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## Committee on Environmental Policy

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### Calendar of meetings

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## Proposed schedule of meetings of the Committee on Environmental Policy and its Bureau for the period of 2014–2017

### Note by the secretariat

1. The present document is an update version of the information paper No.10 approved by the Committee on Environmental Policy (CEP) at its nineteenth session in October 2013. The paper aims to facilitate the CEP discussion regarding its future meetings and meetings of the CEP Bureau.
2. At the same time the document will continue helping the secretariat to forecast meetings well in advance to ensure timely booking of meeting rooms and interpretation (e.g. UNOG requests such forecasts to be done one year in advance). In this regard it should be noted that in the period of 12 May–20 June of each year, only one meeting with simultaneous interpretation per day can be granted for the whole ECE due to meetings of Human Rights Council, International Labour Organization and World Health Organization taking place at the Palais des Nations.
3. The schedule presented below was developed taking into account the preparations for the Eighth Environment for Europe (EfE) Ministerial Conference in June [tbc] 2016.
4. The paper also includes an overview of main holidays and events in the period of 2014–2017.
5. CEP will be invited to consider the revised timetable with a view to its approval.

<i>Date and venue</i>	<i>Meeting</i>	<i>Comments</i>
<b>2014</b>		
12 May (Geneva)	1 <sup>st</sup> meeting of Friends of the Shared Environmental Information System (SEIS)	To develop targets and performance indicators to measure the progress in developing SEIS
26-27(p.m.) May (Lisbon)	Meeting of CEP Bureau	To prepare CEP-20
27(a.m.) May (Lisbon)	Informal joint meeting of CEP Bureau and European Environment and Health Ministerial Board (EHMB) Alternates	To discuss issues related to the European Environment and Health process
27 October (Geneva)	Meeting of CEP Bureau	A two-hour meeting in the afternoon the day before CEP-20
28–31 October (Geneva)	CEP-20	A regular annual session of CEP

<i>2015</i>		
11 May (Geneva)	2 <sup>nd</sup> meeting of Friends of SEIS	To work on organizing and shaping the regular assessment process, taking into consideration the benefits of SEIS
26 May (Geneva) <sup>1</sup>	Meeting of CEP Bureau	To prepare CEP-21
26 October (Geneva)	Meeting of CEP Bureau	A two-hour meeting in the afternoon the day before CEP-21
27–30 October (Geneva)	CEP-21	A regular annual session of CEP
<i>2016</i>		
24–26 February (Geneva)	Special session (tentative, in case of need)	To prepare the 8 <sup>th</sup> EfE Ministerial Conference
[7 June, Batumi], to be confirmed by the host country	Special session (tentative, back-to-back to the Conference)	To address pending issues related to the 8 <sup>th</sup> EfE Ministerial Conference
[8-10 June, Batumi], to be confirmed by the host country	8 <sup>th</sup> EfE Ministerial Conference	Tentative schedule
5 December (Geneva) <sup>2</sup>	Meeting of CEP Bureau	A two-hour meeting in the afternoon the day before CEP-22
6–9 December (Geneva) <sup>3</sup>	CEP-22	A regular annual session of CEP
<i>2017</i>		
23 May (Geneva)	Meeting of CEP Bureau	To prepare CEP-23
13 November (Geneva)	Meeting of CEP Bureau	A two-hour meeting in the afternoon the day before CEP-23
14–17 November (Geneva)	CEP-23	A regular annual session of CEP

**Note:** Main holidays and events in 2014-2017:

Easter (20 Apr 2014, 5 Apr 2015, 27 Mar 2016, 16 Apr 2017)

Easter, Orthodox (20 Apr 2014, 12 Apr 2015, 1 May 2016, 16 Apr 2017)

Eid al-Fitr (28 Jul 2014, 17 Jul 2015, 5 Jul 2016, 25 Jun 2017)

Eid al-Adha (4 Oct 2014, 23 Sep 2015, 11 Sep 2016, 1 Sep 2017)

Geneva International Motor Show (6–16 Mar 2014, Mar 2015, Mar 2016, Mar 2017)

UN Environment Assembly (UNEA) of UNEP (23–27 Jun 2014, Jun 2015, Jun 2016, Jun 2017)

OECD EPOC meetings (13–15 Feb&29–31 Oct 2013, May/June 2014, ... 2015, ... 2016, ... 2017)

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<sup>1</sup> The CEP Bureau meeting was originally scheduled for 16 April 2015. At the same time, the ECE-66 is planned to be organised in mid April 2015, as well as the 2<sup>nd</sup> meeting of Friends of SEIS is scheduled on 11 May 2015. The new proposed date of 26 May 2015 would allow for the outcomes of the meeting of Friends of SEIS to be considered by the CEP Bureau.

<sup>2</sup> See footnote 3.

<sup>3</sup> CEP-21 was originally scheduled for 27–30 October 2016. At the same time, taking into account that the 8<sup>th</sup> EfE Conference will take place in June 2016, the CEP Bureau recommended to schedule CEP-21 to early December 2016, given the time needed to prepare the session after the EfE Conference.