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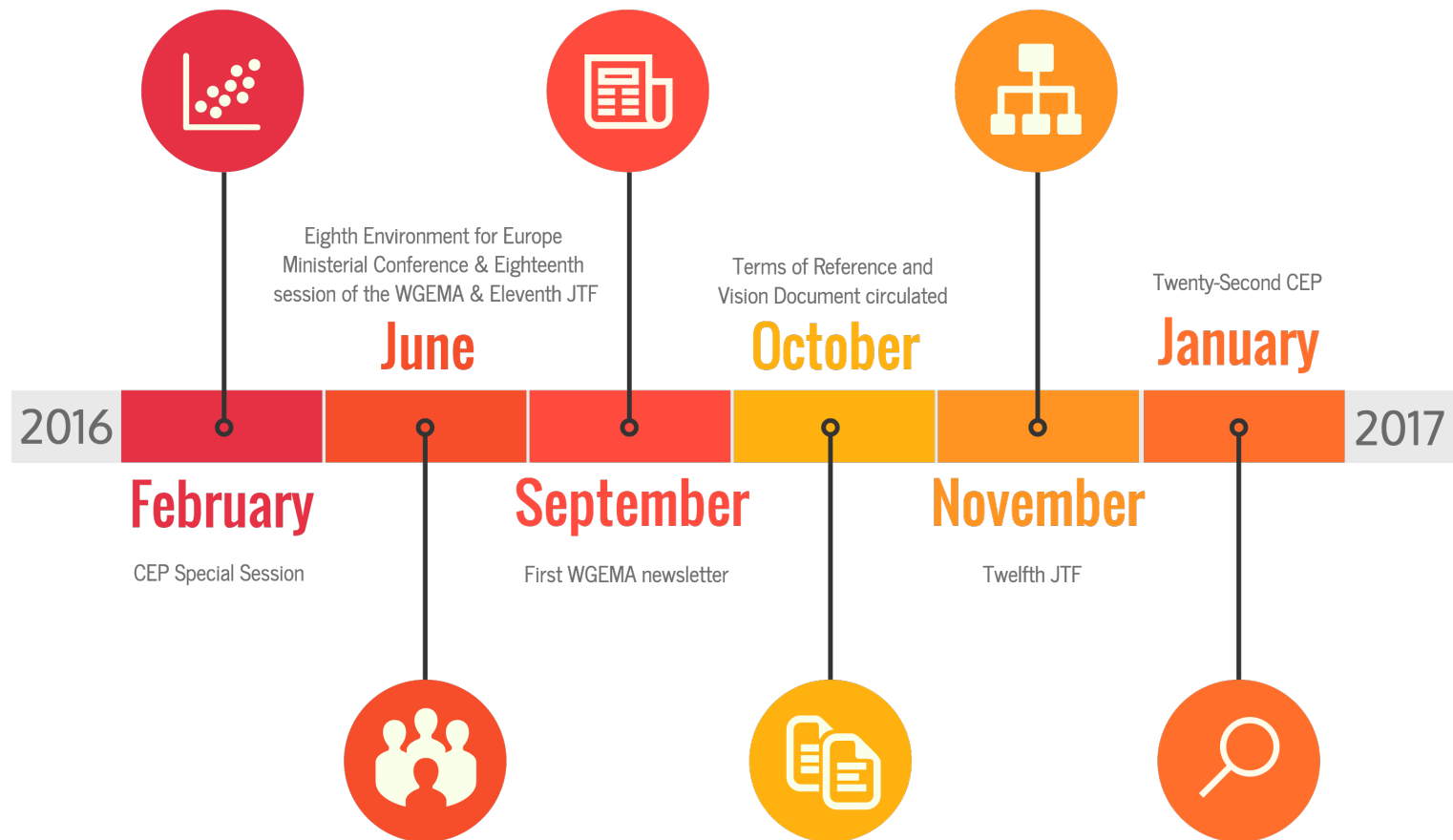
Working Group on Environmental Monitoring and Assessment

**New mandate and terms of reference,
timetable of activities for 2018 and the draft
outline of activities leading up to 2021.**

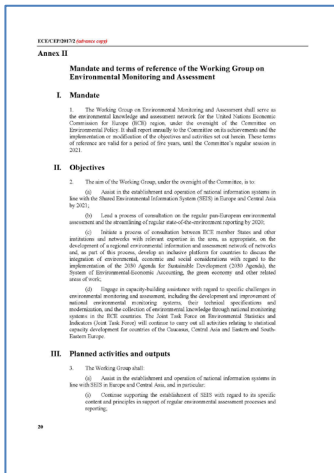
Agenda Item 3

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Mandate and terms of reference of the Working Group on Environmental Monitoring and Assessment



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Renewal of the mandate and terms of reference of the Working Group on Environmental Monitoring and Assessment (ECE/CEP/2017/3)



Annex II of the Report of the 22nd session of the CEP (ECE/CEP/2017/2)

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The WGEMA Mandate and ToR takes into account:

- Recommendations made during the twenty-first session of the CEP (ECE/CEP/2015/12).
- 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development.
- Batumi Ministerial Declaration and the Ministerial decision on further establishing SEIS by 2021 (ECE/BATUMI.CONF/2016/2/Add.1).
- Eighteenth Session of the WGEMA (ECE/CEP/AC.10/2016/2).
- Common Approach UNECE-EEA-UNEP.

Long-term objectives

- Assist in the establishment and operation of National Monitoring Systems and the Shared Environmental Information System (SEIS) in Europe and Central Asia by 2021.
- Continue efforts to deliver guidance that help make national monitoring programmes an efficient and practical tool for environmental policy.
- Support towards a regular pan-European environmental assessment and the streamlining of regular state-of-the-environment reporting by 2020.

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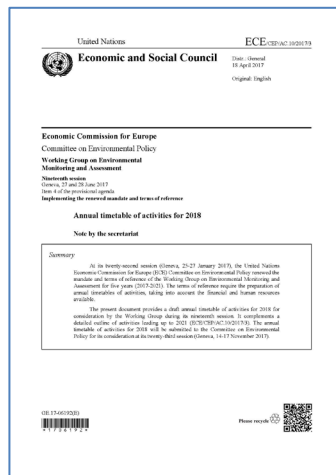
- Support in the area of the 2030 Agenda and the PanEuropean Strategic Framework for Greening the Economy in connection with the establishment of SEIS.
- Serve as a regional environmental information and assessment network-of-networks.
- Ensure that the Working Group and Joint Task Force on Environmental Indicators and Statistics continue to work closely together in setting priority areas for action.

WGEMA Mandate

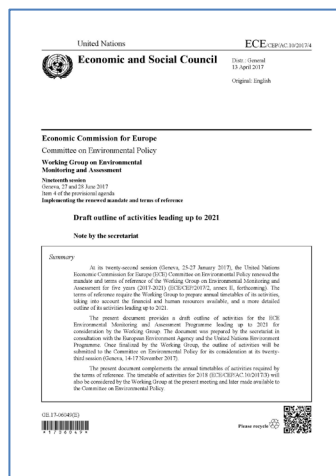
5 year mandate (2017-2021) reflecting the Batumi Declaration that call for countries of Europe and Central Asia to have SEIS in place by 2021.

- Annual timetable of activities and achievements, subject to the approval of the CEP.
- Allow the CEP to comment and monitor ongoing and future activities.
- Mid-term review to the CEP as a stocktaking exercise.

Timetable of activities for 2018 and the outline of activities leading up to 2021



Annual timetable activities for 2018 (ECE/CEP/AC.10/2017/3)



Draft outline of activities leading up to 2021 (ECE/CEP/AC.10/2017/4)

Timetable of activities for 2018

ECE/CEP/AC.10/2017/3

- Pilot the updated Shared Environmental Information System (SEIS) assessment framework (see ECE/CEP/AC.10/2017/5) and the reporting application.
- Guidelines on the SEIS reporting application.
- Workshop on the working modalities of the regional environmental information and assessment network of networks.
- Regional conference on reviewing the use, harmonization and streamlining of indicator-related methodologies, data collection and quality assurance and quality control aspects.
- Seven national workshops on streamlining the production of regionally and internationally agreed environmental data flows and indicators.

Draft outline of activities leading up to 2021

ECE/CEP/AC.10/2017/4

- 15 activities identified over 4 topics that were recognized in the vision document
 - I. Sustainable Development Goals and green economy
 - II. Reporting and assessment
 - III. Environmental statistics
 - IV. Cross-cutting goals and objectives
 - (a) Capacity-building
 - (b) Communication and cooperation
 - (c) Mobilization of resources

Draft outline of activities leading up to 2021

- Outline of activities is aspirational and the implementation of activities set out in this document is conditional upon the mobilization of the necessary extra-budgetary resources.
- The outline of activities is a living document. As needed, it will be updated, monitored and refined based on inputs from the member States and involved organizations.
- Covered annually during the sessions for the Working Group, allowing for changes and updating in connection with the production of the annual timetable of activities.

Thanks for your attention