

# Environmental Co-operation

- ◆ Have to work with what we have
  - Existing institutions
    - ◆ Better coordination with other actors
  - Existing tools and instruments
    - ◆ European Neighbourhood Policy/Central Asia Strategy
    - ◆ ENPI/DCI/ENRTP
  - Existing initiatives
    - ◆ Cooperate and collaborate!
    - ◆ Improve existing initiatives/actions rather than create new ones of our own

# Framework for cooperation

- ◆ EU External Policy
  - Contractual agreements (Association Agreements, Partnership Agreements)
  - Environment is a key field for cooperation
  - ENP Action Plans (joint priorities)
- ◆ Assistance programmes
  - National Programmes
    - ◆ Majority of assistance
    - ◆ Country strategies and indicative programmes
    - ◆ Programmed in line with country priorities
  - Regional Programmes
    - ◆ Limited levels of assistance
    - ◆ Regional strategies and indicative programmes
  - Global programmes
    - ◆ Lowest levels of assistance for a region but allows cross-regional programming
- ◆ ENPI for ENP countries
- ◆ DCI for Central Asia

# Factors to consider

- ◆ Country needs to highlight the issue as a priority
  - Lack of priority or lack of awareness?
- ◆ Needs outweigh means
  - Clean-up not an option for Commission instruments
  - Awareness raising, demonstration projects, completing inventories etc.
  - Any new support to be welcomed
- ◆ What is the legacy of a project?
  - Assistance to reforms (ENP Action Plans)
  - What about polluter pays principle
  - What to do about other similar problems, how do we choose?
    - ◆ Nuclear waste, chemical dumps, post-conflict damages, uranium mines

# What can be done?

- ◆ Include relevant acquis in ENP AAs
  - Waste Framework Directive, EIA etc.
- ◆ Transfer know-how
  - ◆ TAIEX (for ENP countries)/twinning
- ◆ Policy dialogue
  - Raise awareness (sub-committees, routine contacts)
- ◆ Financial assistance
  - ENPI Regional Waste project
    - ◆ ToRs prepared for Kalush area as contribution to overall efforts
    - ◆ Possibility of regional waste strategy for a pilot region still to be chosen