Synthesis of the discussion on Programs of Measures – economic aspects

Measures

Question:
(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 low 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