic  
Cyprus  
Estonia  
Hungary  
Latvia  
Lithuania  
Malta  
Poland  
Romania  
Slovakia  
Slovenia  
Turkey



■ 'Children's health and environment — A review of evidence'. A joint report with the WHO Regional Office for Europe.

■ A milestone is reached when EEA starts welcoming new members from central, eastern Europe and the Mediterranean regions.

■ EEA launches its report 'Europe's environment: the third assessment' at the 5th UNECE Ministerial Conference 'Environment for Europe', Kiev, Ukraine.

■ EEA launches its strategy for 2004–2008.

2002

■ EEA welcomes new member countries

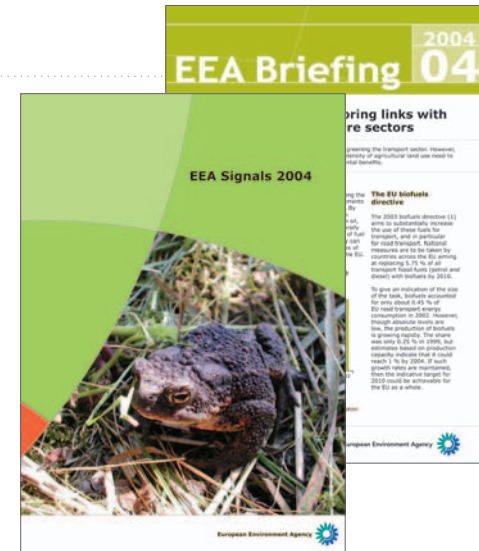
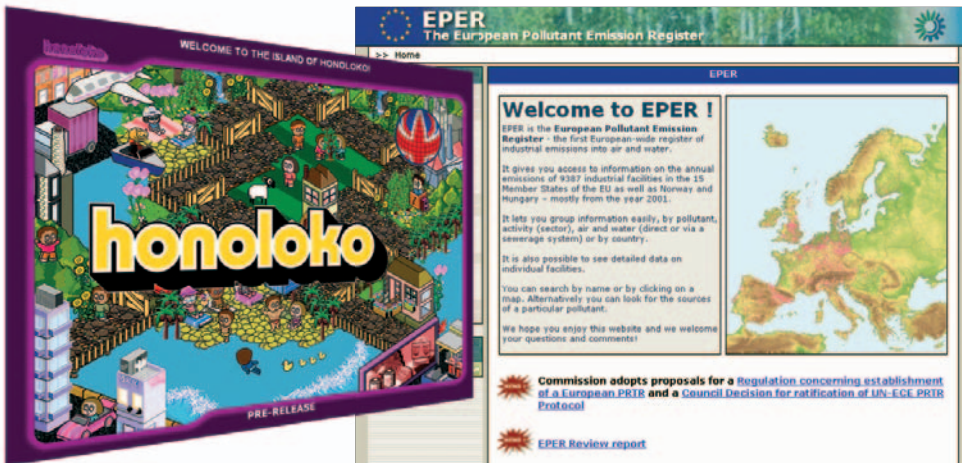
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■ Pushing the boundaries further

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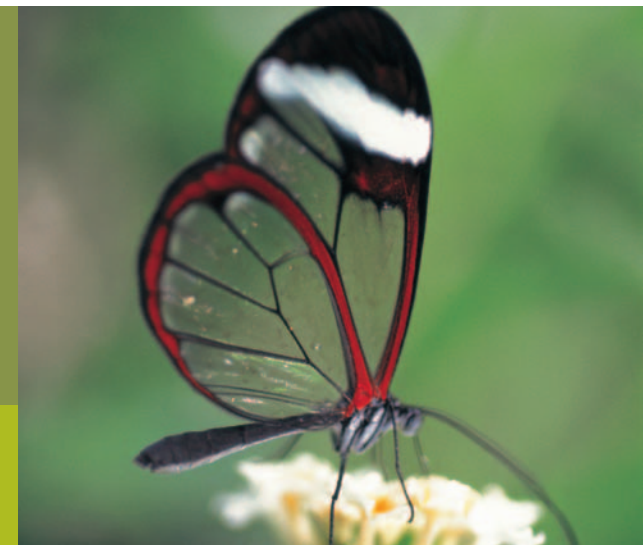
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- Making it fun. Launch of the game Honoloko at the Ministerial Conference on Environment and Health in Budapest.
- Launch of the European Pollutant Emission Register (EPER), a joint initiative with DG Environment providing local information to the public.
- The EEA website goes multilingual.
- EEA Signals and Briefings — easy to read assessments translated into all EEA member countries' languages.

- EEA reaches out to the citizens of Europe



- EEA reports on environmental signals and critical issues:
  - 'Impacts of Europe's changing climate'
  - 'Arctic environment: European perspectives'
  - 'High nature value farmland'

- EEA brochures to support key events and processes:
  - 'The network of Special Protection Areas'
  - 'Eurowaternet and Waterbase'

2004

- The future is happening now

2004

# EEA values

- We are open to change
- We are firm and fair
- We deliver the right quality
- We communicate effectively
- We rely on each other
- We make a difference

## C

### Client focus

We listen to the needs of our clients.

*We are open to change*

## R

### Reliability

We show responsibility by making objective information available.

*We are firm and fair*

## E

### Effectiveness

We deliver what we promise and add value by constantly evaluating our products.

*We deliver the right quality*

## A

### Awareness raising

We promote the idea that environment should be included into all decision-making processes.

*We communicate effectively*

## T

### Teamwork

We engage in dialogue, appreciate our differences and build our networks.

*We rely on each other*

## E

### Enthusiasm

Our passion for the environment is our motivation.

*We make a difference*

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