



**Protocol on Pollutant Release and Transfer Registers  
to the Convention on Access to Information,  
Public Participation in Decision-making  
and Access to Justice in Environmental Matters**

**QUESTIONNAIRE  
POLLUTANT RELEASE AND TRANSFER REGISTERS:  
POSSIBLE NEEDS FOR A TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE MECHANISM**

This questionnaire intends to gather information on the need for a technical assistance mechanism to support the implementation of the Protocol on Pollutant Release and Transfer Registers (Protocol on PRTRs), as requested by the first session of the Meeting of the Parties to the Protocol on PRTRs.

The questionnaire aims the following:

- (1) To collect information on countries' current activities on PRTRs.
- (2) To identify barriers to the full implementation of PRTRs
- (3) To determine which specific activities should be undertaken to support the implementation and improvement of PRTRs.

The questionnaire consists of three parts. Part I provides for the identification of current activities in a country. Part II provides for the identification of barriers that affected the activities mentioned in Part I. Part III gives the opportunity to suggest solutions to the barriers identified in Part II.

The Bureau of the Protocol on PRTRs will prepare an assessment of all responses received with the support of the secretariat and will report to the Working Group of the Parties, scheduled for 28-29 November 2011. Then, the Working Group of the Parties might recommend the Meeting of the Parties to make a decision on whether it will be necessary to establish a technical assistance mechanism.

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**I. CURRENT ACTIVITIES IN YOUR COUNTRY**

1. - If your country is currently engaged in PRTR capacity-building activities, please mark “x” for relevant activities in the table below:

	Implemented	Ongoing	Planned
Preliminary or related activities			
National workshops to identify PRTR goals	x		
Feasibility study to assess existing capacity for a PRTR			
Design of the main PRTR characteristics			
Preparation of PRTR guidance document			
Setting-up IT reporting tool for PRTR data flow			
Design and develop a PRTR register accessible on-line			
Pilot trial		x	
Development of a national proposal			
National PRTR workshop	x		
National PRTR implementation			
Regional and/or international PRTR activities			
Other (please specify)			

2. - If applicable, please describe the benefits and outcomes of the capacity-building activities that your country undertook:

## II. BARRIERS FOR CAPACITY-BUILDING ACTIVITIES

3. - If applicable, please mark “x” in the table below to identify any barrier that you encountered to conclude capacity-building activities. Among the barriers indicated in the table below, please prioritize:

Barriers	X	Ranking importance
Limited interest in using PRTR		
Adaptation of the administrative structure		
Difficulty in drafting legislation		
Limited financial resources		
Limited expertise/know-how		
Poor cooperation with other agencies in collecting environmental data		
Limited communication and cooperation with industrial facilities		
Limited market availability of measurement equipment and/or accredited laboratories		
Design of the list of substances		
Design of the information management system		
Design of the website		
High cost of the equipment		
Other (please specify): All of the above listed items are not barriers. The barriers are: 1.The cost of observing the Protocol for the state and for the users of natural resources is not defined. 2.Lack of interest of the state bodies (additional work for a state officer who has too many duties)	X	

### III. SOLUTIONS FOR OVERCOMING OBSTACLES

5. - What type of solutions and actions would you suggest in order to get support to overcome the obstacles? Please mark “x” as appropriate in the table below:

<b>Solutions</b>	X
The Protocol’s secretariat should provide more information on technical assistance opportunities from existing programs - <b>Comment: technical assistance is required to develop software for information collection and dissemination without the participation of state officers.</b>	X
The Protocol’s secretariat should promote pro-active bilateral cooperation - <b>increase the number of workshops and their participants.</b>	X
To establish a capacity building fund for supporting PRTRs development	X
To facilitate access to free software available for managing PRTR data flow	X
To help organising technical trainings for operators on compiling PRTR releases and transfers	X
Other (please specify):	

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**I. CURRENT ACTIVITIES IN YOUR COUNTRY**

1. - If your country is currently engaged in PRTR capacity-building activities, please mark "x" for relevant activities in the table below:

	Implemented	Ongoing	Planned
Preliminary or related activities		<b>X</b>	
National workshops to identify PRTR goals			<b>X</b>
Feasibility study to assess existing capacity for a PRTR			<b>X</b>
Design of the main PRTR characteristics			<b>X</b>
Preparation of PRTR guidance document			<b>X</b>
Setting-up IT reporting tool for PRTR data flow			<b>X</b>
Design and develop a PRTR register accessible on-line			<b>X</b>
Pilot trial			<b>X</b>
Development of a national proposal			<b>X</b>
National PRTR workshop			<b>X</b>
National PRTR implementation			<b>X</b>
Regional and/or international PRTR activities			
Other (please specify)			

2. - If applicable, please describe the benefits and outcomes of the capacity-building activities that your country undertook:

Capacity-building activities are stipulated in the National Action Plan of the Republic of Moldova for Implementation of the Convention on Access to Information, Public Participation in Decision-making and Access to Justice in Environmental Matters (2011-2015) approved by Government Resolution № 471 of 28.06.2011.

## II. BARRIERS FOR CAPACITY-BUILDING ACTIVITIES

3. - If applicable, please mark “x” in the table below to identify any barrier that you encountered to conclude capacity-building activities. Among the barriers indicated in the table below, please prioritize:

<b>Barriers</b>	X	Ranking importance
Limited interest in using PRTR	<b>X</b>	
Adaptation of the administrative structure		
Difficulty in drafting legislation		
Limited financial resources	<b>X</b>	
Limited expertise/know-how	<b>X</b>	
Poor cooperation with other agencies in collecting environmental data		
Limited communication and cooperation with industrial facilities		
Limited market availability of measurement equipment and/or accredited laboratories		
Design of the list of substances		
Design of the information management system		
Design of the website		
High cost of the equipment	<b>X</b>	
Other (please specify):		

## III. SOLUTIONS FOR OVERCOMING OBSTACLES

5. - What type of solutions and actions would you suggest in order to get support to overcome the obstacles? Please mark “x” as appropriate in the table below:

<b>Solutions</b>	X
The Protocol’s secretariat should provide more information on technical assistance opportunities from existing programs	

The Protocol's secretariat should promote pro-actively bilateral cooperation	
To establish a capacity building fund for supporting PRTRs development	X
To facilitate access to free software available for managing PRTR data flow	
To help organising technical trainings for operators on compiling PRTR releases and transfers	X
Other (please specify):	

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## I. CURRENT ACTIVITIES IN YOUR COUNTRY

1. - If your country is currently engaged in PRTR capacity-building activities, please mark “x” for relevant activities in the table below:

	Implemented	Ongoing	Planned
Preliminary or related activities	x		
National workshops to identify PRTR goals	x	x	x
Feasibility study to assess existing capacity for a PRTR		x	
Design of the main PRTR characteristics	x	x	
Preparation of PRTR guidance document		x	
Setting-up IT reporting tool for PRTR data flow		x	
Design and develop a PRTR register accessible on-line		x	
Pilot trial	x	x	
Development of a national proposal		x	
National PRTR workshop			x
National PRTR implementation		x	
Regional and/or international PRTR activities		x	x
Other (please specify)			



2. - If applicable, please describe the benefits and outcomes of the capacity-building activities that your country undertook:

Main capacity-building results are:

1. PRTR legal base has been created in the Republic of Tajikistan;
2. During the monitoring of the Sughd, Khatlon, Gorno-Badakhshan autonomous regions in the Republic of Tajikistan facilities, sources and pollutants causing impact to water, land and air were determined;
3. Republic of Tajikistan initiated the process of designing of the List of Pollutants;
4. Main deficiencies in the field of public access to PRTR information were identified.

## II. BARRIERS FOR CAPACITY-BUILDING ACTIVITIES

3. - If applicable, please mark “x” in the table below to identify any barrier that you encountered to conclude capacity-building activities. Among the barriers indicated in the table below, please prioritize:

Barriers	X	Ranking importance
Limited interest in using PRTR		x
Adaptation of the administrative structure		x
Difficulty in drafting legislation		
Limited financial resources	x	x
Limited expertise/know-how	x	x
Poor cooperation with other agencies in collecting environmental data	x	x
Limited communication and cooperation with industrial facilities	x	x
Limited market availability of measurement equipment and/or accredited laboratories	x	x
Design of the list of substances		x
Design of the information management system		x
Design of the website		x
High cost of the equipment	x	x
Other (please specify):		
Absence of regulations in some laws for the environmental protection		x
Absence of EP information management system at the regional level		x
Illegal import of pesticides and other chemical substances to the Republic of Tajikistan		x

### III. SOLUTIONS FOR OVERCOMING OBSTACLES

5. - What type of solutions and actions would you suggest in order to get support to overcome the obstacles? Please mark “x” as appropriate in the table below:

<b>Solutions</b>	<b>X</b>
The Protocol’s secretariat should provide more information on technical assistance opportunities from existing programs	x
The Protocol’s secretariat should promote pro-actively bilateral cooperation	x
To establish a capacity building fund for supporting PRTRs development	x
To facilitate access to free software available for managing PRTR data flow	x
To help organising technical trainings for operators on compiling PRTR releases and transfers	x
Other (please specify): Support countries that are in the process of PRTR implementation	x
To assist countries in the establishment of analytical laboratories for identification of pollution sources	x
Secretariat of the Protocol needs to consider capacity building in development of regional databases and PRTR management	x

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## I. CURRENT ACTIVITIES IN YOUR COUNTRY

1. - If your country is currently engaged in PRTR capacity-building activities, please mark “x” for relevant activities in the table below:

	Implemented	Ongoing	Planned
Preliminary or related activities		x	
National workshops to identify PRTR goals			x
Feasibility study to assess existing capacity for a PRTR			x
Design of the main PRTR characteristics		x	
Preparation of PRTR guidance document			x
Setting-up IT reporting tool for PRTR data flow			x
Design and develop a PRTR register accessible on-line		x	
Pilot trial			x
Development of a national proposal			x
National PRTR workshop			x
National PRTR implementation			x
Regional and/or international PRTR activities		x	
Other (please specify)			

2. - If applicable, please describe the benefits and outcomes of the capacity-building activities that your country undertook:

At present together with environmental NGOs we are preparing a pilot regional project based on six regions of the Ukraine. By the end of 2012 it is scheduled to summarize the results of the pilot project and after the conclusion of international experts to implement it at the national level.

In 2012 Ministry of Environment and Natural Resources of the Ukraine scheduled to create modern system of online monitoring of pollutant releases and transfers. The data will be consolidated in the public database.

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Barriers	X	Ranking importance
Limited interest in using PRTR	x	
Adaptation of the administrative structure	x	
Difficulty in drafting legislation	x	
Limited financial resources	x	
Limited expertise/know-how	x	
Poor cooperation with other agencies in collecting environmental data	x	
Limited communication and cooperation with industrial facilities	x	
Limited market availability of measurement equipment and/or accredited laboratories	x	
Design of the list of substances	X	
Design of the information management system	X	
Design of the website	X	
High cost of the equipment		
Other (please specify):		

### III. SOLUTIONS FOR OVERCOMING OBSTACLES

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<b>Solutions</b>	<b>X</b>
The Protocol’s secretariat should provide more information on technical assistance opportunities from existing programs	x
The Protocol’s secretariat should promote pro-actively bilateral cooperation	x
To establish a capacity building fund for supporting PRTRs development	x
To facilitate access to free software available for managing PRTR data flow	x
To help organising technical trainings for operators on compiling PRTR releases and transfers	x
Other (please specify):	

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Regional and/or international PRTR activities			x
Other (please specify)			

2. - If applicable, please describe the benefits and outcomes of the capacity-building activities that your country undertook:

Uzbekistan joined such international institutions as UN, OSCE; ratified 9 environmental conventions and correspondent protocols for their development, signed 12 international agreements on cooperation in the field of environmental protection. Accession to international legal instruments in the field of environmental protection and development and their ratification are important elements of the Uzbekistan meeting the obligations to the international community. Information on participation of Uzbekistan in the international legal instruments in the field of environmental protection and environmental management and implementation of international environmental projects is listed in the National Report on web site <http://www.uznature.uz>.

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Barriers	X	Ranking importance
Limited interest in using PRTR	X	8
Adaptation of the administrative structure	X	4
Difficulty in drafting legislation		
Limited financial resources	X	3
Limited expertise/know-how		
Poor cooperation with other agencies in collecting environmental data		
Limited communication and cooperation with industrial facilities	X	5
Limited market availability of measurement equipment and/or accredited laboratories	X	6
Design of the list of substances	X	2
Design of the information management system		
Design of the website		
High cost of the equipment	X	7
Other (please specify): <b>Not ratified yet</b>	X	1

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5. - What type of solutions and actions would you suggest in order to get support to overcome the obstacles? Please mark “x” as appropriate in the table below:

<b>Solutions</b>	<b>X</b>
The Protocol’s secretariat should provide more information on technical assistance opportunities from existing programs	<b>X</b>
The Protocol’s secretariat should promote pro-actively bilateral cooperation	<b>X</b>
To establish a capacity building fund for supporting PRTRs development	<b>X</b>
To facilitate access to free software available for managing PRTR data flow	<b>X</b>
To help organising technical trainings for operators on compiling PRTR releases and transfers	<b>X</b>
Other (please specify):	

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