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1. INTRODUCTION

In 2002 the European Parliament and the Council adopted Directive 2002/49 relating to the Assessment and Management of Environmental Noise, often referred as the European Noise Directive END.

In 2007 all Member States have carried out strategic noise mappings and some has already been published. Now the action plans are being drawn up in order to prevent or reduce harmful noise impact and to preserve sound quality where it is still good.

2. WG-AEN expert group

In order to assist the Commission and the Member States a Working Group of noise expert were established, named WG-AEN (assessment of exposure to noise).

This paper will report on the tasks of this group and what has been achieved and what support is available as a result of the work of this group including summaries of the main position papers will be presented.

3. Position Papers

The following recent position papers of the group are available or in progress:

- Presentation of noise mapping data to the public.
- Unclear provisions of the END
- how to communicate noise maps etc.
- catalogue of mapping software
- deliverables of IMAGINE
- Good Practice Guide on strategic noise mapping
- accuracy in noise mapping

4. First European noise data

The first figures from the strategic noise mappings around Europe

In addition any news from the EU Noise Policy work and the process of harmonised prediction methods will be discussed.