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Scotland's Environment Web Partnerships

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1. Background

The creation of the pilot Scotland's Environment Web website would not have been possible without a strong basis of collaboration and joint working between key environmental organisations and individuals. It is critical for the Scotland's Environment Web (LIFE+) project in going forward, to maintain a strong sense of ownership by all partners, as so many organisations are critical to the success of the project. This partnership approach to protecting and improving Scotland's environment through co-ordinated activity and better access to shared information is at the very heart of the Scotland's Environment Web (LIFE+) project. The range of organisations that have been involved in Scotland's Environment Web includes government agencies, non-government organisations and academic institutions. The scope of the Scotland's Environment Web partnership network will be greatly increased throughout the LIFE+ project and beyond. Partners who are involved in the Scotland's Environment Web project are noted on the website partner's page.

http://www.environment.scotland.gov.uk/about-us/scotlands-environment-partners/

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2. Key messages and opportunities

- Scotland's Environment Web is an innovative partnership between the key public bodies involved in environmental projection demonstrating enhanced partnership developments.

- Partnership working is at the very heart of the Scotland's Environment Web project. A project that seeks to demonstrate the savings and improvements that a collaborative, joined-up services approach can achieve.

- Scotland's Environment Web will only be as successful as the contributions of the partners it seeks to engage with.

- Scotland's Environment Web seeks to develop new and innovative projects to demonstrate how new web-based technologies can positively facilitate partnership working.

- Scotland's Environment Web presents a significant opportunity to promote partner organisations, the information and data they produce and advice to protect and improve Scotland's environment.

- Scotland's Environment Web also provides an opportunity for shared services and resources and therefore cost savings for its partner agencies.

3. Partners

In addition to identifying work and resources required to deliver the Scotland's Environment Web (LIFE+) project, the governing partners come together as Scotland's key organisations involved in protecting and monitoring environment, and work on collaborative projects which will aim to meet the objectives and deliverables of the Scotland's Environment Web (LIFE+) project.

The project will seek to draw in contributions from as many organisations as possible and the scope of these partners will extend well beyond those involved in the governance of the project. The Scotland's Environment Web project, with a number of contributing partners, will significantly increase the capacity of the Scotland's Evironment Web website to provide access to environmental data and information that is already published by the wide range of agencies, organisations and departments throughout Scotland. This means that the Scotland's Environment Web project will only be successful through joint working with a significantly extended network of contributing partners.

4. LIFE funding and partnership resources

- The 3 years of LIFE+ funding from the European Commission creates a stimulus to securing more widespread and longer-term partnership buy-in and commitment to the project. In the short term, the LIFE+ project resource (consisting of funding from the European Commission along with funding and staff from SEPA) will be used to establish new and innovative pilot projects that help to demonstrate and promote the long-lasting benefit of the Scotland's Environment Web concept to the partners that the project seeks to engage with, and ultimately the benefit to Scotland's environment.

  The Scotland's Environment Web project hopes to provide an excellent

example of how taking a joined-up services approach can achieve real efficiency savings and improvements to the way in which data and information is provided, accessed, understood and used.

- Partners will be involved in defining, scoping and thereafter delivering, priority areas of work for the Scotland's Environment Web project, identifying opportunities and synergies between the goals and objectives of different partner organisations. Partners will contribute to collaborative projects (supported by the LIFE+ project resource) on areas of common interest and widespread benefit.

5. Contact Us

If you are interested in finding out more about Scotland's Environment Web (LIFE+) or have any comments about the website, please contact seweb.administrator@sepa.org.uk

Details of the Scotland's Environment Web partners can be found on the partners page.

6. Supporting documents

Scotland's Environment Web website:

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