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Subject: EEA indicator developments and links to other initiatives – from SOER 2005 to regular reporting

To report back from the discussions coming out of the joint NFP/NRC Reporting meeting on 21.02. on the experiences with the SOER 2005

To link this discussion with the present status of EEA indicators and regular reporting and to consider the future development of the core set of indicators, country scorecard analysis and country profiles and their use in regular reporting activities of the Agency.

The intention of this discussion is:

- to follow up on the joint NFP/NRC Reporting meeting on experiences with the SOER2005, and
- to link this with the needs of regular reporting and the use and development of the Core Set of Indicators, country scorecard analysis and country profiles and to consider how best to continue.

The Agency is in the process of developing its plan for regular reporting over the next three years. We would like to do this with a good understanding of recent experiences (e.g. Signals, SOER2005) and to consider how the Core Set contributes to this.

EEA indicator developments form a backbone for regular reporting at the Agency. They link the thematic and sectoral work and are intimately linked to the priority data flows on which they depend. Given the limitations of the data and the indicators, the SOER2005 has shown the power of complementing the indicators and assessment with a scorecard analysis and with country-level information.

The indicators from the Core Set have been published in the SOER2005 and the Indicator Management System is now fully populated with a planned regular (annual) cycle of updating.

To decide on next steps in the development of reporting activities (including the CSI, future Signals publications, country scorecard and country profiles and eventually steps towards the 2010 SOER), it is therefore important to consider all these elements together.

A discussion is expected to help make conclusions:

- on the experiences of the SOER 2005 report
- on future developments of the Core Set of Indicators
- on the profile and timing of future indicator-based publications
- on the further development of country profiles and the country scorecard, including how EEA indicators can better feed into international initiatives.