



Profile of Mr Krzysztof Michalak

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Mr. Krzysztof Michalak has worked on a range of topics of the economy-environment axis, including: the use of economic instruments in environmental policies; increasing the effectiveness and efficiency of regulatory instruments and environment enforcement and compliance assurance programmes; applying economic valuation of costs and benefits of environmental policies; and designing innovative performance assessment tools.

Mr. Michalak is currently working in OECD's Environmental Performance Review (EPR) Programme which aims at improving the individual and collective environmental performance of OECD member countries and the partner countries by: i) helping individual countries to assess progress in meeting their domestic and international commitments, ii) promoting continuous policy dialogue through peer review and peer learning and iii) stimulating greater accountability to other countries and to the public (<http://www.oecd.org/env/countryreviews>).

Mr. Michalak has drafted several chapters that assessed the effectiveness and efficiency of the implementation of environmental policies (including air, water and waste management) and social-environment integration in the EPRs of: Australia, Czech Republic, Finland, Germany, Ireland, Israel, Japan, Norway, Poland, Slovakia, Slovenia, Turkey and Ukraine. He has also been co-ordinating "peer review" discussions among the OECD members at meetings of the OECD Working Party on Environmental Performance.

Since joining the OECD in 1994, Mr. Michalak was managing part of an international co-operation programme based at OECD that supported countries in Central and Eastern Europe in the development and application of environmental policy instruments. This included setting up a network on environmental compliance and enforcement in Eastern Europe, Caucasus and Central Asia (Regulatory Environmental Programme Implementation Network, REPIN).

Mr. Michalak also managed OECD's environmental co-operation with China, working with the Chinese government officials and independent experts on environmental compliance and enforcement, environmental governance, financing of water and wastewater infrastructure and water and agriculture policy integration. He co-ordinated the first ever OECD Environmental Performance Review of China.

Prior to the OECD Mr. Michalak was heading the Multilateral Co-operation Division of the Ministry of Environmental Protection, Natural Resources and Forestry in Poland. He was actively involved in Poland's Accession to the OECD.

Mr. Michalak received the Master of Science degree in economics of mineral resources at the Warsaw University in Poland.