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## Working Group on Environmental Monitoring and Assessment

Agenda Item 5: Regular pan-European environmental assessment and streamlining of regular state-of-the-environment reporting supported by the Shared Environmental Information System

## Timeline for the pan-European environmental assessment





## Recalling the Batumi Ministerial Declaration

- While welcoming progress in developing SEIS to support a regular process of environmental assessment, we invite countries to continue their efforts and to further develop their national information systems to have SEIS in place in the countries of Europe and Central Asia by 2021.
- In this regard, we note the value of UNEP Live and the Group on Earth Observations as global knowledge-sharing platforms.
- **We welcome the launch of the European regional assessment of the Global Environment Outlook, as the regular pan-European environmental assessment.** The GEO-6 Assessment for the pan-European region is built on existing national, subregional and thematic assessments, including *The European environment - state and outlook 2015* report produced by EEA in 2015.



## Recalling the twentieth session of the Working Group

### The Working Group

- Noted the draft concept for the next pan-European environmental assessment, as presented by UNEP, and invited its members to send to the secretariat by 20 September 2018 concrete suggestions for the modalities, scope and form of such an assessment
- Requested the secretariat and UNEP, in consultation with EEA, to develop a revised concept and share it with the Working Group members
- Requested the secretariat to inform the Committee on Environmental Policy on the outcomes of this agenda item and the suggestions made for the pan-European assessment



## Recalling the twenty-fourth session of the Committee on Environmental Policy

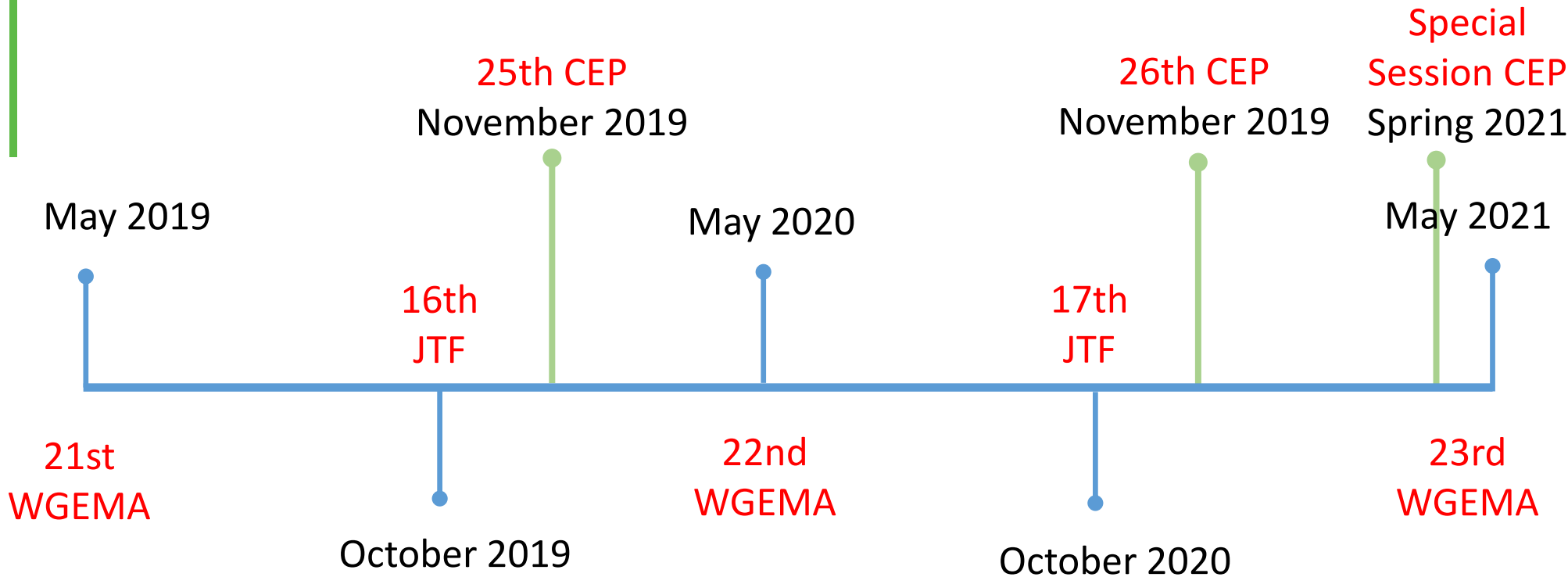
### The Committee

- Took note of the draft concept for the next pan-European environmental assessment and the suggestions made by the Working Group for the modalities, scope and form of the assessment
- Requested the Working Group, with the support of the secretariat, working in close cooperation with EEA and UNEP, to prepare a detailed proposal, including a timetable, budget and expanded outline, for the assessment to be presented to the Committee at its next session

The Committee also specified that the proposal should foresee an assessment based on the ECE set of environmental indicators (option 3 in the draft concept), as well the 2 themes to be addressed by the next ministerial conference (option 2)

# Timeline

## ENVIRONMENT



Deciding on the pan-European assessment

Drafting

Finalization