Submission of annual information on plans and programmes under Commission Decision 2004/224/EC

and

Voluntary provision of plans and programmes for the abatement of air pollution under Council Directive 96/62/EC (Air Quality Framework Directive)

Guidelines for delivery using ReportNet tools

Version 1.0



Background to the reporting activity: Council Directive 96/62/EC (Air Quality Framework Directive)

 The need for local, regional or national programmes for improvement in the ambient air quality is set out in Council Directive 96/62/EC of 27 September 1996 on ambient air quality assessment and management:

http://europa.eu.int/eur-

lex/lex/LexUriServ/LexUriServ.do?uri=CELEX

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Background to the reporting activity: Commission Decision 2004/224/EC

- Member States will have to prepare attainment programmes showing how the limit values will be met on time for those areas where attainments by "business as usual" cannot be presumed. These programmes must be made directly available to the public, and must also be sent to the Commission. To facilitate a harmonized and structured way of reporting, detailed arrangements for Member States to submit the information on plans and programmes are laid down in Commission Decision 2004/224/EC.
- Text source: DG Environment at <u>http://www.europa.eu.int/comm/environment/air/ambient.htm#2</u>



Voluntary provision of the plans/programmes related to Council Directive 96/62/EC

Member States have been asked by the Commission* to also provide on a voluntary basis to facilitate the exchange of practices:

- <u>Either</u> deliver their plans/programmes in electronic format
- Or provide a hyperlink to the internet address where the plan/programme has already been made public

* CAFÉ Steering Group meeting May 2005 2005http://www.europa.eu.int/comm/environment/air/c afe/meetings/050511meeting.htm



MS Excel templates specified in Commission Decision 2004/224/EC)

- MS Excel templates for the required forms with information on plans and programmes as specified in Commission Decision 2004/224 are available in various languages from DG Environment website at: http://www.europa.eu.int/comm/environment/air/ambient.htm#2
- Example of the MS Excel template in English: <u>http://www.europa.eu.int/comm/environment/air/pdf/form_en.xls</u>
- References to Form 1 and Form 2 in this guidance document refers to the forms in the above template.

ReportNet Central Data Repository (CDR)

- Member states are asked to provide their data in electronic form in the Central Data Repository of ReportNet: http://cdr.eionet.eu.int
- This document provides guidance on the delivery process.
- The European Environment Agency (EEA) together with its network of member countries (<u>EIONET</u>) has established ReportNet to provide electronic infrastructure and tools for streamlining flows of environmental information in Europe.
- Additional information is available in the ReportNet brochure http://www.eionet.eu.int/rn/reportnet2003.pdf

The structure of the delivery in CDR

- Member States are encouraged to create <u>one envelope</u> for their annual delivery in CDR under this data flow.
- All files relating to the annual delivery should be uploaded into this envelope. Additional envelopes should only be used for subsequent submissions of revised information.
- A recommended convention for naming and describing files in the CDR envelope is given in this document.
- A step by step guide on creating the CDR envelope and uploading the files is also provided in this document.
- The person(s) assigned to the delivery task needs to have an EIONET password and permission to upload official national data for Commission Decision 2004/224 EC.



Recommended convention for file naming and description

- Member States may have prepared a large number of Plans and Programmes of different types and with different geographical coverage for the abatement of air pollution.
- Therefore a set of file naming conventions is proposed as part of these guidelines in order to make it easier to use the information uploaded to the ReportNet Central Data Repository (CDR).
- CDR allows you to assign an extra description to each file. Recommendations are also provided on using this description to help those using your data.

Recommended convention for file naming in CDR

Three types of files are expected in this reporting activity:

- MSExcel file containing the summary information for one plan or programme according to Commission Decision 2004/224
- 2. A hyperlink containing the internet address for a plan or programme, which has been published.
- 3. A zip file containing the complete set of documents for one plan or programme, which has not been published on the internet.

Recommended convention for file naming

The file naming convention is based on the following principles:

- Plans or programmes may cover:
 - o the full national territory
 - o a group of air quality administration zones
 - o one air quality administration zone
 - o a part of one air quality administration zone.
- Plans or programmes with different objectives can cover the same geographical area

A plan/programme covering the full national area

Recommended name for the files:

Quest_Decision_2004_224_EC_MS_Xx[_Vv]

- **MS** is the Member State code as used in Form 1
- X is an identifier chosen by the MS in cases where there is more than one plan/programme covering the full national territory.
- v is a version number to be used if the file is re-submitted

- MS Excel files with the information forms
- Hyperlinks for published plans/programmes
- Zip files containing the unpublished plans/programmes

A plan/programme covering multiple zones

Recommended name for the files:

Quest_for Decision_2004_224_EC_MS_Rr_Xx[_Vv]

- MS is the Member State code as used in Form 1
- r is a regional identifier chosen by the MS in cases where there are plans/programmes covering multiple zones.
- x is an identifier chosen by the MS in cases where there is more than one type of plan/programme covering the same set of multiple zones.
- v is a version number to be used if the file is re-submitted

- MS Excel files with the information forms
- Hyperlinks for published plans/programmes
- Zip files containing the unpublished plans/programmes

A plan/programme covering a single zone

Recommended name for the files:

Quest_Decision_2004_224_EC_MS_Zz_Xx[_Vv]

- MS is the Member State code as used in Form 1
- z is the zone code as used in Form 2
- **x** is identifier chosen by the MS in cases where there is more than one type of plan/programme covering the same zone.
- v is a version number to be used if the file is re-submitted

- MS Excel files with the information forms
- Hyperlinks for published plans/programmes
- Zip files containing the unpublished plans/programmes

A plan/programme covering part of a zone

Recommended name for the files:

Quest_Decision_2004_224_EC_MS_Lz_Xx[_Vv]

- MS is the Member State code as used in Form 1
- z is the zone code as used in Form 2, which is partially covered
- **x** is identifier chosen by the MS in cases where there is more than one type of plan/programme covering the same part of the zone.
- v is a version number to be used if the file is re-submitted

- MS Excel files with the information forms
- Hyperlinks for published plans/programmes
- Zip files containing the unpublished plans/programmes

Recommended convention for additional file descriptions in CDR

- The file title option available when uploading the file in CDR should be used to provide an additional description indicating the geographical area covered by the plan or programme.
- The description should be the names of the city(ies) or municipality(ies) covered by the plan or programme as provided in Form 2.
- The step by step delivery guidance later in this document shows you how to use this option.

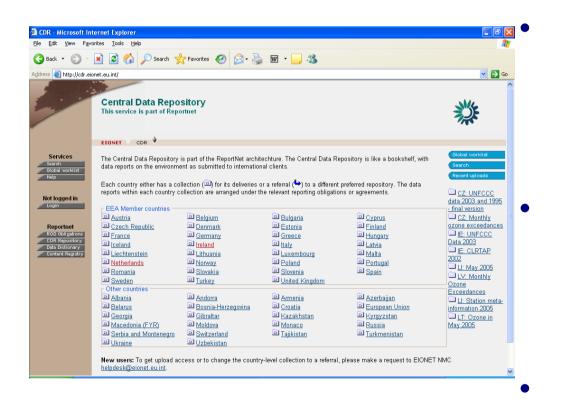
The delivery procedure

Step by step

Obtaining permission to deliver in CDR

- 1st time users need to contact EIONET helpdesk (helpdesk@eionet.eu.int) for the right to upload official national data required under Commission Decision 2004/224/EC
 - Granted immediately if you already hold a relevant EIONET role:
 - **EIONET PCPs and NRCs for Air Quality**
 - Otherwise the request will be checked with the EIONET <u>national</u> focal <u>point</u> for your country.
- New users will receive an EIONET username and password.

Navigating to the delivery point (1)



Navigate to the Central Data Repository (CDR) at:

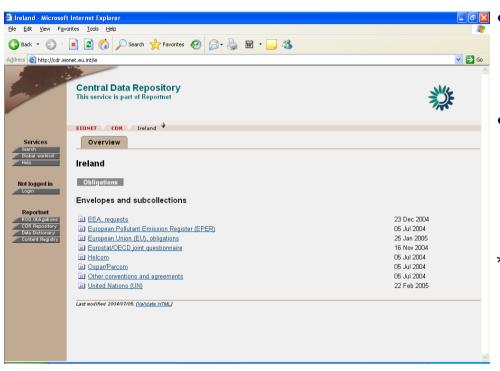
http://cdr.eionet.eu.int.

Log in with your EIONET username by clicking on the **Login** button on the left side of the screen.

Select your country.



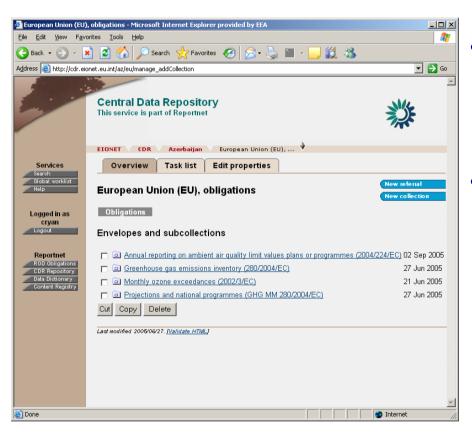
Navigating to the delivery point (2)



- The next level shows a list of international data requestors*.
- Select European Union (EU), obligations

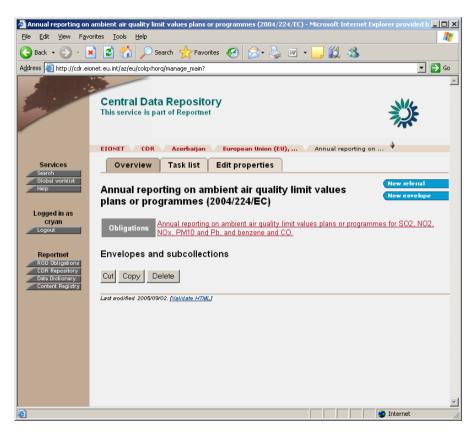
* Some countries have organized their CDR folders in a different way. You can contact your EIONET national focal point if you need guidance

Navigating to the delivery point (3)



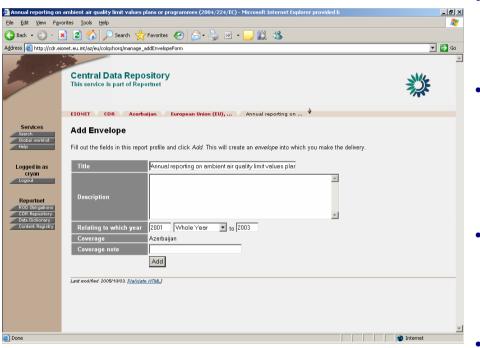
- The next level shows a list of European Union reporting obligations.
- Select Annual reporting on ambient air quality limit values plans or programmes (2004/224/EC)

Creating the delivery envelope (1)



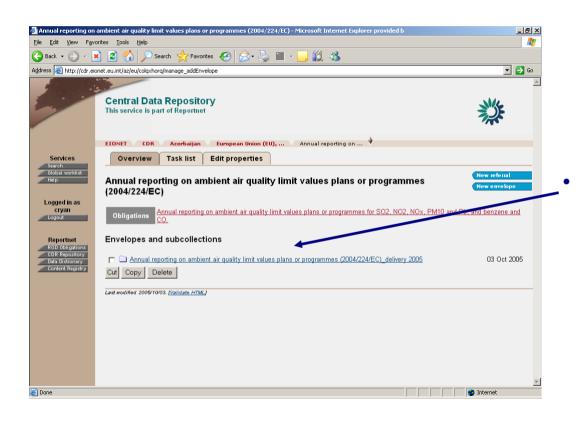
Choose the button
"New envelope"
on the right of your screen.

Creating the delivery envelope (2)



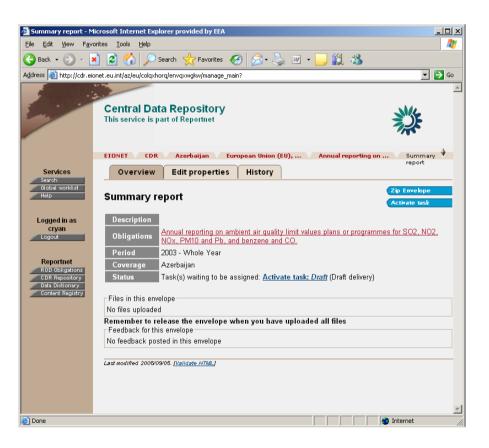
- Provide the envelope metadata. This metadata is used by the ReportNet search engine.
- A helpful envelope title is useful for CDR users. An example would be: "Annual reporting on ambient air quality limit values plans or programmes (2004/224/EC)_delivery 2005".
- The field "Relating to which year" refers to the dates of the exceedances not the date of your delivery.
 - Use the "Add button" at the bottom of the screen to create the envelope.

Open the envelope



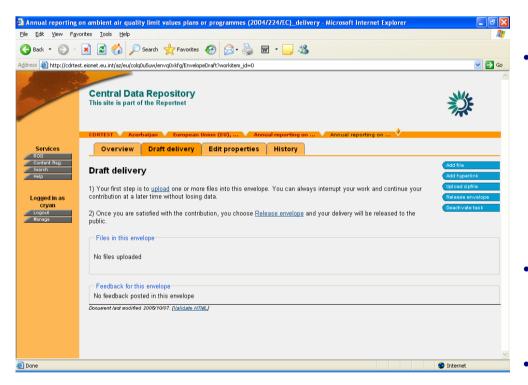
Click on the envelope title

Activate the envelope



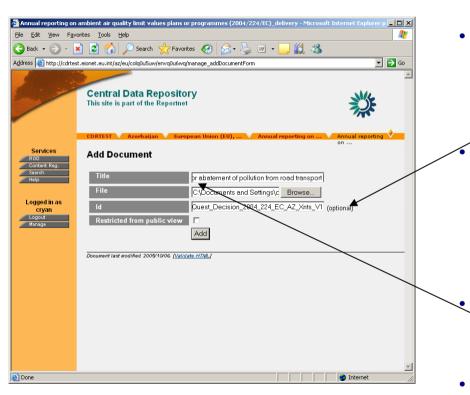
- Click on the button "Activate task" on the right of your screen
- This means that the envelope is now reserved for <u>your use</u>.
- Nobody else can upload files to this envelope while it is reserved for you.
- You can modify this later if you need to handover the uploading task to another person.

Start your draft delivery



- It is recommended that files are uploaded in a specific way in this data flow so please read the whole guidance document before you start.
 - There 5 buttons to the right of your screen:
 - o "Add file" lets you upload a single file
 - o "Add hyperlink" lets you upload an internet address.
 - o "Upload zip file" lets you upload and automatically unpack a zip file
- Click on "Deactivate task" to permit a colleague to takeover the delivery process from you. Any files uploaded will still be in place.
 - The "Release envelope" should only be used when the official national delivery is complete.

Uploading a single file or a zip file which should not be unpacked (use this option when uploading the zip files containing the set of documents for a plan/programme)



 Browse on your own system to select the file to upload.

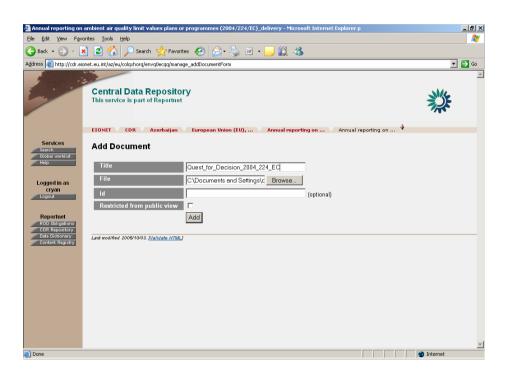
The Id field allows you to assign a new file name in CDR to the file being uploaded. The file will have the keep the name from your system if you leave the Id field empty.

You can use the Id field to allocate the file name according to the recommended naming convention described earlier in this guidance document. Remember to include the file type extension (.xls or .zip) because the id must be unique.

The Title field allows you to assign a description in CDR for the file in addition to the name.

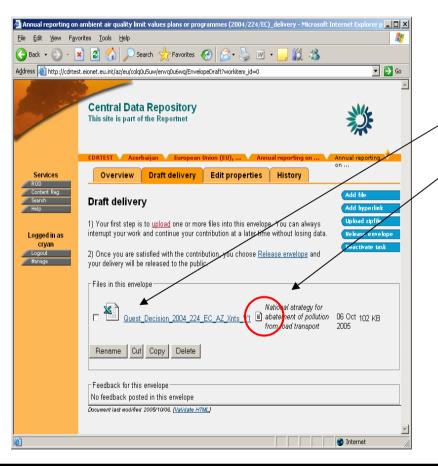
You can use the title to allocate descriptions according to the recommended description convention outlined earlier in this guidance document.

Uploading a single file (2)



- Click on the "Add button" to upload the file into the envelope.
- Mark the "Restricted from public view" check box if the file should not be visible to the public in CDR.
- Restricting files is not normal ReportNet practice so there should be a good reason for taking this step.

Uploading a single file (3)



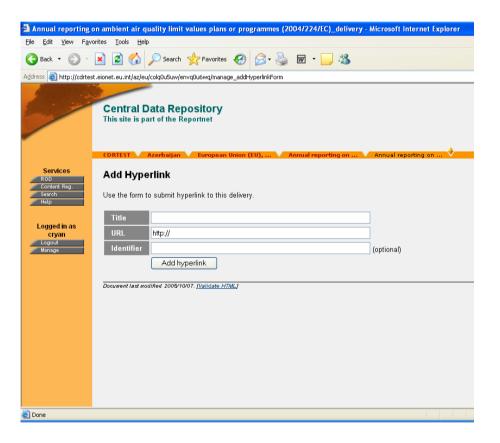
Users see the file with

- o the recommended name
- o the additional description

Only authorised users will be able to see your file before you complete your delivery by releasing the envelope.

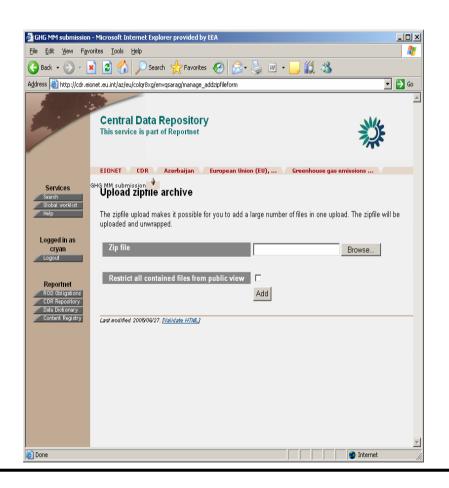
- The file can be opened by clicking on the central icon, which is outlined in red on the diagram.
- To edit the recommended name, use the checkbox and the rename option.
- To edit the additional description, click on the file name.

Uploading a hyperlink



- Insert the internet address where the plan/programme is published in the URL
- The Identifier field allows you to assign a new name in CDR to the internet address. A default will be created if you leave the Id field empty.
- You can use the Identifier to allocate the file name according to the recommended naming convention described earlier in this guidance document. Remember to include the file type extension (for example .htm) because the id must be unique.
- The Title field allows you to assign a description in CDR for the hyperlink in addition to the name.
- You can use the title to allocate descriptions according to the recommended description convention outlined earlier in this guidance document.

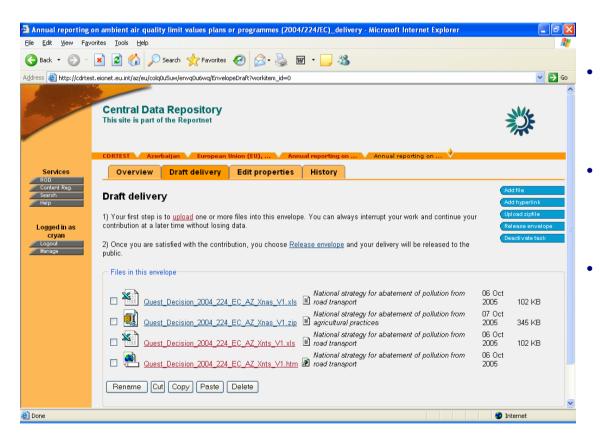
Uploading a zip file (do not use this option when uploading the zip files containing the set of documents for a plan/programme)



- Browse on your own system to select the zip file.
- Click on the "Add button".
- The contents of your zip file will be unpacked automatically in the envelope.
- Mark the "Restricted from public view" check box if the files should not be visible to the public in CDR.
- Restricting files is not normal ReportNet practice so there should be a valid reason for taking this step.



Completing your delivery

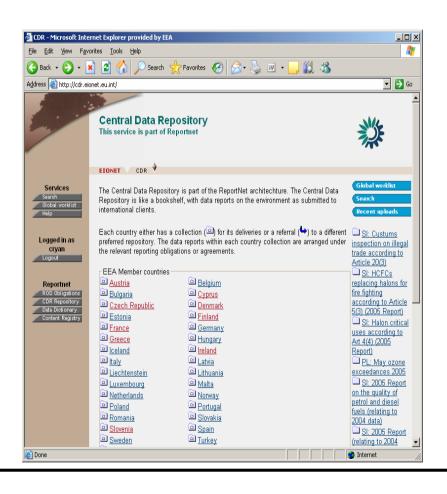


Click on the "Release envelope" button on the right of your screen only when you are satisfied all necessary files are in the envelope.

The envelope is considered as ready for official submission when it is "released". At this point the term "Draft" is removed.

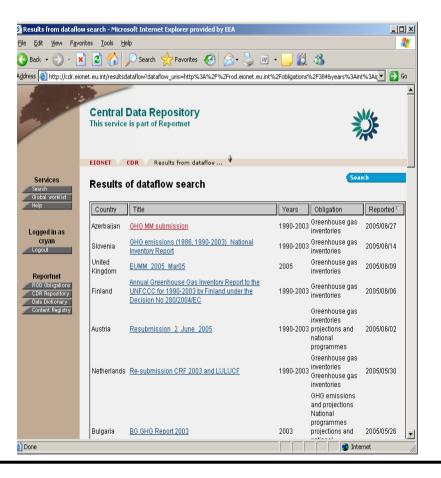
The envelope contents cannot be modified when the envelope has been released.

Now your delivery can be processed (1)



 The delivery will be visible on the right side of the CDR front page when you release the envelope

Now your delivery can be processed (2)



- The delivery can be found by searching for Air Quality programmes and plans
- The Commission will be able to access your delivery immediately.

Help is always available

- The EIONET helpdesk will provide advice and assistance to users making deliveries in CDR.
 - o Contact helpdesk by email or by phone
 - o <u>helpdesk@eionet.eu.int</u>
 - o Tel. +32 2 714 87 00
- Questions on the reporting process or this guidance document, contact Sheila Cryan at EEA
 - o Sheila.cryan@eea.eu.int
- Questions about the information to be reported, contact Andrej Kobe at DG ENV
 - o Andrej.Kobe@cec.eu.int

