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PHASE 1 OF PUBLIC CONSULTATION ON NATIONAL ENVIRONMENT POLICY



ISSUES PAPER

The Parliamentary Secretariat for Tourism, the Environment and Culture, has launched an Issues Paper, which lists a preliminary set of environmental issues. This represents the first phase of the consultation on the National Environment Policy Process. The objective of the Issues Paper is to put forward ideas to stimulate discussion, and to achieve agreement on the scope and remit of Malta's first National Environment Policy. Issues listed in the paper emerge from 3 sources: The Environment Report 2008; the 2008 MEPA Public Attitude Survey; and, the 2010 Parliamentary Debate on The Environment Report 2008. The paper contains a set of consultation questions on which feedback is being sought.

Public feedback on this list of issues, and in particular on the consultation questions listed in the paper, may be sent via e-mail at: envpolicy.opm@gov.mt, or by phone on 2291 5033/5027. Submissions are requested by 30th September 2010.

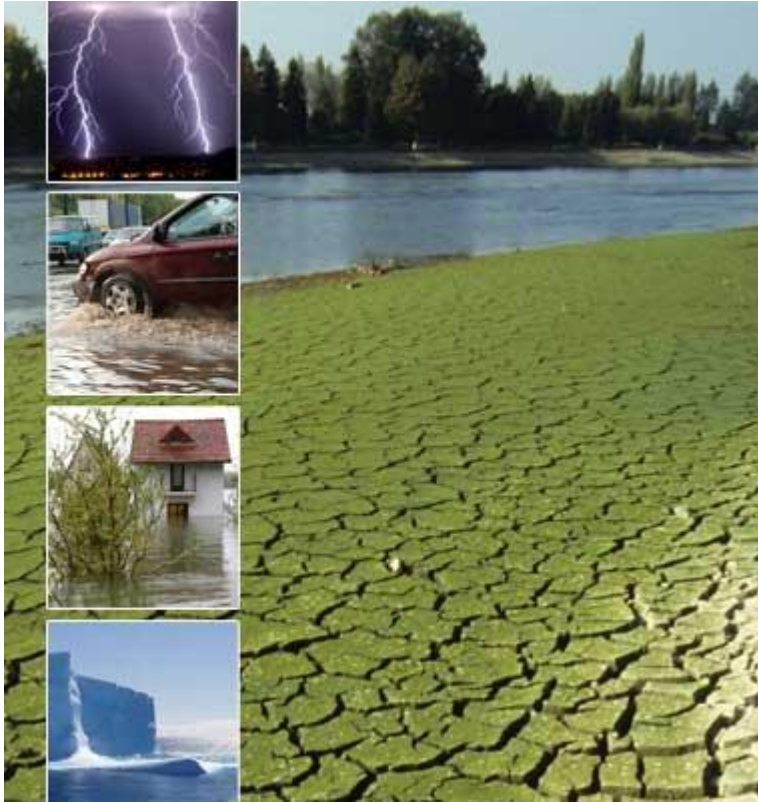
The full paper can be found at: WWW.TSDU.GOV.MT/ENVIRONMENT-NEP

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EU and China should increase cooperation to fight climate change



Following on from the meeting of the EU-China Civil Society Round Table in Chongqing, a seminar on Trade and Development took place in Shanghai from 22 to 24 July 2010. Linked to the EU Trade Days, this seminar touched upon three main topics: Trade and Development, Trade and Climate Change and Investment and Cooperation.

On the issue of trade and climate change, participants underlined the following:

- ♦ The EU and China should increase their cooperation to fight against climate change, whilst trade can be a useful instrument to promote green growth.
- ♦ It is important to promote the trade of environmental goods and services, in particular wind and hydroelectric turbines, solar-powered boilers, solar panels, seawater desalination plants and wastewater reuse and treatment.

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- ♦ With reference to the WTO negotiations, the EU and China should cooperate to find an agreement to lower tariff barriers, concentrating on reducing obstacles to investment and non tariff barriers which continue to seriously hamper the spread of environmentally friendly products.

Find the full press release here:

<http://europa.eu/rapid/pressReleasesAction.do?reference=CES/10/94&format=HTML&aged=0&language=EN&guiLanguage=en>

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