



bridging the gap
responding to environmental change – from words to deeds



Dear Colleagues,

We are pleased to inform you that we are organising during Slovenian EU presidency an environment related European wide conference

Bridging the gap : responding to environmental change – from words to deeds
Wednesday 14 to Friday 16 May 2008, Portorož, Slovenia.

Conference is fourth in a series, starting in London in 1998, followed by Stockholm conference in 2001 and by Dublin conference in 2004.

It is organised by Environment Agency of Republic of Slovenia in cooperation with European Environment Agency, European Commission (DG Environment and DG Research, Joint Research centre) and the environment protection agencies of England and Wales, Ireland and Sweden.

Conference will gather participants from policy, research, business and civil society communities.

It will address most prioritised and emerging issues in European Union. The three headline issues of the conference (the need for urgent action, environment in the heart of the economic decision making and communication between scientists, policy-makers, politicians, business and civil society) will be addressed through five main themes of the conference:

- Information gathering and sharing
- Adaptation to climate change
- Biodiversity and ecosystem services
- Sustainable consumption and production
- Energy and the environment

The main purpose will be to identify gaps in policy, research, in capacities of society to respond to emerging issues and uncertainties in order to be better prepared for the future and to move towards more sustainable development.



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Conference will also address well being gaps by looking at environment related impacts to human health and at the provision of ecosystem services, induced by the climate change, energy supply and production and consumption patterns.

We most kindly invite you to participate at the conference and share with us your experience and ideas.

For general background information and the programme of the conference, please refer to: www.bridgingthegap.si.

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Should you have any comments and questions, do not hesitate to contact us.

We are looking forward seeing you at the Bridging the Gap conference in May 2008 in Portorož.

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