Synthesis of the discussion on Programs of Measures – economic aspects

Measures

Ouestion:

- (1)Basic measures (Cost-effective by definition). Are we sufficiently confident that all basic measures will become operational in time? If not, what are the causes for this? What are additional needs or requirements?
- (3) Are additional measures needed? If yes: Did we select most cost-effective combinations? Exemptions needed? Disproportional costs?

Answer

- Distinguish basic / supplementary is not very relevant
- It is rather difficult to find best combination of measures
- Diffuse sources are the most difficult to manage
- Exemptions are necessary, not only due to disproportionate costs
- More time is needed to achieve the objectives.

Financing

Question (2): Do we have adequate financing mechanisms?

Answer:

- It is not tested yet as to whether we have the appropriate financing mechanisms.
- Better application of the polluter pays principle is needed for some sectors (f.i. agriculture, hydropower)
- Reallocation of funds may help better financing
- Agreement at government level is necessary
- Search for new instruments is recommended

Risks

Question (4): Implementation of the programmes of measures – fears and expectations

Answer:

- Too law engagement of the public
- No acceptance at local, regional, national levels
- Insufficient effects of the measures
- Interference with other programs (f.i. climate mitigation, adaptation, energy renewal)

Challenges

Question (5): What are the main challenges next year? In ten years?

Answer

- To find the right balance with other environmental objectives
- To put the programs of measures on the political agenda