

# Regional Conference

## Closing the mineral cycle at farm level – Good practices to reduce nutrient loss in Southern and Eastern Ireland

Tuesday, 28 October 2014

9:30 am – 3:00 pm

The Killeshin Hotel, Dublin Road, Portlaoise, Co. Laois, Ireland

### Aim of the conference:

- to present the results from the EU project "Resource Efficiency in Practice - Closing Mineral Cycles" (especially the identified good practices for the region);
- to highlight farmers experiences (e.g. on successfully implementing good practices); and
- to initiate discussions among the participants on identifying solutions and the need for further actions to effectively address the nutrient surplus in the region.

<b>Moderation: Dr. David Wall, Teagasc</b>	
<b>09.30 – 10.00</b>	<b>Registration and coffee</b>
<b>10.00 – 10.10</b>	<b>Welcome and introductory remarks</b> <i>Marco Bonetti, European Commission, DG Environment</i>
<b>10.10 – 11.20</b>	<p><b><u>Setting the Scene</u></b></p> <p><b>Causes and effects of nutrient surplus in the region and recommendations</b> (20 min) <i>Victoria Cherrier, AMEC (project partner)</i></p> <p><b>Actions to address nutrient surplus at farm level - experiences</b> (each 10 min) <i>Cathal Buckley, Teagasc</i></p> <p><i>Joe Doyle, Farmer &amp; Eddie Burgess, Agricultural Advisor</i></p> <p><i>Harold Kingston, Irish Farmers' Association</i></p> <p><b>Legal framework and financial support for resource efficiency in agricultural areas</b> (20 min) - <i>Jack Nolan, Department of Agriculture and the Marine</i></p>
<b>11.20-11.40</b>	<b>Discussion and questions</b>

11.40-11.55	Coffee break
11.55-12.00	Introduction to small group discussion
12.00-13.15	<p><b>Group discussions on how to effectively address nutrient surplus?</b> (3 x 25 min)</p> <p>Discussion topics include:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>1. Success factors and barriers to the uptake of good practices</b> <i>Pat Murphy, Teagasc</i></li> <li><b>2. New and innovative practices</b> <i>Victoria Cherrier, AMEC (project partner)</i></li> <li><b>3. Potential for cooperation and joint actions</b> <i>Ray Spain, South Eastern River Basin District, Carlow County Council</i></li> <li><b>4. Fine-tuning the legal framework and financial support</b> <i>Donal Daly, Environmental Protection Agency</i></li> </ol>
13.15 – 14.00	<p><b>Plenary discussion</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Reports from small group discussions</li> <li>• Discussing results from working groups</li> </ul>
14.00	Lunch

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