

Second reporting exercise under the Protocol

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Background



- Art.7: Every three years Parties shall evaluate progress towards the targets set and submit a summary report in accordance with guidelines established by the Meeting of the Parties
- First reporting exercise ended on 31 March 2010 for discussion at MOP2 in accordance with template agreed by WGWH in 2009
- Final template for reporting adopted by MOP2
- All reports available, Compliance Committee and secretariat developed two analysis of them

Timeline for second reporting exercise



- November 2012 – April 2013: preparation of summary reports
- 12-13 February 2013: Workshop on reporting under the Protocol
- 29 April 2013 (210 days before MOP3): submission of summary reports by Parties, Signatories and other interested countries
- May–August 2013: preparation of the regional implementation report by an independent expert and of the report by the Compliance Committee
- 3-4 July 2013: Sixth meeting of the WGWH: review of results of reporting exercise
- 25-27 November 2013: Third Meeting of the Parties



Objectives of reporting

- Assess progress (self assessment by Party and assessment by the Meeting of the Parties)
- The aim is not to compare Parties, however there's the need to have a basis of harmonized information throughout the region
- Exchange experience, share lessons learned
- Improve cooperation within the country and cooperation at the international level – a collective exercise
- Demonstrate the main challenges/obstacles in implementing the Protocol => inform the Protocol's Programme of work



Structure of the summary reports

- Part I: On the process of setting targets and reporting and on national circumstances
- Part II: Common indicators
- Part III: Target and target dates set and assessment of progress towards the targets
- Part IV: Overall evaluation of progress achieved in implementing the Protocol
- Part V: Information on the person submitting the report

How did the first exercise go?



- 25 reports were received overall
- All Parties but 3 reported
- 3 non-Parties also submitted a report
- From the Nordic and Baltic countries, Estonia, Finland, Latvia, Lithuania and Norway submitted the reports

Some observations of the reports submitted by Nordic and Baltic Parties



- All Parties submitted detailed reports
- Big differences in reports depending on where Parties are in the process of setting targets in the Protocol's framework
- Information focuses on legal basis, less on measures implemented, achievements and challenges
- Some reports can be of inspiration for other countries for the setting of targets, e.g. Finland



Lessons learned and conclusions

- Reporting is an important moment to reinforce commitment to the Protocol
- Reinforcing usefulness of Guidelines on the setting of targets, evaluation of progress and reporting + guidelines for reporting

Recommendations from the reporting guidelines



- Summary reports should be useful for self-assessment
- Focus on rationale, outcomes, good practices, challenges, further actions needed
- Broad participatory process, involving NGOs and civil society, private sector
- Coordination with EU reporting
- Use the report for communication and outreach (WWD 2013)



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