

Preparations for the Swedish EU Presidency July-December 2009

Preliminary Environment Priorities

- **Climate change**
- **Eco-efficient economy**
- **Biological diversity**
- **Marine environment: regional perspectives**

Climate Change

- **Secure EU's ambitious climate policy**
- **Continued EU responsibility for the int'l process**
- **Reach an international agreement in Copenhagen**
- **Planning for Council conclusions at the October meeting -> contributes to an agreement in Copenhagen**
- **Preparatory discussions during the informal meeting 24-25 July**
- **Troika contacts with other leading actors**

Eco-efficient Economy

- To show how to cope with the climate challenges and at the same time keep competitiveness
- Eco-efficient economy will be the topic for the Informal Environment Council, Åre 24-25 July, the Informal Energy council, Åre 23-24 July and the Informal Competitiveness Council, Umeå, 14-16 October
- Contributes to the climate negotiations, the EU Sustainable Development Strategy and the Lisbon Strategy
- To be followed up at the October Council
- Contribution to the European Council

Biodiversity

- **Cost of inaction; the report “The Economics of Ecosystem and Biodiversity”**
- **Prepare EU of CBD 2010 - strategic plan, new long term target for biological diversity;**
 - **Constructive input to prepare the negotiations on genetic resources**
 - **Start evaluation of the 2010 target to halt the loss of biodiversity**
- **Establishment of a platform for knowledge about biodiversity and eco-system services (IPBES)**
- **Council conclusions in preparation of COP 10**

Marine Environment: regional perspectives

- Important to work with macro-regional co-ordination of environmental issues.
- The EU Strategy for the Baltic Sea Region, to be presented by the Commission in June, will be an example.
- European Council conclusions in October.
- Environment Council conclusions in December on the environmental aspects of the Strategy, also reflecting other regions.
- The Baltic Sea becomes a "pilot project" under the Marine Strategy Directive. COM to consider supportive action.

Legislative Issues during SE Presidency

- **Depends on progress during the Czech Presidency**
- **Possible readings:**
 - **Integrated Pollution Prevention and Control Directive**
 - **Soil Directive**
 - **Waste Electrical and Electronic equipment (WEEE)**
 - **Restriction of the Use of certain Hazardous Substances (RoHS)**

Other possible Commission Proposals

- **National Emissions Ceilings Directive**
- **CO2 emissions from light commercial vehicles**
- **CO2 labelling of Cars**
- **Regulation on Shared Environment Information Systems**
- **Biocides Regulation**

Other Issues during SE PRES

- **Decision on negotiations on a Mercury convention**
- **Decision on further phasing-out of ozone depleting substances (Montreal protocol)**
- **Communication on ship dismantling**
- **Follow-up of the EU Strategy for Sustainable development**

Council Meetings

- **Informal Environment Council, 24-25 July: back-to-back with energy ministers' meeting**
- **Environment Council Luxembourg, 23 October**
- **Environment Council Brussels, 22 December**

Certain other Meetings in Sweden

- **Climate workshop - 13-15 July, Djurö**
- **High level conference on sustainable cities and construction - Stockholm, 14-15 September**
- **Conference on water/marine environment - Lund, 21 – 23 September**
- **Water directors', extended with Marine Directors' meeting - Malmö, 29 November – 1 December**
- **High level meeting Nature protection – Strömstad 7-9 September**
- **Conference on “Eco-efficient economy – towards innovative and sustainable competitiveness” – Linköping 2-3 November (Ministry of Enterprise)**

Some international meetings during autumn 2009

- **UNFCCC/Kyoto Protocol COP 15 COP/MOP 5**
- **Montreal Protocol MOP 21**
- **UNCCD COP 9**
- **Euro-Med Environmental Ministers Meeting**
- **CITES Standing Committee**
- **Bern Convention Standing Committee**
- **UNECE Water Convention COP 5**