

The Working Group Meeting in 2022 (WG2022) of the Acid Deposition Monitoring Network in East Asia (EANET)  
24-25 August 2022, Virtual Meeting

**CONSIDERATION OF ACCELERATING THE INVOLVEMENT OF EANET  
PARTICIPATING COUNTRIES AND OTHER ORGANIZATIONS IN THE EANET  
PROJECT PLAN SUBMISSION PROCESS**

**I. Introduction**

1. The EANET Project Fund and Project Guideline (EANET/IG 23/9/rev) was approved at the Intergovernmental Meeting (IG) on the Acid Deposition Monitoring Network in East Asia (EANET)'s Twenty-third Session (IG23) on 24-25 November 2021. The EANET Project Fund is a new financial mechanism allowing EANET to build co-financed projects, "EANET Projects".
2. The Secretariat (SEC) informed the Participating Countries (PCs) on 28 April 2022 regarding the newly established webpages on the EANET Project Fund and Project Guideline and invited the PCs "to provide additional voluntary contributions based on the national conditions of Participating Countries, including in-kind contributions to the Non-Core Activities and EANET Project Fund, to secure necessary resources to implement Non-Core Activities specified in WP&B 2022" in line with the Decisions of IG23, paragraph 2. c,.
3. This discussion paper aims to improve and strengthen the involvement of EANET PCs and other organizations in the EANET Project Plan Submission Process as requested by the Japan on 1 July 2022.

**II. ACTIONS REQUIRED**

4. The Working Group Meeting in 2022 (WG2022) is invited to consider and review the discussion paper on "Consideration of Accelerating the Involvement of EANET Participating Countries and other organizations in the EANET Project Plan Submission Process" and may wish to discuss, consider, and provide guidance for further action to the 24th Intergovernmental Meeting in November 2022, as appropriate.

**Attachment**

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**INTRODUCTION**

1. The principles of the preparation, selection, resource allocation, and implementation of the EANET Projects are provided in the EANET Project Fund and Guideline (EANET/IG 23/9/rev), as well as the following documents, as approved in IG 23.
  - The Instrument for Strengthening the Acid Deposition Monitoring Network in East Asia (hereinafter referred to as 'the Instrument');
  - The Supplementary Document (Annex) to the Instrument;
  - Relevant MTP, which includes guidance for a specific 5-year period;
  - Relevant EANET Annual Work Programme and Budget (WPB), which may include general guidance for the respective year;
  - Relevant IG decisions, which may include some additional guidance.

**HOW TO ACCELERATE THE INVOLVEMENT**

2. EANET Participating Countries (PCs) are the most important stakeholders in the EANET Project Fund. They can liaise with other organizations as decided by the National Focal Points in becoming Project Lead (PL); designate an organization as an implementing agency; identify partner organizations; and identify and engage with co-financers. The PCs are also part of the IG which approves and evaluates all EANET Project Plans.
3. On the other hand, other organizations not included as Project Lead cannot instigate the submission of EANET Project Plans. The Project Leads are only the organization liaised by the National Focal Point of PCs, the SEC, the Network Center (NC), and Subsidiary Bodies of the EANET.

**PROPOSALS ON IMMEDIATE ACTIONS THAT THE SEC AND THE NC CAN UNDERTAKE WITHIN THE MANDATE FROM EXISTING IG DECISIONS**

- The EANET Project Fund should be better communicated publicly on the EANET website and shared through social media.
- The SEC and the NC should participate widely in air quality-related conferences, meetings and other fora, to introduce the EANET and the EANET Project Fund.

**SHORT OR MID-TERM ACTIONS WHICH NEEDS ADDITIONAL IG GUIDANCE,  
DECISIONS AND/OR ADDITIONAL BUDGET OR RESOURCES**

- Regional and/or national meetings showcasing the EANET Project Fund should be organized. The SEC and the NC can consider organizing webinars showcasing the EANET Project Fund.
- At national levels, PCs can consider organizing national workshops/ webinars aimed at showcasing the work and achievements of the EANET and at the same time introducing the EANET Project Fund to national stakeholders. The SEC and the NC can support PCs in organizing these national meetings.