

## MAIN ACTIVITIES

IEEP works on environmental and related policies in Europe and beyond. Projects are undertaken both for external sponsors and clients and on our own initiative.

- We undertake **research and policy studies**, including international comparisons of policy relating to the environment, contributions to policy development, and implementation and evaluation studies.
- We provide **advice** to a wide range of organisations, commissions of inquiry, etc. This includes study reports, briefings and policy notes, regular analysis on policy developments, and provision of expert input.
- We disseminate **information, research findings and policy insights** on the environment and related policies within the EU, other European countries and beyond.
- We organise **international conferences, workshops, policy fora** and **seminars**, bringing together policy-makers and practitioners to address current issues.
- We give **lectures and training** on environmental policy.
- We maintain a comprehensive database of EU environmental law and policy, producing regular updates to our **Manual of Environmental Policy: the EU and Britain**.
- We produce **newsletters** on a range of environment-related topics and contribute more widely in **academic journals** and the **general media**.

Sponsors and clients include the European Commission, national and regional governments, the European Parliament, the European Environment Agency, national parliaments, non-governmental organisations, industry and charitable foundations.

## FURTHER INFORMATION

IEEP publishes reports, newsletters and conference proceedings, as well as contributing to journals. Many of our reports are published by our partners and clients.

Additional material about IEEP, including annual reports, details of publications, staff contacts and activities, are available on our website or from our offices.

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## INTRODUCTION

The Institute for European Environmental Policy (IEEP) is a leading centre for the analysis and development of environmental and related policies in Europe. An independent, not for profit organisation, the Institute has offices in London and Brussels. IEEP brings a non-partisan analytical perspective to policy questions, engaging in both pressing short-term questions and long-term strategic studies.

We focus primarily on European Union (EU) environmental and sustainable development policies, and relevant aspects of other policies such as agriculture, transport, rural and regional development and fisheries. We are also actively engaged in the development of policy at a national level in Europe. The Institute seeks both to raise awareness of the policies that shape the European environment and to advance policy-making along sustainable paths.

We undertake research and analysis and provide consultancy and information services, working both on our own initiative and on commissioned projects. Our partners and audience range from international and European institutions to local government, non-governmental organisations (NGOs), industry and others who contribute to the policy debate. We have regular contact with the full range of policy actors.

IIEP operates in a network with like-minded institutes in Europe and elsewhere. The interdisciplinary team of staff includes lawyers and natural and social scientists with experience of working in a wide range of European countries. We collaborate closely with a network of associates in universities, other specialist institutes and consultancy organisations. The London office of IIEP was founded in 1980, the Brussels office in 2001.

## **POLICY AREAS**

### *Analysis of EU Environmental Policy*

Central to IIEP's work is the monitoring, analysis and interpretation of the growing body of EU environmental legislation. This includes the complex decision making process which produces this legislation, as well as problems of its implementation. We address the full range of issues from the management of chemicals, pollution control, air and water quality, to waste policy and environmental assessment.

### *Climate Change*

Perhaps the biggest issue on the European environmental agenda at present is climate change. This raises sensitive questions of energy use, taxation, emissions trading and the respective roles of national governments and the EU. IIEP has a major programme of work examining the particular role of European policy in the climate debate.

### *Integration and Sustainable Development*

Sustainable development depends on more than the deployment of environmental law and policy. Environmental and social priorities have to be integrated into the main sectoral policies and brought within a strategic framework. These cross-cutting issues are an area of particular interest for the Institute and we have a strong track record in this field. Since 2001, we have been monitoring the development and implementation of the EU Sustainable Development Strategy.

### *Agriculture and Rural Development*

We have a twenty-nine year track record in this area, addressing most aspects of the relationship between agriculture and the environment, particularly within the CAP. Contributions to the sustainable agriculture/integrated rural development agenda have included a range of studies, reports and European conferences. We not only have expertise in existing and new Member States, but also have an active interest in Candidate Countries.

### *Transport Policy*

IIEP has an established research and policy advice programme on the key environmental issue of transport. We focus on emissions and other impacts from road vehicles, and instruments to tackle them. We have produced broader assessments of policy approaches to more environmentally sustainable transport for a range of sponsors.

### *Sustainable Fisheries*

The Institute's work programme focuses on the evolution of a more sustainable fisheries policy for both Europe and the UK. We have raised awareness of the impacts of fishing, and identified alternative approaches to both the regulation and financial support of this fragile sector.

### *EU Structural Funds and Cohesion Fund*

These Funds support infrastructure projects, employment, and regional development. Beginning with pioneering work demonstrating the environmental impact of projects supported by the funds, we have followed the development of EU policy closely. Strengthening the focus on sustainability and using the Funds as a positive tool for environmental improvement is now a priority.

### *Nature Conservation*

IIEP has been actively engaged in EU nature and biodiversity policy for many years. We have particular expertise in implementation of the habitats and birds

Directives and the integration of biodiversity issues into agriculture, fisheries and other policies.

### *Policy Instruments*

Traditional policy tools such as emissions standards are increasingly complemented by the use of environmental taxes and charges, fiscal reform, voluntary agreements, environmental management systems, labelling requirements, and most recently, emissions trading. We have a particular interest in the design, impact, effectiveness and applicability of these instruments.

### *Evaluation and Better Regulation*

The evaluation of policies, programmes, instruments and projects, relies on an ever more complex set of evaluation tools and methods. The armoury includes RIA, SEA, IA, EIA, SD assessments using CBA, MCA, effectiveness analysis, stakeholder assessments, etc. We have advised on the appropriate use of different evaluation instruments, developed methodologies, actively contributed to a range of assessment processes and examined their contribution to policy objectives such as better regulation.

### *EU Enlargement and Beyond*

IIEP has been active in assisting the newest Member States that have joined the EU, as well as continuing to work with other Candidate Countries. Recently we have worked to advance environmental policy development in the western Balkans and in the EECCA region. Further afield, we also undertake work in countries outside Europe, including forging a closer relationship with similar organisations in the United States.