

Workplan and resources for the Convention for 2017–2018

Table 1 sets out the workplan and resources for 2017–2018 for the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe (ECE) Convention on the Transboundary Effects of Industrial Accidents. It includes activities for which financial resources are expected to be available during the biennium, based on expected pledges by Parties at the ninth meeting of the Conference of the Parties and further financial and in-kind contributions during the biennium. Table 2 sets out the total projected resources for the biennium, including expenditures for secretariat staff (not included in table 1).

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Area	Activities, lead/supporting countries, bodies or organizations	XB financial resources (in cash and in kind, in United States dollars)	RB/XB human resources to support the planned activities (in work-months of P and G secretariat staff)	
			P	G
I. Core activities, including activities to implement the Long-term Strategy for the Convention (other than assistance activities)				
Involvement of Parties and other stakeholders	Targeted communication (newsletters, press releases, leaflets, website, promotion of online training on industrial accidents and participation in forums)	15 000		
	Working visits and high-level missions to Parties	9 000		
	Working visits to other stakeholders	6 000		
Subtotal		30 000	5.0	2.0
Exchange of information	Exchange of experience and good practices among Parties, for example, regarding risk assessment methodologies ^a <i>Lead/supporting countries:</i> to be determined	30 000		
	Implementation guide for the Convention <i>Lead/supporting countries:</i> to be determined	45 000		
	Online system for national implementation reporting <i>Supporting body:</i> Working Group on Implementation	20 000		
	Follow-up to the development of guidance on safety and land-use planning: finalization of publication and a seminar for exchanging experiences, possibly based on case studies <i>Supporting country/organization:</i> Belgium (Flanders Region) and the European Union/European Investment Bank, possibly in cooperation with the Convention on Environmental Impact Assessment in a Transboundary Context, its Protocol on Strategic Environmental Assessment and the ECE Committee on Housing and Land Management	70 000		
	Development of safety guidelines and good practices for fire-water retention under the Joint Expert Group on Water and Industrial Accidents <i>Lead country:</i> Germany	40 000		
	Enhancing knowledge on industrial safety at universities (improving and increasing knowledge among students and teachers on tailings safety, and a legislative review, in Ukraine) (2017) <i>Lead country:</i> Germany	40 000		

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	Multilateral activities to strengthen industrial accident preparedness and response, including a bilateral exercise between Armenia and Georgia <i>Lead/supporting countries:</i> to be determined	300 000 (estimate)		
	Two transboundary response exercises overseen by the Joint Expert Group on Water and Industrial Accidents: between Poland and Germany on the Oder River (4–5 September 2017); between Hungary and neighbours (first half of 2018) <i>Lead countries:</i> Germany and Hungary, together with the respective river commissions	200 000 (estimate)		
	Subtotal	745 000	26.5	3.0
Strategic partnerships	Cooperation with OECD on reducing the risk of natural-hazard triggered technological disasters (NATECH) (OECD workshop in Germany in 2018 in the framework of the Environmental Emergencies Forum; sharing of good practices) <i>Supporting body:</i> Bureau	5 000		
	Meetings with partner organizations to coordinate joint activities, including inter-agency coordination meetings	10 000		
	Subtotal	15 000	4.0	1.0
Financing	Donor meetings and bilateral visits <i>Supporting body:</i> Bureau	15 000		
	Subtotal	15 000	1.0	0.5
Review of the Long-term Strategy	Development of a long-term strategy to 2030, including on communication and the opening of the Convention to countries outside the ECE region <i>Supporting body:</i> Bureau	10 000		
	Subtotal	10 000	2.0	0.0
Servicing intergovernmental bodies and expert groups	Tenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties	80 000		
	Meetings of the Bureau (estimated 4)	20 000		
	Meetings of the Working Group on Implementation (estimated 4)	20 000		
	Meetings of the Working Group on the Development of the Convention (none foreseen in this period)	—		
	Meetings of the Joint Expert Group on Water and Industrial Accidents (estimated 4)	20 000		
	Subtotal	140 000	20.0	5.0
General programme management	Other secretariat activities, including human resources, financial and other management-related functions, administrative actions needed to ensure the functioning of the ECE industrial safety unit and reporting on substantive and administrative issues as part of the ECE secretariat.	—		

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Subtotal		—	4.0	1.0
Subtotal section I		955 000	62.5	12.5
II. Non-core activities, including assistance activities to support countries in the Caucasus, Central Asia and Eastern and South-Eastern Europe				
Assistance Programme ^b	Activities to support the implementation of the Strategic Approach through national and subregional expert and high-level meetings and support to the development of self-assessments and action plans (to be determined) <i>Lead/supporting countries:</i> to be determined, but in cooperation with the Regional Environmental Centre for Central and Eastern Europe	100 000 (estimate)		
	Project on strengthening implementation of and accession to the Convention in Central Asia, including national seminars in 2017–2018 (5 countries), assistance with drafting self-assessments and action plan and a subregional workshop (Kyrgyzstan, 2018), with finalization envisaged in 2019 <i>Lead/supporting countries:</i> Russian Federation, with possible support from others for national expert meetings	215 000		
	Follow-up to Danube Delta project to complete joint contingency plan and support the drafting of a protocol among the three concerned countries <i>Lead/supporting countries:</i> to be determined	200 000 (estimate)		
	Two advisory missions	20 000		
	Activity to build capacity for the implementation of amended annex I in countries of South-Eastern Europe through a subregional workshop on chemicals management and the identification and notification of hazardous activities, in cooperation with partners, including the ECE Transport Division, as the custodian of the United Nations Globally Harmonized System of Classification and Labelling of Chemicals (Zagreb, February 2017) <i>Supporting organization:</i> the Technical Assistance and Information Exchange instrument of the European Union (TAIEX) and in cooperation with the Regional Environmental Centre for Central and Eastern Europe	100 000		
	Activity to build capacity for the implementation of amended annex I in countries of Eastern Europe and the Caucasus, through a subregional workshop on chemicals management and the identification and notification of hazardous activities, in cooperation with partners, including the ECE Transport Division, as the custodian of the United Nations Globally Harmonized System of Classification and Labelling of Chemicals (Minsk, April–May 2017) <i>Lead/supporting countries:</i> Belarus, with financial support from Germany and Norway	100 000		

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Other assistance activities	Activities to address risk management at tailings management facilities in Georgia (2017) <i>Lead country:</i> Germany	200 000		
	Activities to address risk management at tailings management facilities in specific countries in the Caucasus, Central Asia or Eastern Europe <i>Lead country:</i> to be determined	200 000 (estimate)		
Awareness-raising in and outreach to other regions	Promotion and raising awareness of the Convention including beyond the ECE region (production of information materials and establishment of a network of contacts) <i>Supporting bodies/organizations:</i> ECE and possibly other regional commissions and lead countries	10 000		
ECE Industrial Accident Notification System	Consultation for Points of Contact to review the effectiveness of the ECE Industrial Accident Notification System and discuss preparedness and response for disaster risk reduction (possibly face to face, which would imply higher costs, of approximately US\$ 40,000) <i>Lead country/organization:</i> to be determined	10 000		
Subtotal section II		1 155 000	32.5	8.0
Total activities (sections I+II)		2 110 000	95.0	20.5

Abbreviations: G= General Service staff; OECD = Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development; P = Professional staff; RB = regular budget; XB = extrabudgetary.

^a Should the exchange of experiences and good practices be carried out in the framework of the meeting of the Conference of the Parties, cost implications would be minimized.

^b Activities under the Assistance Programme are demand-driven. Implementation depends on the submission of self-assessments, action plans and project proposals by beneficiary countries and also the availability of financial resources for their implementation. The Working Group on Implementation evaluates the substance of assistance requests and the Bureau takes decisions on approving activities vis-à-vis the available funds.

Table 2
Total resources for 2017–2018

(in United States dollars)

Items/activities	Core	Non-core	Total
Activities	955 000	1 155 000	2 110 000
Staff:			
RB, Professional (core: 21 work months)	^a	—	—
RB, General Service (core: 10.5 work months)	^a	—	—
XB, Professional (core: 41.5 work months)	664 000	—	664 000
XB, General Service (core: 2 work months)	25 500	—	25 500
XB, Professional (non-core: 32.5 work months)	—	520 000	520 000
XB, General Service (non-core: 8 work months)	—	102 000	102 000

<i>Items/activities</i>	<i>Core</i>	<i>Non-core</i>	<i>Total</i>
Total	1 644 500	1 777 000	3 421 500

Abbreviations: RB = regular budget; XB = extrabudgetary.

Note: One post (Professional or General Service) translates into 21 work-months per biennium. Staff resource estimates as indicated above are based on the United Nations standard rates. In terms of human resources, the implementation of the workplan requires additional financing from XB resources for two Professional posts, which might rise to three Professional posts and a short-term programme assistant post (General Service) depending on the non-core workplan activities that receive funding.

^a Provided by United Nations regular budget.