



Clean Air for Europe

European Commission DG Environment, Unit C1



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1. Major Priorities (1)



- The pollutants of greatest current concern are particulate matter and ozone
- Particulate matter causes premature deaths and reduces quality of life
- There does not appear to be any no-effects thresholds
- Many complexities involved



1. Major priorities (2)



- Ozone also effects human health and ecosystems, and is also characterised by complexities in relation to formation and transport
- Exceedences of WHO guidelines can be expected for foreseeable future
- Other priorities include deposition, "new" pollutants and hot spots



2. Policy So Far (1)



- air quality limit and target values
 - SO2, NOx, PM, lead, CO, benzene, ozone, PAH, heavy metals
- national emission ceilings
 - to combat acidification, eutrophication and ozone pollution



2. Policy So Far (2)



- auto oil programmes
 - o vehicle emission and fuel quality standards
- emission limits and product standards in other sectors
 - o IPPC, LCPs, solvents



3. CAFE Objectives



- Technical Analysis gathering scientific information
- Implementation and review
- Effective links with sectoral emission policy
- Develop thematic strategy by 2004
- Dissemination



4. Implementation (1)



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Technical Analysis

- objectives and indicators on basis of scientific evidence
- emission inventories, AQ assessment, AQ and emission projections, cost-effectiveness studies, integrated assessment modelling
- need to strengthen links between policy and research



4. Implementation (2)



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Implementation and Review

- o in accordance with legal obligations
- o but also looking beyond established policy

Sectoral and Source-specific strategies

- o LCPs, vehicle emissions, IPPC, VOC/solvents
- o integration of environmental policies in sectors
- two-way information flow with CAFE



4. Implementation (3)



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Strategy development

- specific goal to develop thematic strategy by 2004
- need to constantly re-evaluate priorities and instruments

Dissemination

- o public information is seen as high priority
- o accessible data, minutes on internet



4. Implementation (4)



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Science and Policy

- o strengthening links is important priority
- o key issue is how to deal with uncertainty

Transparency and Stakeholder Involvement

o both crucial for success of the programme

Enlargement

Candidate Countries will be fully involved



4. Implementation (5)



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Co-operation with UN/ECE - CLRTAP

- o determination on both sides to enhance links
- o need for strategic and technical co-operation
- o politically, MS positions need to be co-ordinated

Co-operation with WHO

- WHO AQ guidelines are fundamental input
- WHO will perform systematic review for CAFE



5. Thematic Strategy



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CAFE will lead to thematic strategy in 2004

- in-depth review of legislation and policy
- public availability of data and indicators
- results of analysis on required measures
- proposals for new AQ standards and NECs
- report on measures to reduce emissions



Organisational Structure



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Internal Groups

- Secretariat
- Co-ordination Group
- Inter-service Group

External Groups

- Steering Group
- Technical Analysis Group
- Working Groups