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The Institute for European Environmental Policy (IEEP) and Earthscan have launched the online _Manual of European Environmental Policy_, a comprehensive guide on the EU legislation on the environment.

The interactive online publication will help decision makers, researchers and other users to keep track of EU environmental policy.

Previously published as a loose-leaf binder, the *Manual* has been fully revised to allow easy online access. The new online format will be the quickest and most efficient way to access analysis of more than 500 Directives, Regulations and Decisions as well as an overview of their implementation across the EU Member States. Special interactive features of the new *Manual* include a 'magic search', which will search any double-clicked word; share tools and a personalised 'My Manual' account.

Andrew Farmer, the Editor in Chief of the Manual said:
"Keeping track of EU environmental policy is a major challenge – not only to stay on top of new law, but also how it is implemented, how it is interpreted by the European Court and what might be happening in the future. Our new online Manual not only provides the reader with access to all of this information, but also highlights how these policies interact to affect environmental management decisions."

Jonathan Sinclair Wilson, Managing Director at Earthscan said:
"Environmental policy has been at the core of the EU project and the single market, determining policies for the 27 member governments and regulations for the world's largest trading bloc. The new online, pan-European Manual of European Environmental Policy will enable all those – whether governments, advisors, researchers, business or trading partners – to keep up to date with the most cogent and reliable analysis of policy developments and their implications."

The *Manual* is the result of work, over more than two decades, by policy experts at the Institute for European Environmental Policy (IEEP) - a leading centre for the analysis and development of environmental and related policies in Europe.

A number of important changes in the EU legislation are expected next year, such as the review of the EU budget post- 2013 impacting spending on the environment; a substantive review of industrial pollution policy; the implementation of Europe's package of actions on climate change to deliver the 2020 targets, and a strategic review of waste and natural resources policies in 2011.

The Manual is published on iFactory's online publishing application PubFactory, which provides a single integrated platform for book, reference and journal content.

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