



ERA Working Group

Status and plans
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Participation

- Currently 20 members!
 - 12 SPG
 - 4 ISG
 - 4 Academics/regulators

 - 6 from the Netherlands
 - 4 from Sweden
 - 3 from UK
 - 2 from Belgium
 - 1 from Finland
 - 1 from Hungary
 - 1 from Italy
 - 1 from Romania
 - 1 from the Russian Federation



Scope

- Follow-up on the conclusions of the Stockholm workshop

- Produce a proposed position/action plan for NICOLE
 - Review ERA context – policy, technical
 - Review available approaches, tools, models and datasets
 - Exchange experiences of practical applications
 - Establish a technical viewpoint



Issues of significance

- What is an acceptable level of disturbance to the ecological system?
- When does an assessment show that there is no problem?
- How do we in general use the results of ERA in management decisions?



Way forward

- Agenda reviewed during summer 2006
- Discussion in plenum at Leuven October 2006
- 1st draft of proposed position for comments until December 31
- 2nd draft for agreement within the WG until February 28
- Presentation of agreed proposal to SG during the spring 2007