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Title Workshop and Name of the Organiser:	Economic Aspects of Eastern European Countries – Green Economics Institute
Date, Time:	Friday 28 August 2008, 14:30 – 16:30
Room	
Number of participants:	20 participants
Speakers:	Miriam Kennet, Volker Heinemann, Sophie Hensdridge
The 3 main questions of the workshop:	<p>Specific Economic Issues in Eastern European countries and how political solutions need to be specifically designed to be successful</p> <p>Sharing specific historic knowledge among participants to identify how economic realities can differ</p> <p>Emphasising the degrees of freedom there are for economic policies including progressive green reforms</p>
The 3 main results of the workshop:	<p>Participants appreciated the diversity of economic situations different countries are facing by sharing ideas in a participatory exercise.</p> <p>The presentations highlighted to the participants the wide scope of different policy options available.</p> <p>Detailed work performed on case studies helped the participants to apply the ideas collected to specific scenarios and enter into a general discussion to share different policy options. The main objective was to show the range of policies available for different economic scenarios and sharing this with the participants.</p>

Your comments:

The workshop started with an exercise to collect ideas from different national backgrounds to be shared in small presentations with the other participants

A number of presentations were given including a 'guest' presentation on the role of women in Poland from an organiser of a different workshop

Ideas were collected

The structure was identical to the main workshop the day before, an introductory exercise to collect initial ideas and find out about the participants and their objectives, followed by a number of presentations and concluded by case studies that carry over into a general discussion based on the presentations and the detailed information in the case studies.

The participatory elements were again well received and facilitated one of the main objectives of information sharing. There was relatively little time for the case studies as the presentation took longer and one additional talk had to be accommodated. Participants were however able to engage in a general discussion and have all the case study information in their workshop packs.

The feedback received from participants was encouraging throughout.