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**The “Environment for Europe” mid-term review of the Astana****Conference main outcomes: main findings of the review****Results of the survey on the promotion of the  
“Environment for Europe” process and the  
outcomes of its ministerial conferences****Note by the secretariat***Summary*

At its eighteenth session in April 2012 the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe (ECE) Committee on Environmental Policy (CEP) invited the secretariat to organize consultations (in the form of a survey) with ECE member States to collect information on how countries were promoting the objectives and priorities of the “Environment for Europe” (EfE) process and strengthening implementation of the outcomes of the Seventh EfE Ministerial Conference (Astana, 21–23 September 2011), including through national policies and relevant partnerships (ECE/CEP/2012/2, para. 25 (m)).

The survey was developed by the secretariat in consultation with the CEP Bureau. Responses were received from representatives of 29 Government organizations and 10 other stakeholders during the period of 3 June–29 July 2013. The secretariat prepared the present document on the basis of responses received to the survey with a view to supporting the discussion during the EfE mid-term review of the Astana Conference main outcomes.

The main document gives an overview of the survey, including the background, the purpose and methodology employed and a summary of the results. Annex I reproduces the survey questionnaire. The bulk of the document (annexes II and III) is a statistical analysis of the responses received. Responses from Government organizations (annex II) are addressed separately from other stakeholders (annex III). For reasons of length, it was impossible to include the explanatory comments provided by the respondents to enrich their answers (more than 1,000 comments were received); the comments may be found in a separate informal document prepared for the nineteenth session (information document No. 11).<sup>1</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> All documents for the session, and other information, will be made available on a dedicated web page for the meeting (<http://www.unece.org/env/cep/2013sessionoctober.html>).

## Introduction

1. At its eighteenth session (Geneva, 17–20 April 2012), the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe (ECE) Committee on Environmental Policy (CEP) invited the secretariat to organize consultations (in the form of a survey) with ECE member States to collect information on how countries were promoting objectives and priorities of the “Environment for Europe” (EfE) process and strengthening implementation of outcomes of the Seventh EfE Ministerial Conference (Astana, 21–23 September 2011) (Astana Conference), including through national policies and relevant partnerships (ECE/CEP/2012/2, para.25 (m)).
2. The survey was developed by the secretariat in consultation with the CEP Bureau (see annex I). The secretariat prepared the present document, on the basis of the responses received to the survey, to support the discussion during the EfE mid-term review of the Astana Conference main outcomes, which is being organized during the nineteenth session of CEP.
3. Due to the limit in length for processing United Nations official documents, it was not possible to translate the entire document into French and Russian. In this regard, the narrative parts of the document (sections I–VII) and the survey questionnaire (annex I) will be presented in the three official languages of ECE, namely English, French and Russian. At the same time, the results, in the form of a statistical analysis of responses received from Governments and from other stakeholders, are presented in English only in annexes II and III, respectively.

## I. Main achievements of the “Environment for Europe” process

4. Since its launch in 1991 the EfE process has been supporting countries’ efforts to advance in environmental governance. The EfE process is a unique partnership of member States within the ECE region, organizations of the United Nations system represented in the region, other intergovernmental organizations and bodies, Regional Environmental Centres, non-governmental organizations, the private sector and other major groups. ECE, which has been closely associated with the EfE process since its inception, serves as its secretariat.
5. The process and its ministerial conferences provide an effective high-level platform for stakeholders to discuss, decide on and join in efforts addressing environmental priorities across the 56 countries of the ECE region, and is a regional pillar of sustainable development.
6. At the same time, the process focuses on supporting the countries of Eastern and South-Eastern Europe, the Caucasus and Central Asia in their efforts to raise environmental standards and comply with international commitments.
7. The EfE process continues to provide the framework for the development of governance policies and initiatives, legal instruments, policies and practical actions and tools that promote and improve environmental governance and strengthen sustainable development at the regional level, as well as contribute to enhancing global sustainability. The main achievements of the EfE process include:
  - (a) Four assessments on the state of the environment in the pan-European region (Dobris, Aarhus, Kyiv and Belgrade assessments) and an assessment of environmental assessments (Astana);

(b) Setting up institutional mechanisms for cooperation (establishing the Environmental Action Programme Task Force (EAP Task Force), the Project Preparation Committee and the Regional Environmental Centres);

(c) Acting as a driving force for developing multilateral environmental agreements (MEAs) and other environmental policy instruments, and promoting their implementation;<sup>2</sup>

(d) Launching the ECE Environmental Performance Review (EPR) Programme for ECE member countries that are not members of the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development;

(e) Promoting cross-sectoral activities and policy integration (energy efficiency, education for sustainable development (ESD) and greening the economy);

(f) Enhancing cooperation between Governments and civil society organizations.

8. Following a decision by ECE ministers in Belgrade in 2007, CEP reformed the EfE process in 2009 to ensure that it remains relevant and valuable, and to strengthen its effectiveness.<sup>3</sup>

## II. Main features of and lessons learned from the Seventh “Environment for Europe” Ministerial Conference

9. The Astana Conference was the first EfE conference organized in accordance with the reform plan of the EfE process. The Conference gathered more than 1,500 participants from Governments, the international community, civil society, business and the media throughout the ECE region to discuss two main themes: sustainable management of water and water-related ecosystems; and greening the economy: mainstreaming the environment into economic development.

10. The event was organized in an interactive format, including nine high-level multi-stakeholder round tables. To support multi-stakeholder discussions during the Conference and to facilitate decision-making, substantive documents on each of the two main themes were prepared by ECE jointly with EfE partners. For the first time, an EfE conference was a paper-smart event.

11. The EfE partners organized 43 side events on issues related to the two main themes of the Conference. The Conference gathered business and industry representatives, who

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<sup>2</sup> The ECE Programme on Environmental Performance Reviews; the ECE programme on Environmental Monitoring and Assessment; the Pan-European Biological and Landscape Diversity Strategy; the Convention on Access to Information, Public Participation in Decision-making and Access to Justice in Environmental Matters (Aarhus Convention); the Protocols on Heavy Metals and Persistent Organic Pollutants to the Convention on Long-range Transboundary Air Pollution; the Pan-European Strategy to Phase-out Leaded Petrol; the ECE Strategy for ESD; the Protocol on Strategic Environmental Assessment to the Convention on Environmental Impact Assessment in a Transboundary Context; the Protocol on Pollutant Release and Transfer Registers to the Aarhus Convention; the Protocol on Civil Liability to the Convention on the Transboundary Effects of Industrial Accidents and the Convention on the Protection and Use of Transboundary Watercourses and International Lakes (Water Convention); the Environment Strategy for Eastern European, Caucasian and Central Asian countries; the Framework Convention on the Protection and Sustainable Development of the Carpathians; and a series of guidelines and recommendations to Governments.

<sup>3</sup> The reform plan of the EfE process was developed by CEP during 2008 and adopted on 29 January 2009 (ECE/CEP/S/152 and Corr.1, annex I); the plan was subsequently endorsed by ECE at its sixty-third session (Geneva, 30 March–1 April 2009).

also participated in a Green Innovations, Technologies and Ecoservices Fair, organized on the margins of the Conference. Representatives of media attended the Conference, preceded by a capacity-building workshop for journalists.

12. The Conference culminated in the adoption of the Astana Ministerial Declaration “Save water, Grow Green!” — a concise and comprehensive document in which ministers confirmed their commitment to improving environmental protection and promoting sustainable development in the ECE region through the EfE process, as well as set out a number of agreed follow-up and further actions under the two themes of the Conference.

13. At its eighteenth session in April 2012, CEP assessed the effectiveness of the Astana Conference. Delegations highly appreciated the organization and the outcomes of the Conference, structured in a new format according to the EfE reform plan. The success of the Conference was attributed to its two main themes, which were of importance for the entire region, its interactive format and its good outcomes, as well as its efficient preparatory process.<sup>4</sup>

14. Meeting participants observed that the Astana Conference had demonstrated once again that the EfE process provided a unique high-level platform for addressing environmental concerns across the region and should be continued. Delegations expressed the wish for the future EfE conferences to be prepared in the same manner, including an even higher interactivity during the conference.

15. At the same time, some delegations observed that the biggest challenge for future conferences was to provide new structures or frameworks to address emerging themes, such as green economy, given the ongoing economic crisis that affected all countries in the ECE region.

16. It was thought that future conferences should also be better streamlined, in particular in terms of side events. Delegates further stressed the need to find the right balance between established and emerging themes for future conferences, including enhancing the work related to green economy and the mainstreaming of environmental concerns into economic development.

### **III. The “Environment for Europe” mid-term review of the Astana Conference main outcomes**

17. In accordance with the EfE reform plan, and following a decision by ministers in Astana, CEP is convening a mid-term review in 2013 to assess the progress in implementation of the Astana Conference’s main outcomes. The mid-term review should provide renewed impetus to the process, and its findings will be taken into account in the preparatory process for the next conference.

18. The EfE reform plan calls for particular efforts to be made by all relevant responsible actors to implement the outcomes of the EfE ministerial conferences. Member States should regularly consider how to promote the objectives and priorities of the EfE process and strengthen implementation of its outcomes, including through national policies and relevant partnerships.

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<sup>4</sup> The preparatory process for the Astana Conference commenced in 2009 and included four meetings of CEP (October 2009, November 2010, May and September 2011), two meetings of the CEP Extended Bureau (May 2009 and March 2010), and one joint meeting of the Bureaux of CEP and of the Water Convention (January 2010).

19. Furthermore, the reform plan stipulates that active participation by and input of all interested ECE countries — and in particular of interested countries from subregions with specific needs for improving their environmental situation — is crucial for the success of the activities under the EfE process. Also, countries taking the lead for one or more issues were encouraged to do so in ways that would contribute significantly to the objectives and priorities of the EfE process.

20. The Astana Conference main outcomes and results include: (a) ratifying and implementing the relevant MEAs; (b) implementing the Astana Water Action; (c) promoting a green economy in the region and the Green Bridge Partnership Programme; (d) conducting a third cycle of EPRs; (e) establishing a regular process of environmental assessment and developing a Shared Environmental Information System (SEIS); and (f) continuing the work of the EAP Task Force and strengthening the work of the Regional Environmental Centres (see ECE/ASTANA.CONF/2011/2/Add.1).<sup>5</sup>

#### **IV. Purpose and content of the survey**

21. The survey collected information (in accordance with the request by CEP) from the ECE member States about the promotion of the EfE objectives and priorities in general, as well as strengthening implementation of the outcomes of the Astana Ministerial Conference in particular, including through national policies and relevant partnerships.

22. In accordance with the 2009 EfE reform plan, which calls on member States to “regularly consider how to promote objectives and priorities of the EfE process” (para. 16), the survey aims at assessing the progress made by countries in implementing the EfE objectives and priorities as set out in the reform plan (paras. 6 and 7). The EfE priorities adopted in 2009 cover most of the activities carried out at present by the ECE Environment subprogramme, as well as a number of activities carried out by the EfE partners. These activities are included in sections 2 and 3 of the survey (see annex I).

23. In addition, following up on the provision in paragraph 16 of the reform plan that “member States should strengthen the implementation of the outcomes of the EfE conferences”, the survey aims at assessing the progress in implementation of the main outcome activities of the Astana Conference (see para. 20 above). These activities are included in section 4 of the survey.

24. Furthermore, the survey seeks to identify country views on environmental priorities and themes that could be addressed at the next ministerial conference, as well as on possible efficient interactive modes for conducting discussions at the ministerial level. These issues are included in sections 5 and 6 of the survey.

25. It is recognized that countries may engage in activities on a particular issue, or within a treaty or process, without directly attributing that engagement to the EfE process. Therefore it is recommended that the responses to the survey questions also explain the extent to which the EfE process has influenced the attention and priority given to an issue, process or treaty. If the response to a question is “not applicable”, “disagree” or “not foreseen”, but the particular issue is nonetheless important for the country, it could be explained that the issue is addressed primarily through means other than the EfE process or ECE activities.

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<sup>5</sup> The Astana Ministerial Declaration and other Conference documents are available on the ECE website (<http://www.unece.org/env/efe/astana/welcome.html>).

26. The target group of the survey comprises the representatives of national Governments of the ECE region.

## V. Methodology of the survey

27. The secretariat developed the survey questionnaire in consultation with the CEP Bureau, disseminated it to all CEP members, and received responses during the period from 3 June to 29 July 2013.

28. To facilitate responses to the questionnaire, the secretariat used a mixed format, including checkboxes plus space for comments. The survey is mainly composed of closed, multiple choice and ranking-scale questions, with space for explanations provided, as well as a few open-ended (comment box) questions.

29. The results presented in annexes II and III contain a comprehensive and concise statistical summary for the closed questions (multiple choice and ranking scale) only. While the comments represent an essential part of the survey responses, it was not possible to conduct an analysis of this information in the framework of the present paper due to the following limitations:

(a) Many respondents have included detailed comments or explanations of their national positions that are difficult to summarize or pigeonhole without ignoring some national and other particularities. Therefore it would be inappropriate for the secretariat to offer its own interpretation of the responses or to draw any conclusions of that nature;

(b) As the present document is an official United Nations document length limitations apply; thus it is impossible to include, or even to evaluate, all the comments (there were about 800 comments received only from Government organizations alone).

30. In this regard, the secretariat has compiled information paper No. 11 for the nineteenth session of CEP, which contains all the comments received from the stakeholders.

31. Annexes II and III are basically lists showing how each country responded to each question, accompanied by a bar graph to help visualize the results (e.g., the percentage of countries strongly agreeing or disagreeing to a particular statement in ranking-scale questions).

32. The survey was targeted at Governments; however, several other stakeholders chose to respond. Sections VI and VII below and annexes II and III address separately the responses from Governments and from other stakeholders.

33. While the statistical summaries in general reflect the relevant information accurately, there are some limitations:

(a) To express the same position, different respondents sometimes used different checkboxes, as the options provided were not always strictly mutually exclusive (e.g., “not started” and “not applicable”);

(b) Some questions were open to a certain amount of interpretation (e.g., some respondents checked the box “in progress” instead of “well-implemented” to indicate that a process was of a continuous nature and not to mean that they believed it was not “well-implemented”);

(c) Answers to some of the multiple choice questions were not mutually exclusive, and respondents sometimes checked more than one box (e.g. “in progress” and “well-implemented”, or “signed” and “ratified/acceded/approved”). In a few cases this may

cause a slight discrepancy between the number of respondents and the number of responses, but otherwise it is not statistically significant enough to alter the general conclusions.

34. Also, several respondents have provided an extensive review of in-country procedures and practices. Thus, some responses, going beyond the objectives of this document, represent valuable reference material by themselves.

35. All the responses received will be posted (in their original form and language) on the official website of the nineteenth session of CEP.

## **VI. Results of the survey for Governments**

36. In total, 29 responses have been received from the Government representatives of the following ECE member States:<sup>6</sup> Austria, Azerbaijan, Belarus, Belgium, Bulgaria, Croatia, Czech Republic, Finland, France, Georgia, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Israel, Italy, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Republic of Moldova, Monaco, Netherlands, Norway, Poland, Romania, Slovakia, Slovenia, Sweden, Switzerland, Ukraine and United States of America. This represents 52 per cent of all ECE member States, and 66 per cent of the member States that participated in the Astana Ministerial Conference.

37. In terms of languages, 23 responses were received in English, 2 in French and 4 in Russian.

38. The detailed statistical results of the responses from Government representatives are presented in English only in annex II.

## **VII. Results of the survey for other stakeholders**

39. In total, 10 responses were received from stakeholders other than Governments. These are: BIOTICA Ecological Society (Republic of Moldova); the Regional Environmental Centre for Central Asia (Kazakhstan); Eco-Accord (Russian Federation); the International Environmental Association of River Keepers (Eco-TIRAS) (Republic of Moldova); the European Environment Agency (EEA) (EU); the European ECO-Forum/ European Environmental Bureau (Belgium); Green Liberty (Latvia); the Friends of Siberian Forests (Russian Federation); the Society for Sustainable Development (Czech Republic); and the Union "Mountain Club 'Zhabagly-Manas'" (Kazakhstan).

40. Eight of the responses from other stakeholders were received in English and two in Russian.

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<sup>6</sup> To make statistical annex II easier to read, two-letter ISO country codes have been used in setting out the list of responses. In particular, the following codes are used: AL = Albania; AD = Andorra; AM = Armenia; AT = Austria; AZ = Azerbaijan; BY = Belarus; BE = Belgium; BA = Bosnia and Herzegovina; BG = Bulgaria; CA = Canada; HR = Croatia; CY = Cyprus; CZ = Czech Republic; DK = Denmark; EE = Estonia; FI = Finland; FR = France; GE = Georgia; DE = Germany; GR = Greece; HU = Hungary; IS = Iceland; IE = Ireland; IL = Israel; IT = Italy; KZ = Kazakhstan; KG = Kyrgyzstan; LV = Latvia; LI = Liechtenstein; LT = Lithuania; LU = Luxembourg; MT = Malta; MD – Republic of Moldova; MC = Monaco; ME = Montenegro; NL = Netherlands; NO = Norway; PL = Poland; PT = Portugal; RO = Romania; RU = Russian Federation; SM = San Marino; RS = Serbia; SK = Slovakia; SI = Slovenia; ES = Spain; SE = Sweden; CH = Switzerland; TJ = Tajikistan; MK = The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia ; TR = Turkey; TM = Turkmenistan; UA = Ukraine; GB = United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland; US = United States of America; and UZ = Uzbekistan.



41. The following characteristics of this section of the survey may be responsible for the limited representativeness of the results:

- (a) An uneven geographical distribution of respondents;
- (b) Several questions were not directed to the non-government stakeholders, as the primary target group of the survey were Government organizations, and therefore they were left unanswered by many respondents;
- (c) Some respondents answered some questions from the national perspective, while others responded from the perspective of a particular organization.

42. Therefore, the detailed statistical results presented in annex III must be read with these limitations in mind. To better understand the situation of the other stakeholders responding, please read the full responses of the particular stakeholders contained in information document No. 11.

## Annex I

### Questionnaire on the promotion of the “Environment for Europe” process and the outcomes of its ministerial conferences

#### 1. Contact information

*Please indicate the name, title, organization and country, as well as the contact data of the person who filled in the survey*

First name:	...
Last name:	...
Title:	...
Organization:	...
Country:	...
Address:	...
Telephone:	...
E-mail:	...
Website:	...
Date:	...

#### 2. Progress in promoting the objectives of the “Environment for Europe” process

*In the table below, please indicate how strongly you agree or disagree with the following statements and provide an explanation, as appropriate. The boxes can be ticked by double-clicking on the box and choosing “checked” under the “default value” from the pop-up window. N/A means not applicable. If you choose N/A, nevertheless please elaborate on your choice.*

**The EfE process continues to serve as a mechanism to:**

**2.1. Improve the environment throughout the region, contributing to sustainable development which may in turn contribute to poverty eradication, to improving quality of life and to a safer world**

strongly agree /  somewhat agree /  somewhat disagree /  strongly disagree /  N/A

*Please elaborate (up to 250 words):*

...

**2.2. Enhance the implementation of strengthened national environmental policies**

strongly agree /  somewhat agree /  somewhat disagree /  strongly disagree /  N/A

*Please elaborate (up to 250 words):*

...

**2.3. Support convergence of environmental policies and approaches, while recognizing the benefits from a diversity of approaches to achieve common goals and the prioritization of environmental objectives**

strongly agree /  somewhat agree /  somewhat disagree /  strongly disagree /  N/A

*Please elaborate (up to 250 words):*

...

**2.4. Encourage the participation of civil society**

strongly agree /  somewhat agree /  somewhat disagree /  strongly disagree /  N/A

*Please elaborate (up to 250 words):*

...

**2.5. Promote broad horizontal environmental cooperation**

strongly agree /  somewhat agree /  somewhat disagree /  strongly disagree /  N/A

*Please elaborate (up to 250 words):*

...

**3. Progress in promoting the political priorities of the “Environment for Europe” process**

*In the table below, please, provide a brief summary of how your country is progressing in promoting the EfE political priorities, based on commitments already made under the EfE process, including through national policies and relevant partnerships. Please tick the box that best corresponds to the current situation or level of implementation in your country. Provide an explanation, as appropriate. N/A means not applicable. If you choose N/A, nevertheless please elaborate on your choice.*

**The progress (in your country) on EfE political priorities may include:**

**3.1. Improvement of environmental governance, including strengthening environmental institutions and implementation of policy instruments (by your country)**

3.1.1. Improvement of environmental governance:

not started /  initiated /  in progress /  accomplished /  N/A

*Please elaborate (up to 250 words):*

...

<p>3.1.2. Strengthening environmental institutions:</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> not started / <input type="checkbox"/> initiated / <input type="checkbox"/> in progress / <input type="checkbox"/> accomplished / <input type="checkbox"/> N/A</p> <p><i>Please elaborate (up to 250 words):</i></p> <p>...</p> <p>3.1.3. Implementation of policy instruments:</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> not started / <input type="checkbox"/> initiated / <input type="checkbox"/> in progress / <input type="checkbox"/> accomplished / <input type="checkbox"/> N/A</p> <p><i>Please elaborate (up to 250 words):</i></p> <p>...</p>	
<p><b>3.2. Streamlining the implementation by your Government of commitments made to existing ECE legally binding and legally non-binding instruments</b></p> <p>Overall assessment:</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> not started / <input type="checkbox"/> initiated / <input type="checkbox"/> in progress / <input type="checkbox"/> accomplished / <input type="checkbox"/> N/A</p> <p><i>Please elaborate (up to 250 words):</i></p> <p>...</p>	
<p>Convention on Long-range Transboundary Air Pollution (Air Convention) and its Protocols</p>	<p>3.2.1. Status (<i>more than one box can be ticked</i>):</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> signed / <input type="checkbox"/> ratified/acceded/approved / <input type="checkbox"/> in the process of ratification/accession/approval / <input type="checkbox"/> not foreseen / <input type="checkbox"/> N/A</p> <p><i>Please elaborate (up to 250 words):</i></p> <p>...</p> <p>3.2.2. Implementation:</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> not started / <input type="checkbox"/> initiated / <input type="checkbox"/> in progress / <input type="checkbox"/> well-implemented / <input type="checkbox"/> N/A</p> <p><i>Please elaborate (up to 250 words):</i></p> <p>...</p> <p>3.2.3. Formal reporting (national implementation reports):</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> never submitted / <input type="checkbox"/> submitting occasionally / <input type="checkbox"/> submitting regularly / <input type="checkbox"/> N/A</p> <p><i>Please elaborate (up to 250 words):</i></p> <p>...</p>
<p>Convention on the Protection and Use of Transboundary Watercourses and International Lakes (Water Convention)</p>	<p>3.2.4. Status (<i>more than one box can be ticked</i>):</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> signed / <input type="checkbox"/> ratified/acceded/approved / <input type="checkbox"/> in the process of ratification/accession/approval / <input type="checkbox"/> not foreseen / <input type="checkbox"/> N/A</p> <p><i>Please elaborate (up to 250 words):</i></p> <p>...</p> <p>3.2.5. Implementation:</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> not started / <input type="checkbox"/> initiated / <input type="checkbox"/> in progress / <input type="checkbox"/> well-implemented / <input type="checkbox"/> N/A</p> <p><i>Please elaborate (up to 250 words):</i></p> <p>...</p>

<p>Protocol on Water and Health</p>	<p>3.2.6. Status (<i>more than one box can be ticked</i>):</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> signed / <input type="checkbox"/> ratified/acceded/approved / <input type="checkbox"/> in the process of ratification/accession/approval / <input type="checkbox"/> not foreseen / <input type="checkbox"/> N/A</p> <p><i>Please elaborate (up to 250 words):</i></p> <p>...</p> <p>3.2.7 Implementation:</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> not started / <input type="checkbox"/> initiated / <input type="checkbox"/> in progress / <input type="checkbox"/> well-implemented / <input type="checkbox"/> N/A</p> <p><i>Please elaborate (up to 250 words):</i></p> <p>...</p> <p>3.2.8. Formal reporting (national implementation reports):</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> never submitted / <input type="checkbox"/> submitting occasionally / <input type="checkbox"/> submitting regularly / <input type="checkbox"/> N/A</p> <p><i>Please elaborate (up to 250 words):</i></p> <p>...</p>
<p>Convention on the Transboundary Effects of Industrial Accidents (Industrial Accidents Convention)</p>	<p>3.2.9. Status (<i>more than one box can be ticked</i>):</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> signed / <input type="checkbox"/> ratified/acceded/approved / <input type="checkbox"/> in the process of ratification/accession/approval / <input type="checkbox"/> not foreseen / <input type="checkbox"/> N/A</p> <p><i>Please elaborate (up to 250 words):</i></p> <p>...</p> <p>3.2.10. Implementation:</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> not started / <input type="checkbox"/> initiated / <input type="checkbox"/> in progress / <input type="checkbox"/> well-implemented / <input type="checkbox"/> N/A</p> <p><i>Please elaborate (up to 250 words):</i></p> <p>...</p> <p>3.2.11. Formal reporting (national implementation reports):</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> never submitted / <input type="checkbox"/> submitting occasionally / <input type="checkbox"/> submitting regularly / <input type="checkbox"/> N/A</p> <p><i>Please elaborate (up to 250 words):</i></p> <p>...</p>
<p>Protocol on Civil Liability</p>	<p>3.2.12. Status (<i>more than one box can be ticked</i>):</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> signed / <input type="checkbox"/> ratified/acceded/approved / <input type="checkbox"/> in the process of ratification/accession/approval / <input type="checkbox"/> not foreseen / <input type="checkbox"/> N/A</p> <p><i>Please elaborate (up to 250 words):</i></p> <p>...</p> <p>3.2.13. Implementation:</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> not started / <input type="checkbox"/> initiated / <input type="checkbox"/> in progress / <input type="checkbox"/> well-implemented / <input type="checkbox"/> N/A</p> <p><i>Please elaborate (up to 250 words):</i></p> <p>...</p>

<p>Convention on Environmental Impact Assessment in a Transboundary Context (Espoo Convention)</p>	<p>3.2.14. Status (<i>more than one box can be ticked</i>):  <input type="checkbox"/> signed / <input type="checkbox"/> ratified/acceded/approved / <input type="checkbox"/> in the process of ratification/accession/approval / <input type="checkbox"/> not foreseen / <input type="checkbox"/> N/A  <i>Please elaborate (up to 250 words):</i>                      ...</p> <p>3.2.15. Implementation:  <input type="checkbox"/> not started / <input type="checkbox"/> initiated / <input type="checkbox"/> in progress / <input type="checkbox"/> well-implemented / <input type="checkbox"/> N/A  <i>Please elaborate (up to 250 words):</i>                      ...</p> <p>3.2.16. Formal reporting (national implementation reports):  <input type="checkbox"/> never submitted / <input type="checkbox"/> submitting occasionally / <input type="checkbox"/> submitting regularly / <input type="checkbox"/> N/A  <i>Please elaborate (up to 250 words):</i>                      ...</p>
<p>Protocol on Strategic Environmental Assessment (Protocol on SEA)</p>	<p>3.2.17. Status (<i>more than one box can be ticked</i>):  <input type="checkbox"/> signed / <input type="checkbox"/> ratified/acceded/approved / <input type="checkbox"/> in the process of ratification/accession/approval / <input type="checkbox"/> not foreseen / <input type="checkbox"/> N/A  <i>Please elaborate (up to 250 words):</i>                      ...</p> <p>3.2.18. Implementation:  <input type="checkbox"/> not started / <input type="checkbox"/> initiated / <input type="checkbox"/> in progress / <input type="checkbox"/> well-implemented / <input type="checkbox"/> N/A  <i>Please elaborate (up to 250 words):</i>                      ...</p> <p>3.2.19. Formal reporting (national implementation reports):  <input type="checkbox"/> never submitted / <input type="checkbox"/> submitting occasionally / <input type="checkbox"/> submitting regularly / <input type="checkbox"/> N/A  <i>Please elaborate (up to 250 words):</i>                      ...</p>
<p>Convention on Access to Information, Public Participation in Decision-making and Access to Justice in Environmental Matters (Aarhus Convention)</p>	<p>3.2.20. Status (<i>more than one box can be ticked</i>):  <input type="checkbox"/> signed / <input type="checkbox"/> ratified/acceded/approved / <input type="checkbox"/> in the process of ratification/accession/approval / <input type="checkbox"/> not foreseen / <input type="checkbox"/> N/A  <i>Please elaborate (up to 250 words):</i>                      ...</p> <p>3.2.21. Implementation:  <input type="checkbox"/> not started / <input type="checkbox"/> initiated / <input type="checkbox"/> in progress / <input type="checkbox"/> well-implemented / <input type="checkbox"/> N/A  <i>Please elaborate (up to 250 words):</i>                      ...</p>

	<p>3.2.22. Formal reporting (national implementation reports):</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> never submitted / <input type="checkbox"/> submitting occasionally / <input type="checkbox"/> submitting regularly / <input type="checkbox"/> N/A</p> <p><i>Please elaborate (up to 250 words):</i></p> <p>...</p>
<p>Protocol on Pollutant Release and Transfer Registers (Protocol on PRTRs)</p>	<p>3.2.23. Status (<i>more than one box can be ticked</i>):</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> signed / <input type="checkbox"/> ratified/acceded/approved / <input type="checkbox"/> in the process of ratification/accession/approval / <input type="checkbox"/> not foreseen / <input type="checkbox"/> N/A</p> <p><i>Please elaborate (up to 250 words):</i></p> <p>...</p> <p>3.2.24. Implementation:</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> not started / <input type="checkbox"/> initiated / <input type="checkbox"/> in progress / <input type="checkbox"/> well-implemented / <input type="checkbox"/> N/A</p> <p><i>Please elaborate (up to 250 words):</i></p> <p>...</p> <p>3.2.25. Formal reporting (national implementation reports):</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> never submitted / <input type="checkbox"/> submitting occasionally / <input type="checkbox"/> submitting regularly / <input type="checkbox"/> N/A</p> <p><i>Please elaborate (up to 250 words):</i></p> <p>...</p>
<p>ECE Strategy for Education for Sustainable Development (Strategy for ESD)</p>	<p>3.2.26. Status (<i>more than one box can be ticked</i>):</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> adopted / <input type="checkbox"/> actively participating / <input type="checkbox"/> not engaged / <input type="checkbox"/> N/A</p> <p><i>Please elaborate (up to 250 words):</i></p> <p>...</p> <p>3.2.27. Implementation:</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> not started / <input type="checkbox"/> initiated / <input type="checkbox"/> in progress / <input type="checkbox"/> well-implemented / <input type="checkbox"/> N/A</p> <p><i>Please elaborate (up to 250 words):</i></p> <p>...</p> <p>3.2.28. Formal reporting (national implementation reports):</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> never submitted / <input type="checkbox"/> submitting occasionally / <input type="checkbox"/> submitting regularly / <input type="checkbox"/> N/A</p> <p><i>Please elaborate (up to 250 words):</i></p> <p>...</p>
<p>Transport, Health and Environment Pan-European Programme (THE PEP)</p>	<p>3.2.29. Status (<i>more than one box can be ticked</i>):</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> adopted / <input type="checkbox"/> actively participating / <input type="checkbox"/> not engaged / <input type="checkbox"/> N/A</p> <p><i>Please elaborate (up to 250 words):</i></p> <p>...</p>

	<p>3.2.30. Implementation:  <input type="checkbox"/> not started / <input type="checkbox"/> initiated / <input type="checkbox"/> in progress / <input type="checkbox"/> well-implemented / <input type="checkbox"/> N/A  <i>Please elaborate (up to 250 words):</i>                  ...</p> <p>3.2.31. Reporting (responding to THE PEP survey on progress in the attainment of the Amsterdam Goals):  <input type="checkbox"/> never submitted / <input type="checkbox"/> submitting occasionally / <input type="checkbox"/> submitting regularly / <input type="checkbox"/> N/A  <i>Please elaborate (up to 250 words):</i>                  ...</p>
<p><b>3.3. Enhancing efforts in environmental monitoring</b></p> <p>Overall assessment in your country:  <input type="checkbox"/> not started / <input type="checkbox"/> initiated / <input type="checkbox"/> in progress / <input type="checkbox"/> well-implemented / <input type="checkbox"/> N/A  <i>Please elaborate (up to 250 words):</i>                  ...</p>	
<p>3.3.1. Production of indicator-based state-of-the-environment reports</p>	<p><input type="checkbox"/> never produced / <input type="checkbox"/> in progress / <input type="checkbox"/> producing occasionally / <input type="checkbox"/> producing regularly / <input type="checkbox"/> N/A  <i>Please elaborate (up to 250 words):</i>                  ...</p>
<p>3.3.2. Enterprise environmental monitoring and reporting</p>	<p><input type="checkbox"/> not started / <input type="checkbox"/> initiated / <input type="checkbox"/> in progress / <input type="checkbox"/> well-implemented / <input type="checkbox"/> N/A  <i>Please elaborate (up to 250 words):</i>                  ...</p>
<p><b>3.4. Ensuring implementation of the ECE Environmental Performance Review (EPR) Programme</b></p> <p>Overall assessment of your country's role:  <input type="checkbox"/> not active / <input type="checkbox"/> active as donor / <input type="checkbox"/> active as reviewed country / <input type="checkbox"/> N/A  <i>Please elaborate (up to 250 words):</i>                  ...</p>	
<p>3.4.1. Participation in the EPR process as a reviewed country in the future</p>	<p><input type="checkbox"/> not interested / <input type="checkbox"/> initiated / <input type="checkbox"/> in progress / <input type="checkbox"/> N/A  <i>Please elaborate (up to 250 words):</i>                  ...</p>
<p>3.4.2. Participation in the EPR process as a donor country (in-kind and/or providing financial support)</p>	<p><input type="checkbox"/> not interested / <input type="checkbox"/> initiated / <input type="checkbox"/> on-going / <input type="checkbox"/> N/A  <i>Please elaborate (up to 250 words):</i>                  ...</p>



3.4.3. Implementation of EPR recommendations by the reviewed country	<input type="checkbox"/> not started / <input type="checkbox"/> initiated / <input type="checkbox"/> in progress / <input type="checkbox"/> accomplished / <input type="checkbox"/> N/A <i>Please elaborate (up to 250 words):</i> ...
<b>3.5. Raising public awareness on environmental issues</b> Overall assessment in your country: <input type="checkbox"/> not started / <input type="checkbox"/> initiated / <input type="checkbox"/> in progress / <input type="checkbox"/> well-implemented / <input type="checkbox"/> N/A <i>Please elaborate (up to 250 words):</i> ...	
3.5.1. Ensuring public access to environmental information	<input type="checkbox"/> not started / <input type="checkbox"/> initiated / <input type="checkbox"/> in progress / <input type="checkbox"/> well-implemented / <input type="checkbox"/> N/A <i>Please elaborate (up to 250 words):</i> ...
3.5.2. Ensuring public participation in environmental-decision making	<input type="checkbox"/> not started / <input type="checkbox"/> initiated / <input type="checkbox"/> in progress / <input type="checkbox"/> well-implemented / <input type="checkbox"/> N/A <i>Please elaborate (up to 250 words):</i> ...
3.5.3. Ensuring public access to environmental justice	<input type="checkbox"/> not started / <input type="checkbox"/> initiated / <input type="checkbox"/> in progress / <input type="checkbox"/> well-implemented / <input type="checkbox"/> N/A <i>Please elaborate (up to 250 words):</i> ...
<b>3.6. Promoting linkages between environmental policy, economic and social well-being and competitiveness</b> Overall assessment in your country: <input type="checkbox"/> not started / <input type="checkbox"/> initiated / <input type="checkbox"/> in progress / <input type="checkbox"/> well-implemented / <input type="checkbox"/> N/A <i>Please elaborate (up to 250 words):</i> ...	
3.6.1. Mainstreaming the environment into economic development	<input type="checkbox"/> not started / <input type="checkbox"/> initiated / <input type="checkbox"/> in progress / <input type="checkbox"/> well-implemented / <input type="checkbox"/> N/A <i>Please elaborate (up to 250 words):</i> ...
3.6.2. Implementing environmental policies through economic/market instruments (e.g., phasing out subsidies, introducing environmental taxation, payment for ecosystems services, etc.)	<input type="checkbox"/> not started / <input type="checkbox"/> initiated / <input type="checkbox"/> in progress / <input type="checkbox"/> well-implemented / <input type="checkbox"/> N/A <i>Please elaborate (up to 250 words):</i> ...

<p>3.6.3. Implementing environmental policies through regulatory/normative instruments (e.g. norms, standards, bans, etc.)</p>	<p><input type="checkbox"/> not started / <input type="checkbox"/> initiated / <input type="checkbox"/> in progress / <input type="checkbox"/> well-implemented / <input type="checkbox"/> N/A</p> <p><i>Please elaborate (up to 250 words):</i></p> <p>...</p>
<p>3.6.4. Implementing environmental policies through information based/voluntary instruments (e.g. labelling, etc.)</p>	<p><input type="checkbox"/> not started / <input type="checkbox"/> initiated / <input type="checkbox"/> in progress / <input type="checkbox"/> well-implemented / <input type="checkbox"/> N/A</p> <p><i>Please elaborate (up to 250 words):</i></p> <p>...</p>

#### 4. Progress in strengthening the implementation of outcomes of the Seventh “Environment for Europe” Ministerial Conference

*In the table below, please, provide a brief summary of how your country is progressing in implementing the commitments made at the Astana Conference. Please tick the box that best corresponds to the current situation or level of implementation in your country. Provide an explanation, as appropriate. N/A means not applicable. If you choose N/A, nevertheless please elaborate on your choice.*

**The main outcomes of the Astana Conference include:**

<p><b>4.1. Ratifying and implementing the relevant multilateral environmental agreements</b> <i>(by your country)</i></p> <p><i>Please provide additional information, as relevant, that was not provided under section 3(b) (up to 250 words):</i></p> <p>...</p>
<p><b>4.2. Implementing the Astana Water Action</b> <i>(by your country)</i></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> not started / <input type="checkbox"/> initiated / <input type="checkbox"/> in progress / <input type="checkbox"/> well-implemented/ <input type="checkbox"/> not foreseen</p> <p><i>Please elaborate (up to 250 words):</i></p> <p>...</p>
<p><b>4.3. Promoting a green economy</b> <i>(by your country)</i></p> <p>...</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> not started / <input type="checkbox"/> initiated / <input type="checkbox"/> in progress / <input type="checkbox"/> well-implemented/ <input type="checkbox"/> not foreseen</p> <p><i>Please elaborate (up to 250 words):</i></p> <p>...</p>
<p><b>4.4. Promoting the Green Bridge Partnership Programme</b> <i>(by your country)</i></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> not started / <input type="checkbox"/> initiated / <input type="checkbox"/> in progress / <input type="checkbox"/> well-implemented/ <input type="checkbox"/> not foreseen</p> <p><i>Please elaborate (up to 250 words):</i></p> <p>...</p>

**4.5. Ensuring implementation of the third cycle of environmental performance reviews** *(by your country)*

not foreseen /  active as donor /  active as reviewed country /  N/A

*Please elaborate (up to 250 words):*

...

**4.6. Establishing a regular process of environmental assessment, including developing a Shared Environmental Information System (SEIS)** *(by your country)*

not started /  initiated /  in progress /  SEIS developed /  regular process of environmental assessment established

*Please elaborate (up to 250 words):*

...

**4.7. Participation in the continued work of the Environmental Action Programme Task Force, including on the sustainable management of water and water-related ecosystems, and on greening the economy: mainstreaming the environment into economic development** *(by your country)*

not foreseen /  active as donor /  active as beneficiary /  N/A

*Please elaborate (up to 250 words):*

...

**4.8. Participation in strengthening the contribution of Regional Environmental Centres in both promoting green economy and better environmental governance at the local, national, subregional and regional levels** *(by your country)*

not foreseen /  active as donor /  active as beneficiary /  N/A

*Please elaborate (up to 250 words):*

...

## 5. Thematic priorities of the “Environment for Europe” process for the Eighth Ministerial Conference

*In the table below, please indicate thematic priorities that might be addressed at the Eighth Efe Ministerial Conference, including a brief justification note for each priority proposed. Please also indicate how strongly you agree or disagree with the several themes proposed, as well as for organizing a high-level segment on MEAs and the proposed theme. Please kindly note that the idea to organize a high-level segment on MEAs emerged from the discussion at the informal meeting of representatives of governing bodies of MEAs and CEP (Geneva, 27 February 2013).*

<p><b>5.1. First thematic priority (an “established” theme of importance to the entire region, e.g., the Astana Conference addressed the “established” theme of sustainable management of water and water-related ecosystems)</b></p> <p><i>Please propose a theme: ...</i></p> <p><i>Please elaborate (up to 250 words):</i></p> <p>...</p>	
<p><b>5.2. Second thematic priority (an “emerging” theme of importance to the entire region, e.g., the Astana Conference addressed the “emerging” theme of greening the economy: mainstreaming the environment into economic development)</b></p> <p><i>Please propose a theme: ...</i></p> <p><i>Please elaborate (up to 250 words):</i></p> <p>...</p>	
<p>5.2.1. Enhancing the work on greening the economy and the mainstreaming of environmental concerns into economic development</p>	<p>This is a possible “emerging” theme for the Eighth Ministerial Conference to follow up on the Astana Efe and Rio+20 Conference commitments</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> strongly agree / <input type="checkbox"/> somewhat agree / <input type="checkbox"/> somewhat disagree / <input type="checkbox"/> strongly disagree</p> <p><i>Please elaborate (up to 250 words):</i></p> <p>...</p>
<p>5.2.2. Promoting sustainable consumption and production</p>	<p>This is a possible “emerging” theme for the Eighth Ministerial Conference to follow up on the Rio+20 Conference commitments</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> strongly agree / <input type="checkbox"/> somewhat agree / <input type="checkbox"/> somewhat disagree / <input type="checkbox"/> strongly disagree</p> <p><i>Please elaborate (up to 250 words):</i></p> <p>...</p>
<p>5.2.3. “Greening” the policies of the international financial institutions (IFIs)</p>	<p>This is a possible “emerging” theme for the Eighth Ministerial Conference to follow up on the Rio+20 Conference commitments</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> strongly agree / <input type="checkbox"/> somewhat agree / <input type="checkbox"/> somewhat disagree / <input type="checkbox"/> strongly disagree</p> <p><i>Please elaborate (up to 250 words):</i></p> <p>...</p>

<p>5.2.4. Resilience and change</p>	<p>This is a possible “emerging” theme for the Eighth Ministerial Conference to encompass the need for disaster risk reduction, climate change adaptation, emergency preparedness and contingency planning to be ready for both environmental and demographic change in the coming years, i.e., the expected increase in extreme weather events due to global warming, but also the expected changes in demographics (aging populations and South-North migration), in particular in urban areas)</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> strongly agree / <input type="checkbox"/> somewhat agree / <input type="checkbox"/> somewhat disagree / <input type="checkbox"/> strongly disagree</p> <p><i>Please elaborate (up to 250 words):</i></p> <p>...</p>
<p><b>5.3 A high-level segment on assessing the progress in establishing a regular process of environmental assessment and developing the SEIS across the region should be organized</b></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> strongly agree / <input type="checkbox"/> somewhat agree / <input type="checkbox"/> somewhat disagree / <input type="checkbox"/> strongly disagree</p> <p><i>Please elaborate (up to 250 words):</i></p> <p>...</p>	
<p><b>5.4 A high-level segment on ECE MEAs should be organized</b></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> strongly agree / <input type="checkbox"/> somewhat agree / <input type="checkbox"/> somewhat disagree / <input type="checkbox"/> strongly disagree</p> <p><i>Please elaborate (up to 250 words):</i></p> <p>...</p>	
<p>5.4.1. The role of public participation in effective implementation of MEAs</p>	<p>This is a possible theme for a high-level segment on ECE MEAs (of relevance to all ECE MEAs)</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> strongly agree / <input type="checkbox"/> somewhat agree / <input type="checkbox"/> somewhat disagree / <input type="checkbox"/> strongly disagree</p> <p><i>Please elaborate (up to 250 words):</i></p> <p>...</p>
<p><b>5.5. There is a need to develop new structures or frameworks to address emerging themes, such as green economy, given the ongoing economic crisis that affected all countries in the ECE region</b></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> strongly agree / <input type="checkbox"/> somewhat agree / <input type="checkbox"/> somewhat disagree / <input type="checkbox"/> strongly disagree</p> <p><i>Please elaborate (up to 250 words):</i></p> <p>...</p>	

<p>Greening the economies</p>	<p>5.5.1. Elaboration of subregional road maps (e.g. EU, South-Eastern Europe, Central Asia, Caucasus and Eastern Europe)</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> strongly agree / <input type="checkbox"/> somewhat agree / <input type="checkbox"/> somewhat disagree / <input type="checkbox"/> strongly disagree</p> <p><i>Please elaborate (up to 250 words):</i></p> <p>...</p> <p>5.5.2. Elaboration/harmonization of regional eco-standards for products and production processes</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> strongly agree / <input type="checkbox"/> somewhat agree / <input type="checkbox"/> somewhat disagree / <input type="checkbox"/> strongly disagree</p> <p><i>Please elaborate (up to 250 words):</i></p> <p>...</p> <p>5.5.3. Other (please suggest demand-driven frameworks/structures)</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> strongly agree / <input type="checkbox"/> somewhat agree / <input type="checkbox"/> somewhat disagree / <input type="checkbox"/> strongly disagree</p> <p><i>Please elaborate (up to 250 words):</i></p> <p>...</p>
<p>Strengthening implementation of ESD</p>	<p>5.5.4. Mainstreaming ESD into technical and vocational training to meet future labour market demand</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> strongly agree / <input type="checkbox"/> somewhat agree / <input type="checkbox"/> somewhat disagree / <input type="checkbox"/> strongly disagree</p> <p><i>Please elaborate (up to 250 words):</i></p> <p>...</p> <p>5.5.5. Mainstreaming ESD into teachers/educators' training</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> strongly agree / <input type="checkbox"/> somewhat agree / <input type="checkbox"/> somewhat disagree / <input type="checkbox"/> strongly disagree</p> <p><i>Please elaborate (up to 250 words):</i></p> <p>...</p> <p>5.5.6. Implementing an ESD school plan in every school (i.e., addressing campus management, curricula and community interaction)</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> strongly agree / <input type="checkbox"/> somewhat agree / <input type="checkbox"/> somewhat disagree / <input type="checkbox"/> strongly disagree</p> <p><i>Please elaborate (up to 250 words):</i></p> <p>...</p>
<p>Strengthening environmental considerations in other social and economic sectors</p>	<p>5.5.7. Sustainable urban development (e.g., bringing together the relevant activities under THE PEP, the Environment and Health process, and green building)</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> strongly agree / <input type="checkbox"/> somewhat agree / <input type="checkbox"/> somewhat disagree / <input type="checkbox"/> strongly disagree</p> <p><i>Please elaborate (up to 250 words):</i></p> <p>...</p>

## 6. Format of the Eighth “Environment for Europe” Ministerial Conference

*In the table below, please, indicate/propose an interactive format for the next Conference. Provide an explanation, as appropriate.*

<b>6.1 Interactive format for the Conference (for a more productive ministerial participation)</b> <i>Please propose an interactive format(s) to stimulate the work of the Conference:</i> ... <i>Please elaborate (up to 250 words):</i> ...	
6.1.1. Parallel thematic round tables	<input type="checkbox"/> strongly agree / <input type="checkbox"/> somewhat agree / <input type="checkbox"/> somewhat disagree / <input type="checkbox"/> strongly disagree <i>Please elaborate:</i> ...
6.1.2. Interactive discussions, e.g., similar to “BBC Question Time”	<input type="checkbox"/> strongly agree / <input type="checkbox"/> somewhat agree / <input type="checkbox"/> somewhat disagree / <input type="checkbox"/> strongly disagree <i>Please elaborate:</i> ...
6.1.3. ... (please propose an interactive format)	<input type="checkbox"/> strongly agree / <input type="checkbox"/> somewhat agree / <input type="checkbox"/> somewhat disagree / <input type="checkbox"/> strongly disagree <i>Please elaborate:</i> ...

## 7. Any other issues you consider important

7.1 ... (please include any issues relevant to the scope of this survey that you may wish to address) <i>Please elaborate:</i> ...
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## Annex II

[English only]

### Statistical results of the survey for Governments<sup>a</sup>

#### 2. Progress in promoting the objectives of the “Environment for Europe” process

The EfE process continues to serve as a mechanism to:

##### 2.1. Improve the environment throughout the region, contributing to sustainable development which may in turn contribute to poverty eradication, to improving quality of life, and to a safer world

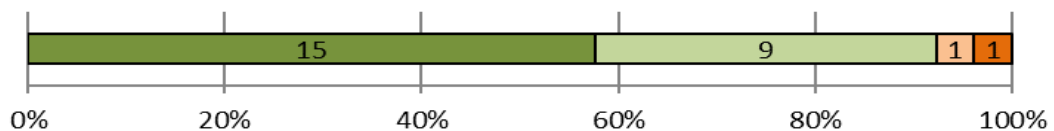
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Somewhat agree: 9 (AT, BG, HR, FI, FR, GR, HU, IT, PL)

Somewhat disagree: 1 (US)

Strongly disagree: 1 (NL)

N/A: 0



##### 2.2. Enhance the implementation of strengthened national environmental policies

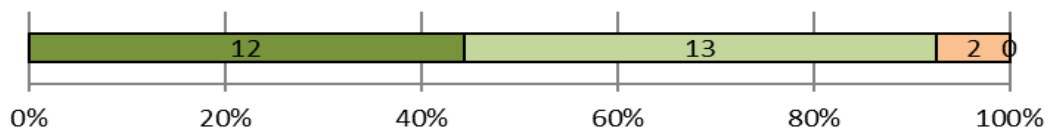
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Somewhat agree: 13 (AT, BG, HR, CZ, FI, FR, GE, GR, HU, IT, MC, PL, SI)

Somewhat disagree: 2 (NL, US)

Strongly disagree: 0

N/A: 0



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**2.3. Support convergence of environmental policies and approaches, while recognizing the benefits from a diversity of approaches to achieve common goals, and the prioritization of environmental objectives**

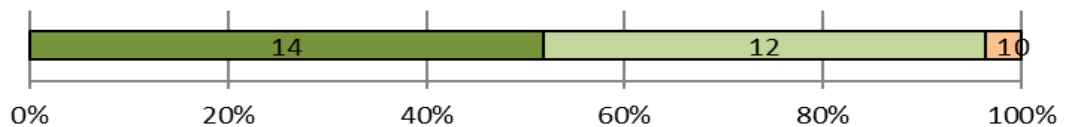
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Somewhat agree: 12 (AT, BG, HR, CZ, FI, GR, IT, MC, PL, SI, SE, US)

Somewhat disagree: 1 (NL)

Strongly disagree: 0

N/A: 0



**2.4. Encourage the participation of civil society**

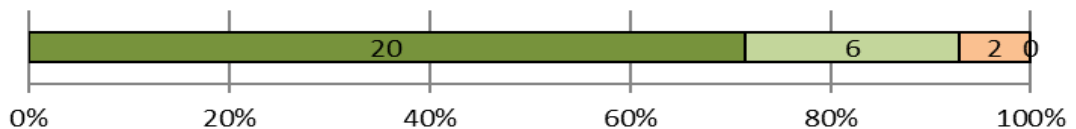
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Somewhat agree: 6 (AT, BY, DE, HU, IT, MC)

Somewhat disagree: 2 (NL, US)

Strongly disagree: 0

N/A: 0



**2.5. Promote broad horizontal environmental cooperation**

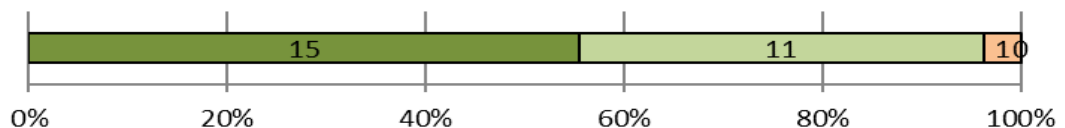
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Somewhat agree: 11 (AT, BY, CZ, FI, FR, DE, IT, NO, PL, SE, US)

Somewhat disagree: 1 (NL)

Strongly disagree: 0

N/A: 0



### 3. Progress in promoting the political priorities of the “Environment for Europe” process

The progress (in your country) on Efe political priorities may include:

#### 3.1. Improvement of environmental governance, including strengthening environmental institutions and implementation of policy instruments (by your country)

##### 3.1.1. Improvement of environmental governance

Not started: 0

Initiated: 1 (MD)

In progress: 12 (AT, BY, FR, GE, GR, KZ, KG, MC, RO, SI, CH, UA)

Accomplished: 14 (AT, BE, BG, HR, CZ, FI, DE, HU, IL, NL, PL, SK, SE, CH)

N/A: 3 (IT, NO, US)



##### 3.1.2. Strengthening environmental institutions

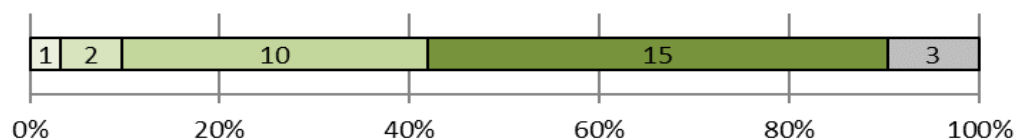
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Initiated: 2 (GR, MD)

In progress: 10 (AT, BY, FR, GE, GR, KZ, RO, SI, CH, UA)

Accomplished: 15 (AT, BE, BG, HR, CZ, FI, DE, HU, IL, MC, NL, PL, SK, SE, CH)

N/A: 3 (IT, NO, US)



##### 3.1.3. Implementation of policy instruments

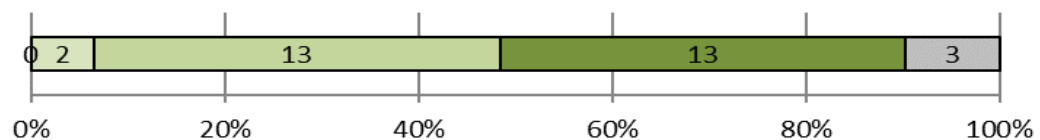
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**3.2. Streamlining the implementation by your Government of commitments made to existing ECE legally-binding and legally non-binding instruments**

Overall assessment

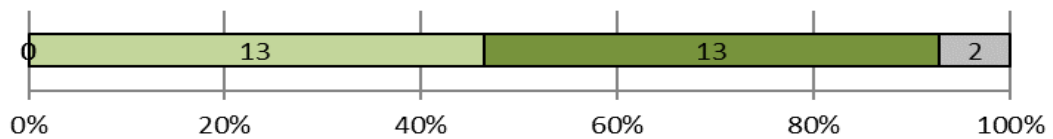
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N/A: 2 (IT, US)



**Air Convention and its Protocols**

**3.2.1. Status (more than one box can be ticked)**

Signed: 9 (BY, BG, FR, DE, GR, HU, IT, NO, SE)

Ratified/Acceded/Approved: 28 (AT, AZ, BY, BE, BG, HR, CZ, FI, FR, GE, DE, GR, HU, IT, KZ, KG, MD, MC, NL, NO, PL, RO, SK, SI, SE, CH, UA, US)

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**3.2.2. Implementation**

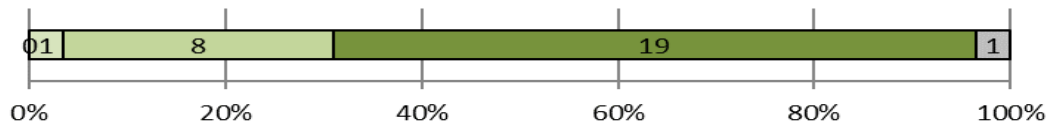
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In progress: 8 (AZ, BY, GE, GR, KG, MD, RO, UA)

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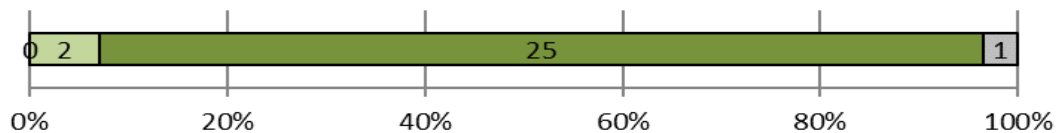
3.2.3. Formal reporting (national implementation reports)

Never submitted: 0

Submitting occasionally: 2 (AZ, MD)

Submitting regularly: 25 (AT, BY, BE, BG, HR, CZ, FI, FR, GE, DE, GR, HU, IT, KZ, KG, MC, NL, NO, PL, SK, SI, SE, CH, UA, US)

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**Water Convention**

3.2.4. Status (more than one box can be ticked)

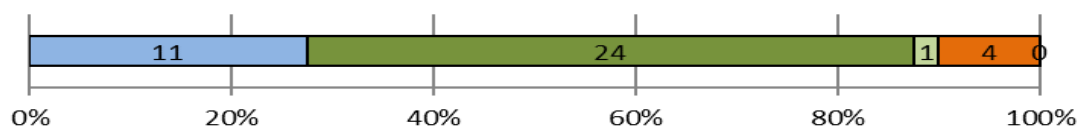
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In the process of ratification/accession/approval: 1 (GE)

Not foreseen: 4 (IL, KG, MC, US)

N/A: 0



3.2.5. Implementation

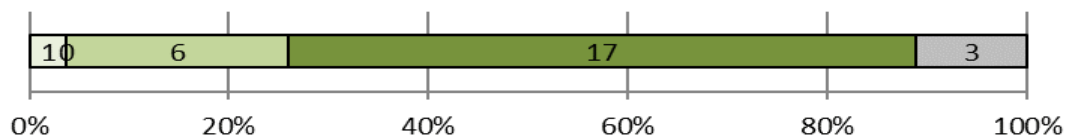
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Initiated: 0

In progress: 6 (BY, GE, KZ, MD, SK, UA)

Well-implemented: 17 (AT, BE, BG, HR, CZ, FI, FR, DE, GR, HU, IT, NL, NO, PL, SI, SE, CH)

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### Protocol on Water and Health

#### 3.2.6. Status (more than one box can be ticked)

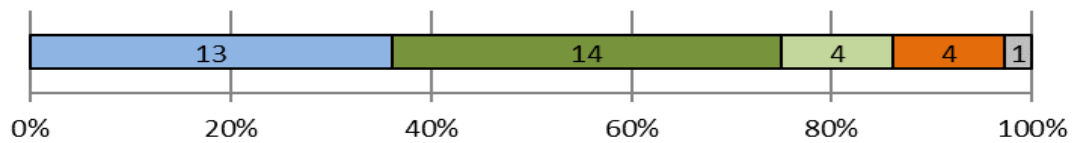
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In the process of ratification/accession/approval: 4 (GR, IT, KZ, SI)

Not foreseen: 4 (AT, IL, KG, SE)

N/A: 1 (US)



#### 3.2.7. Implementation

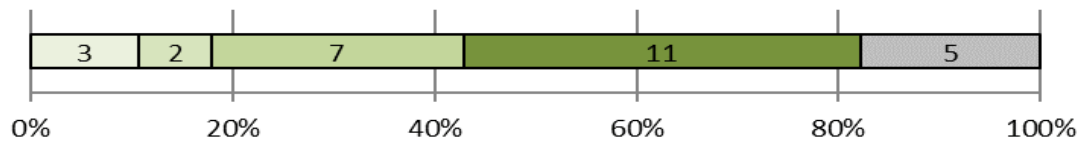
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In progress: 7 (BY, GE, GR, MD, RO, SK, SI)

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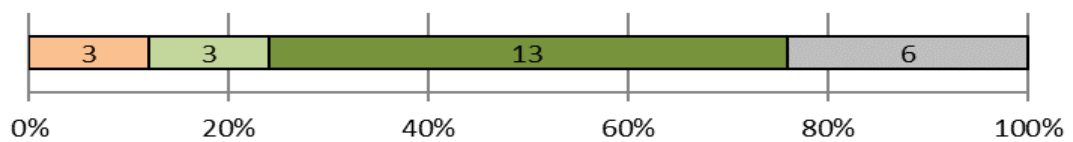
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Submitting occasionally: 3 (CZ, HU, RO)

Submitting regularly: 13 (AZ, BY, BE, HR, FI, FR, GE, DE, MD, NL, NO, SK, CH)

N/A: 6 (AT, BG, IL, IT, MC, US)



**Industrial Accidents Convention**

3.2.9. Status (more than one box can be ticked)

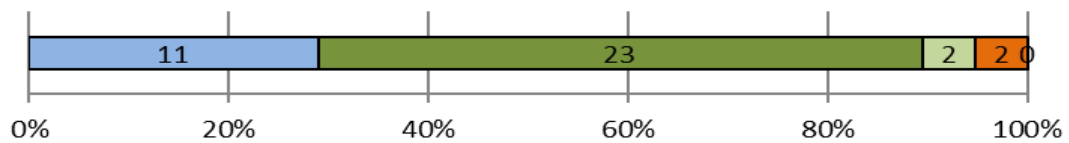
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In the process of ratification/accession/approval: 2 (GE, UA)

Not foreseen: 2 (IL, KG)

N/A: 0



3.2.10. Implementation

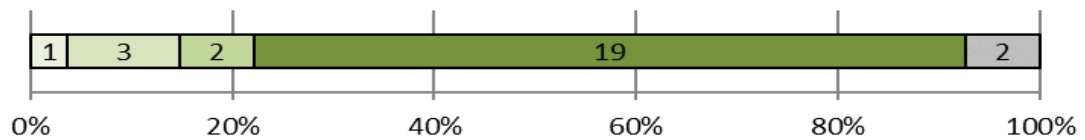
Not started: 1 (UA)

Initiated: 3 (BY, GE, KZ)

In progress: 2 (MD, MC)

Well-implemented: 19 (AT, BE, BG, HR, CZ, FI, FR, DE, GR, HU, IT, NL, NO, PL, RO, SK, SI, SE, CH)

N/A: 2 (IL, US)



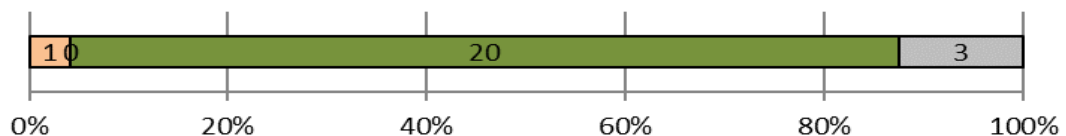
3.2.11. Formal reporting (national implementation reports)

Never submitted: 1 (UA)

Submitting occasionally: 0

Submitting regularly: 20 (AT, BE, BG, HR, CZ, FI, FR, GE, DE, GR, IT, MD, NL, NO, PL, RO, SK, SI, SE, CH)

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**Protocol on Civil Liability**

3.2.12. Status (more than one box can be ticked)

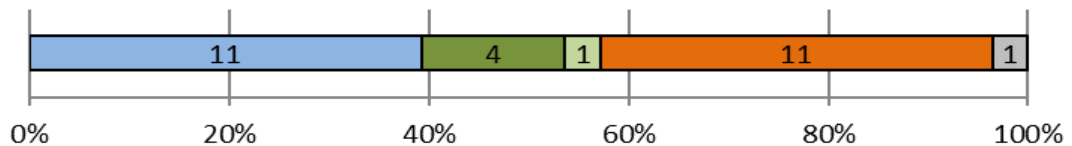
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Ratified/Acceded/Approved: 4 (AT, FR, HU, RO)

In the process of ratification/accession/approval: 1 (PL)

Not foreseen: 11 (BY, HR, CZ, DE, IL, IT, KG, SK, SI, UA, US)

N/A: 1 (MC)



3.2.13. Implementation

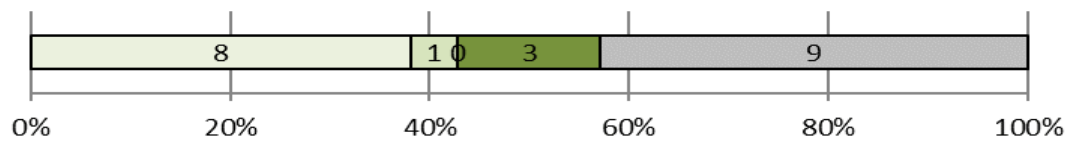
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Initiated: 1 (RO)

In progress: 0

Well-implemented: 3 (AT, FR, SE)

N/A: 9 (BG, HR, CZ, HU, IL, IT, MC, SI, US)



**Espoo Convention**

3.2.14. Status (more than one box can be ticked)

Signed: 11 (AT, BY, BG, FR, GR, HU, IT, KZ, NO, SK, US)

Ratified/Acceded/Approved: 24 (AT, AZ, BY, BE, BG, HR, CZ, FI, FR, DE, GR, HU, IT, KZ, MD, NL, NO, PL, RO, SK, SI, SE, CH, UA)

In the process of ratification/accession/approval: 2 (GE, KG)

Not foreseen: 1 (IL)

N/A: 1 (MC)



3.2.15. Implementation

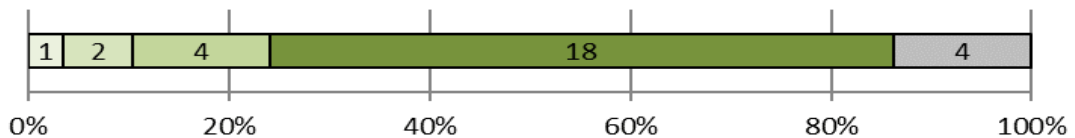
Not started: 1 (KG)

Initiated: 2 (AZ, KZ)

In progress: 4 (BY, MD, RO, UA)

Well-implemented: 18 (AT, BE, BG, HR, CZ, FI, FR, DE, GR, HU, IT, NL, NO, PL, SK, SI, SE, CH)

N/A: 4 (GE, IL, MC, US)



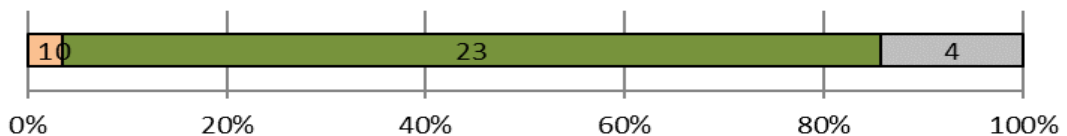
3.2.16. Formal reporting (national implementation reports)

Never submitted: 1 (KG)

Submitting occasionally: 0

Submitting regularly: 23 (AT, AZ, BY, BE, BG, HR, CZ, FI, FR, DE, GR, HU, IT, KZ, MD, NL, NO, PL, RO, SK, SI, SE, CH)

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**Protocol on SEA**

3.2.17. Status (more than one box can be ticked)

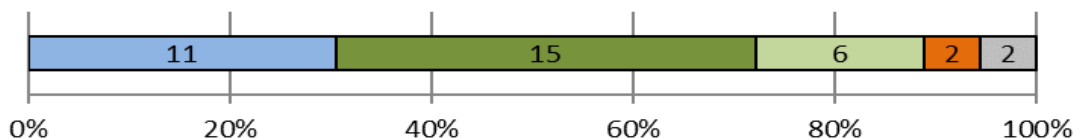
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In the process of ratification/accession/approval: 6 (BE, FR, IT, KZ, KG, CH)

Not foreseen: 2 (IL, US)

N/A: 2 (BY, MC)





3.2.18. Implementation

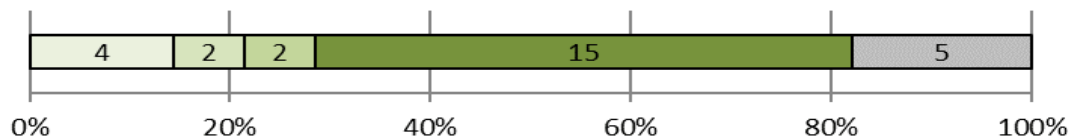
Not started: 4 (AZ, BY, KG, CH)

Initiated: 2 (KZ, MD)

In progress: 2 (BG, RO)

Well-implemented: 15 (AT, BE, HR, CZ, FI, FR, DE, GR, HU, NL, NO, PL, SK, SI, SE)

N/A: 5 (GE, IL, IT, MC, US)



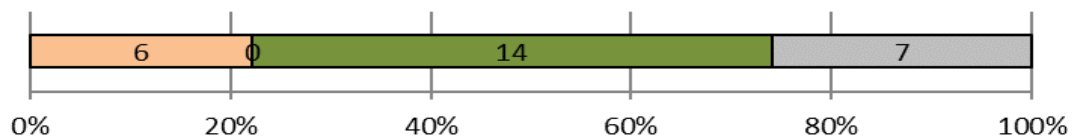
3.2.19. Formal reporting (national implementation reports)

Never submitted: 6 (AZ, BY, BE, KG, PL, CH)

Submitting occasionally: 0

Submitting regularly: 14 (AT, BG, HR, CZ, FI, DE, GR, HU, MD, NL, RO, SK, SI, SE)

N/A: 7 (FR, GE, IL, IT, KZ, MC, US)



**Aarhus Convention**

3.2.20. Status (more than one box can be ticked)

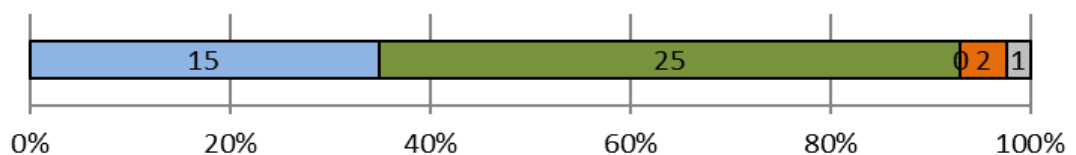
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In the process of ratification/accession/approval: 0

Not foreseen: 2 (IL, US)

N/A: 1 (MC)



3.2.21. Implementation

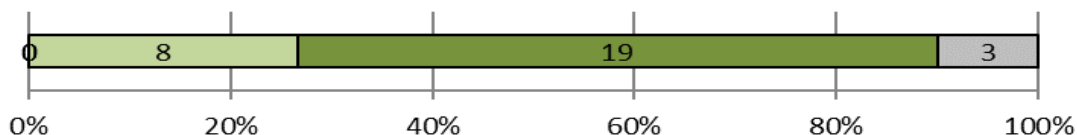
Not started: 0

Initiated: 0

In progress: 8 (BY, CZ, GE, KZ, KG, MD, RO, UA)

Well-implemented: 19 (AT, AZ, BE, BG, HR, CZ, FI, FR, DE, GR, HU, IT, NL, NO, PL, SK, SI, SE, CH)

N/A: 3 (IL, MC, US)



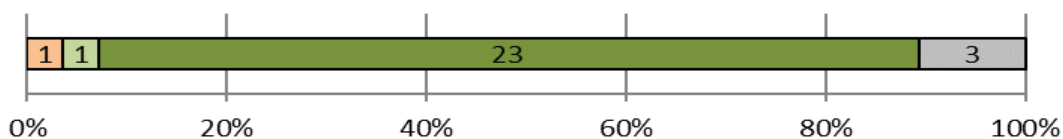
3.2.22. Formal reporting (national implementation reports)

Never submitted: 1 (CH)

Submitting occasionally: 1 (RO)

Submitting regularly: 23 (AT, AZ, BY, BE, BG, HR, CZ, FI, FR, GE, DE, GR, HU, IT, KZ, KG, MD, NL, NO, PL, SK, SI, SE)

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**Protocol on PRTRs**

3.2.23. Status (more than one box can be ticked)

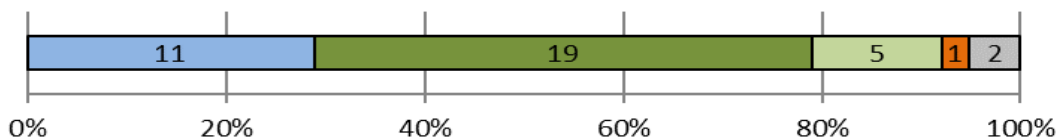
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In the process of ratification/accession/approval: 5 (AZ, GR, IT, KZ, KG)

Not foreseen: 1 (US)

N/A: 2 (BY, MC)



3.2.24. Implementation

Not started: 3 (BY, KG, MD)

Initiated: 3 (GE, KZ, RO)

In progress: 2 (AZ, GR)

Well-implemented: 17 (AT, BE, BG, HR, CZ, FI, FR, DE, HU, IL, NL, NO, PL, SK, SI, SE, CH)

N/A: 3 (IT, MC, US)



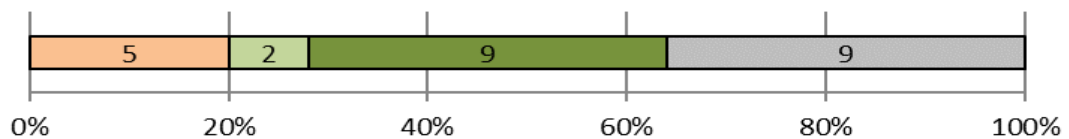
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Never submitted: 5 (BY, BG, IL, MD, PL)

Submitting occasionally: 2 (AZ, RO)

Submitting regularly: 9 (CZ, FR, DE, NL, NO, SK, SI, SE, CH)

N/A: 9 (AT, BE, HR, GE, GR, IT, KZ, MC, US)



**Strategy for ESD**

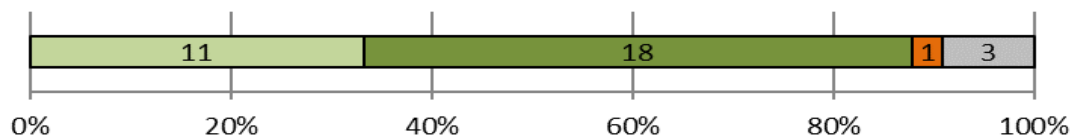
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Actively participating: 18 (AT, BY, HR, CZ, FI, FR, DE, GR, IL, KZ, KG, MD, MC, NL, RO, SK, CH, UA)

Not engaged: 1 (US)

N/A: 3 (HU, NO, SE)



3.2.27. Implementation

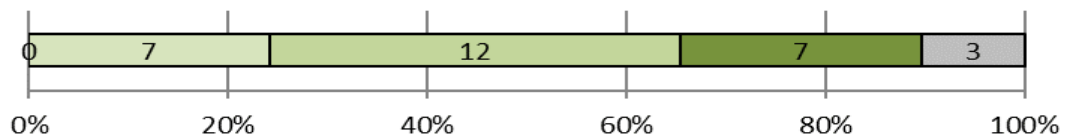
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Initiated: 7 (BY, BG, KZ, KG, MD, SK, UA)

In progress: 12 (AT, HR, CZ, FI, FR, GE, HU, IT, KG, PL, RO, SI)

Well-implemented: 7 (BE, DE, GR, IL, MC, NL, CH)

N/A: 3 (NO, SE, US)



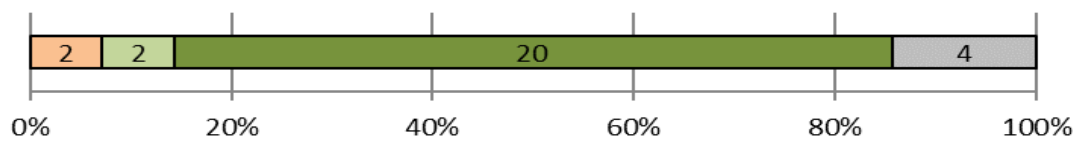
3.2.28. Formal reporting (national implementation reports)

Never submitted: 2 (BY, UA)

Submitting occasionally: 2 (IL, SK)

Submitting regularly: 20 (AT, BE, BG, HR, CZ, FI, FR, GE, DE, GR, HU, IT, KG, MD, MC, NL, PL, RO, SI, CH)

N/A: 4 (KZ, NO, SE, US)



**THE PEP**

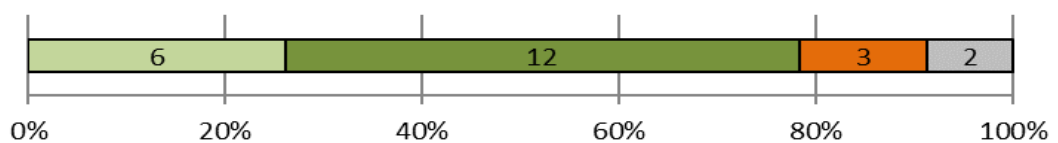
3.2.29. Status (more than one box can be ticked)

Adopted: 6 (BG, HR, FR, IT, NL, SE)

Actively participating: 12 (AT, BY, BE, CZ, GE, DE, HU, KZ, MD, SK, CH, US)

Not engaged: 3 (GR, IL, SI)

N/A: 2 (MC, NO)



### 3.2.30. Implementation

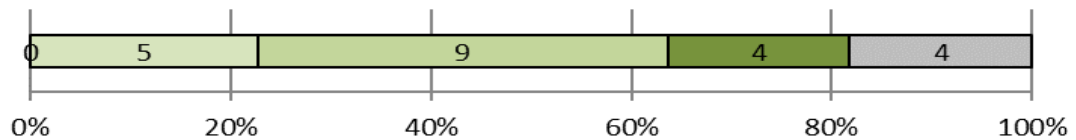
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Initiated: 5 (BY, HR, GR, KZ, MD)

In progress: 9 (AT, BE, BG, CZ, GE, HU, IT, NL, US)

Well-implemented: 4 (FR, SK, SE, CH)

N/A: 4 (GR, IL, MC, NO)



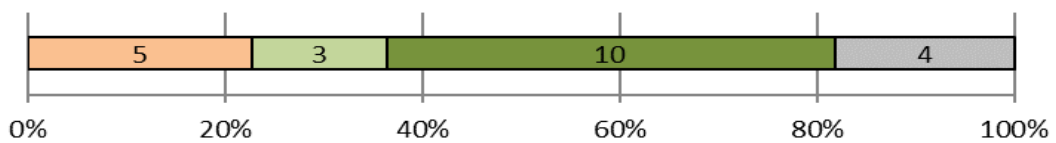
### 3.2.31. Reporting (responding to THE PEP survey on progress in the attainment of the Amsterdam Goals)

Never submitted: 5 (BG, HR, GR, HU, US)

Submitting occasionally: 3 (BY, BE, SK)

Submitting regularly: 10 (AT, CZ, FR, GE, DE, IT, MD, NL, SE, CH)

N/A: 4 (IL, KZ, MC, NO)



### 3.3. Enhancing efforts in environmental monitoring

Overall assessment in your country

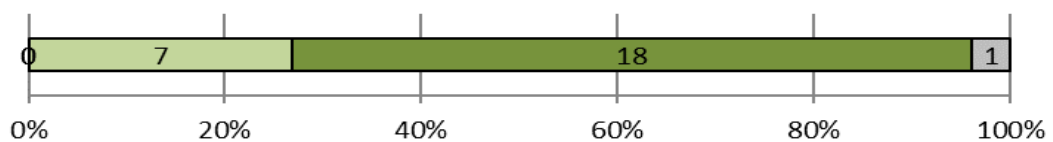
Not started: 0

Initiated: 0

In progress: 7 (BY, GE, KZ, KG, MD, RO, SK)

Well-implemented: 18 (AT, BE, BG, HR, CZ, FI, FR, DE, GR, HU, IL, MC, NL, NO, PL, SI, SE, US)

N/A: 1 (IT)



3.3.1. Production of indicator-based state-of-the-environment reports

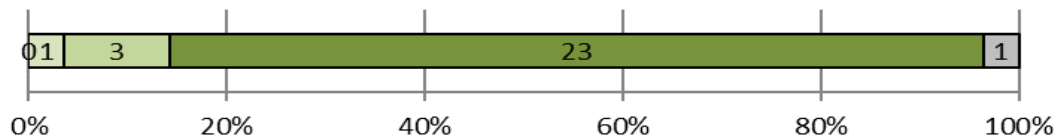
Never produced: 0

In progress: 1 (GE)

Producing occasionally: 3 (GR, IL, US)

Producing regularly: 23 (AT, BE, BG, HR, CZ, FI, FR, DE, HU, IT, KZ, KG, MD, MC, NL, NO, PL, RO, SK, SI, SE, CH, UA)

N/A: 1 (BY)



3.3.2. Enterprise environmental monitoring and reporting: 0

Not started: 0

Initiated: 1 (MD)

In progress: 11 (BY, CZ, GE, DE, IL, KG, MC, RO, SK, CH, US)

Well-implemented: 14 (AT, BE, BG, HR, FI, FR, GR, HU, KZ, NO, PL, SI, SE, CH)

N/A: 1 (IT)



3.4. Ensuring implementation of the ECE Environmental Performance Review Programme

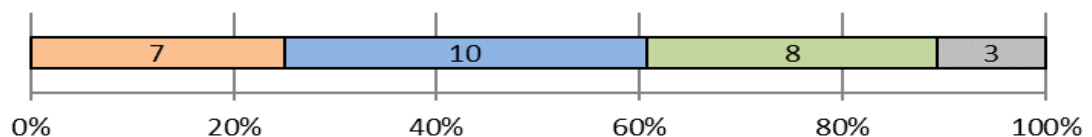
Overall assessment of your country's role

Not active: 7 (BE, FR, GR, IL, PL, SK, SI)

Active as a donor: 10 (AT, BG, FI, DE, HU, IT, NL, SE, CH, US)

Active as a reviewed country: 8 (BY, BG, HR, GE, KZ, KG, MD, RO)

N/A: 3 (CZ, MC, NO)



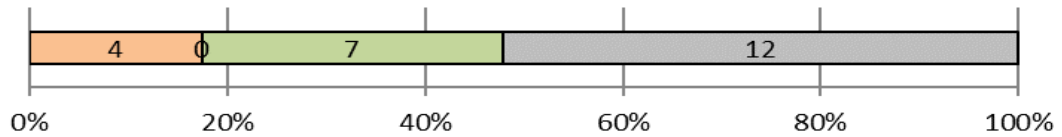
3.4.1. Participation in the EPR process as a reviewed country in the future

Not interested: 4 (BG, FR, IL, PL)

Initiated: 0

In progress: 7 (BY, HR, KZ, KG, MD, RO, CH)

N/A: 12 (AT, BE, CZ, FI, DE, GR, IT, MC, NL, NO, SE, US)



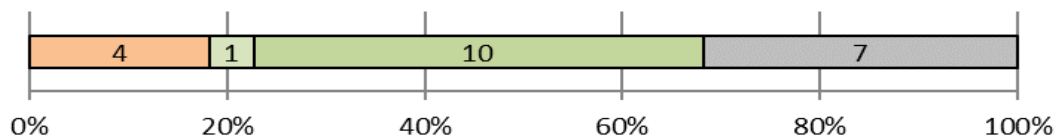
3.4.2. Participation in the EPR process as a donor country (in-kind and/or providing financial support)

Not interested: 4 (HR, FR, GR, PL)

Initiated: 1 (BE)

On-going: 10 (AT, BG, FI, DE, IT, NL, NO, SE, CH, US)

N/A: 7 (BY, GE, IL, KZ, MD, MC, RO)



3.4.3. Implementation of EPR recommendations by the reviewed country

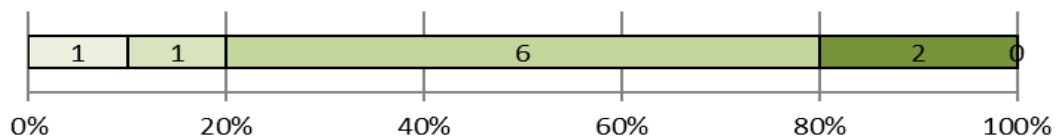
Not started: 1 (PL)

Initiated: 1 (KZ)

In progress: 6 (BY, GE, KG, MD, RO, US)

Accomplished: 2 (BG, HR)

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### 3.5. Raising public awareness on environmental issues

Overall assessment in your country

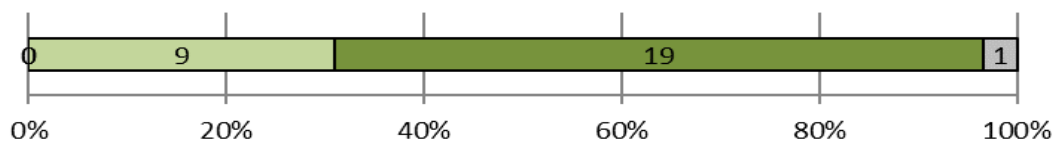
Not started: 0

Initiated: 0

In progress: 9 (BY, HR, CZ, GE, IL, KG, MD, PL, US)

Well-implemented: 19 (AT, AZ, BE, BG, FI, FR, DE, GR, HU, IT, KZ, MC, NL, RO, SK, SI, SE, CH, UA)

N/A: 1 (NO)



#### 3.5.1. Ensuring public access to environmental information

Not started: 0

Initiated: 0

In progress: 7 (BY, GE, IL, KG, MD, MC, RO)

Well-implemented: 22 (AT, AZ, BE, BG, HR, CZ, FI, FR, DE, GR, HU, IT, KZ, NL, NO, PL, SK, SI, SE, CH, UA, US)

N/A: 0



#### 3.5.2. Ensuring public participation in environmental-decision making

Not started: 0

Initiated: 0

In progress: 9 (BY, CZ, GE, IL, KG, MD, MC, RO, SK)

Well-implemented: 20 (AT, AZ, BE, BG, HR, FI, FR, DE, GR, HU, IT, KZ, NL, NO, PL, SI, SE, CH, UA, US)

N/A: 0





3.5.3. Ensuring public access to environmental justice

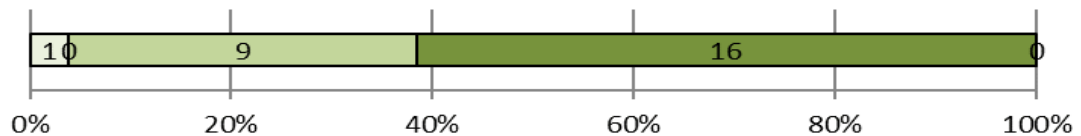
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3.6. Promoting linkages between environmental policy, economic and social well-being and competitiveness

Overall assessment in your country

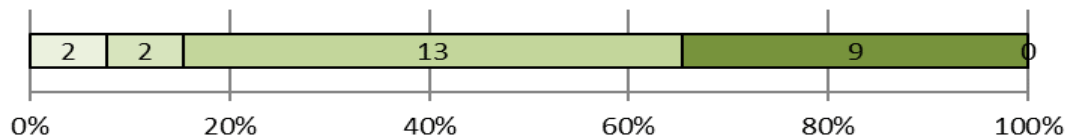
Not started: 2 (KG, MD)

Initiated: 2 (BY, GE)

In progress: 13 (BG, HR, CZ, FR, HU, IL, IT, KZ, MC, NO, RO, SK, SI)

Well-implemented: 9 (AT, BE, FI, DE, GR, PL, SE, CH, US)

N/A: 0



3.6.1. Mainstreaming the environment into economic development

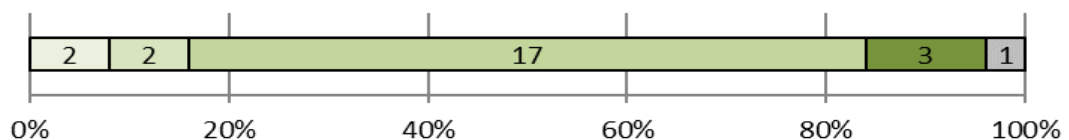
Not started: 2 (IL, MD)

Initiated: 2 (GE, KZ)

In progress: 17 (AT, BY, BE, BG, HR, CZ, FI, FR, DE, GR, HU, MC, NL, RO, SK, SI, SE)

Well-implemented: 3 (PL, CH, US)

N/A: 1 (NO)



3.6.2. Implementing environmental policies through economic/market instruments (e.g. phasing out subsidies, introducing environmental taxation, payment for ecosystems services, etc.)

Not started: 1 (GE)

Initiated: 2 (BY, MD)

In progress: 15 (AT, BG, HR, CZ, FI, FR, GR, HU, IL, KZ, KG, NL, NO, RO, SE)

Well-implemented: 7 (BE, DE, PL, SK, SI, CH, US)

N/A: 1 (MC)



3.6.3. Implementing environmental policies through regulatory/normative instruments (e.g. norms, standards, bans, etc.)

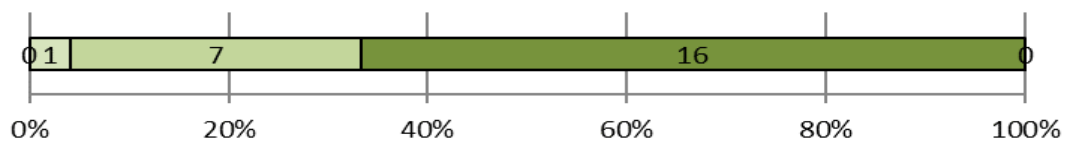
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Initiated: 1 (GE)

In progress: 7 (BY, HR, FR, IL, KZ, MD, NO)

Well-implemented: 16 (AT, BE, BG, CZ, FI, DE, GR, HU, NL, PL, SK, SI, SE, CH, UA, US)

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3.6.4. Implementing environmental policies through information based/voluntary instruments (e.g. labelling, etc.)

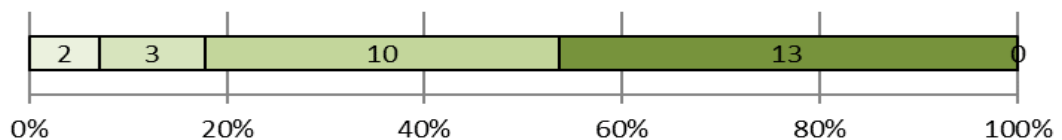
Not started: 2 (GE, KG)

Initiated: 3 (KZ, MD, UA)

In progress: 10 (BY, HR, CZ, FR, HU, IL, MC, NO, PL, RO)

Well-implemented: 13 (AT, BE, BG, FI, DE, GR, HU, NL, SK, SI, SE, CH, US)

N/A: 0



#### 4. Progress in strengthening the implementation of outcomes of the Seventh “Environment for Europe” Ministerial Conference

The main outcomes of the Astana Conference include:

##### 4.1. Ratifying and implementing the relevant multilateral environmental agreements (by your country)<sup>b</sup>

##### 4.2. Implementing the Astana Water Action (by your country)

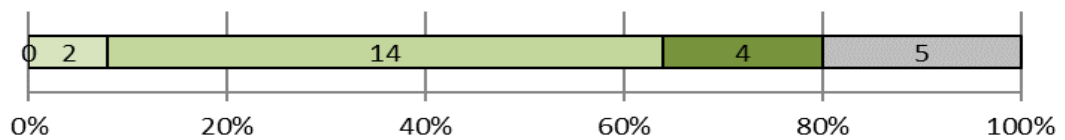
Not started: 0

Initiated: 2 (FR, KZ)

In progress: 14 (AT, BY, BE, BG, HR, FI, GE, HU, KG, MD, RO, SK, SI, US)

Well-implemented: 4 (CZ, DE, IT, CH)

Not foreseen: 5 (IL, MC, NO, PL, SE)



##### 4.3. Promoting a green economy (by your country)

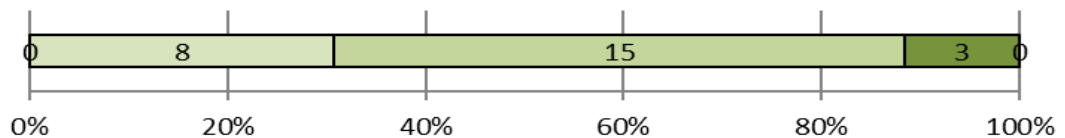
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Initiated: 8 (BG, HR, GE, KZ, KG, MD, MC, RO)

In progress: 15 (BY, CZ, FI, FR, DE, GR, HU, IL, IT, KG, NO, PL, SK, SI, SE)

Well-implemented: 3 (AT, BE, CH)

Not foreseen: 0



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**4.4. Promoting the Green Bridge Partnership Programme (by your country)**

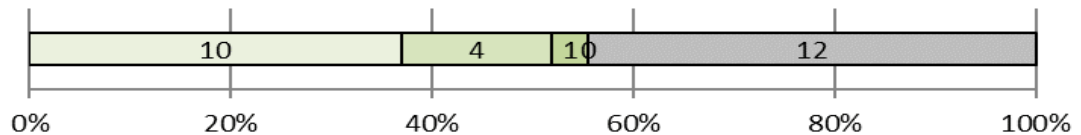
Not started: 10 (AT, BY, HR, GE, GR, MD, MC, SK, SI, CH)

Initiated: 4 (FI, FR, DE, RO)

In progress: 1 (KG)

Well-implemented: 0

Not foreseen: 12 (AT, BE, BG, CZ, HU, IL, IT, NL, NO, PL, SE, US)



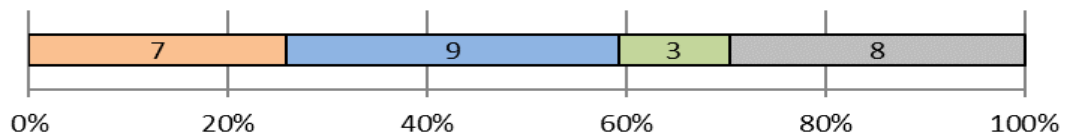
**4.5. Ensuring implementation of the third cycle of environmental performance reviews (by your country)**

Not foreseen: 7 (BG, FR, GE, GR, RO, SK, SI)

Active as a donor: 9 (AT, FI, DE, HU, IT, NL, SE, CH, US)

Active as a reviewed country: 3 (KG, MD, UA)

N/A: 8 (BY, BE, HR, CZ, IL, MC, NO, PL)



**4.6. Establishing a regular process of environmental assessment, including developing a Shared Environmental Information System (SEIS) (by your country)**

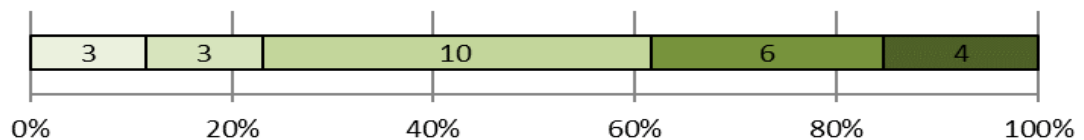
Not started: 3 (FI, DE, MC)

Initiated: 3 (GE, KG, MD)

In progress: 10 (BY, BE, FR, HU, IL, IT, KG, PL, RO, SI)

SEIS developed: 6 (AT, HR, GR, NL, SE, CH)

Regular process of environmental assessment established: 4 (AT, BG, CZ, NO)



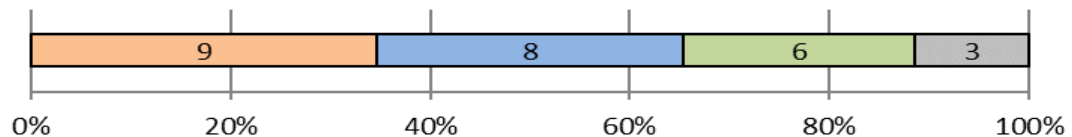
**4.7. Participation in the continued work of the Environmental Action Programme Task Force, including on the sustainable management of water and water-related ecosystems, and on greening the economy: mainstreaming the environment into economic development (by your country)**

Not foreseen: 9 (BE, HR, GR, IL, IT, PL, SK, SI, US)

Active as a donor: 8 (AT, CZ, FI, DE, NL, NO, SE, CH)

Active as a beneficiary: 6 (BY, GE, KZ, KG, MD, RO)

N/A: 3 (FR, HU, MC)



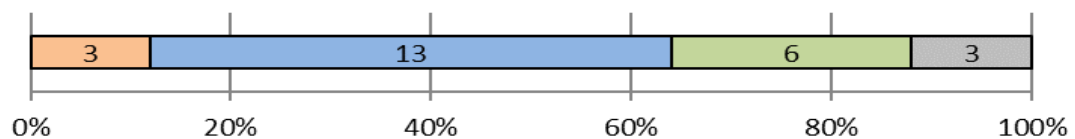
**4.8. Participation in strengthening the contribution of Regional Environmental Centres in both promoting green economy and better environmental governance at the local, national, subregional and regional levels (by your country)**

Not foreseen: 3 (BE, GR, IL)

Active as a donor: 13 (AT, CZ, FI, DE, IT, KZ, NL, NO, PL, SI, SE, CH, US)

Active as a beneficiary: 6 (BY, HR, GE, KG, MD, RO)

N/A: 3 (FR, HU, MC)



**5. Thematic priorities of the “Environment for Europe” process for the Eighth Ministerial Conference**

**5.1. First thematic priority (an “established” theme of importance to the entire region, e.g. the Astana Conference addressed the “established” theme of sustainable management of water and water-related ecosystems)<sup>c</sup>**

**5.2. Second thematic priority (an “emerging” theme of importance to the entire region, e.g. the Astana Conference addressed the “emerging” theme of greening the economy: mainstreaming the environment into economic development)<sup>d</sup>**

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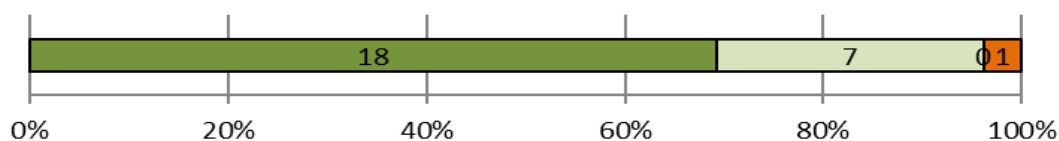
5.2.1. Enhancing the work on greening the economy and the mainstreaming of environmental concerns into the economic development (*this is a possible “emerging” theme for the Eighth Ministerial Conference to follow up on the Astana EfE and Rio+20 Conferences commitments*)

Strongly agree: 18 (AT, HR, GE, GR, HU, IL, KZ, KG, MD, MC, PL, RO, SK, SI, SE, CH, UA, US)

Somewhat agree: 7 (BY, BE, BG, FI, FR, DE, NO)

Somewhat disagree: 0

Strongly disagree: 1 (CZ)



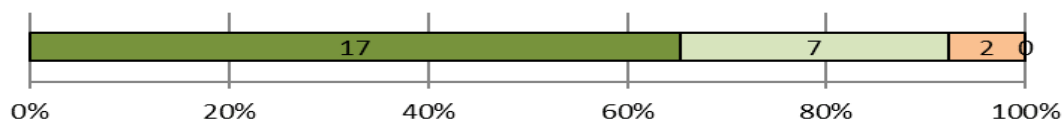
5.2.2. Promoting a sustainable consumption and production (*this is a possible “emerging” theme for the Eighth Ministerial Conference to follow up on the Rio+20 Conferences commitments*)

Strongly agree: 17 (BE, HR, CZ, FR, GE, GR, IL, KZ, KG, MD, MC, PL, RO, SK, SI, SE, CH)

Somewhat agree: 7 (AT, BY, FI, DE, HU, NO, UA)

Somewhat disagree: 2 (BG, US)

Strongly disagree: 0



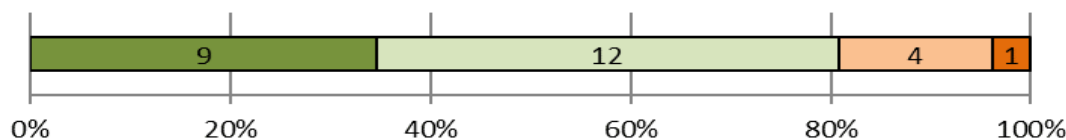
5.2.3. “Greening” the policies of the international financial institutions (IFIs) policies (*this is a possible “emerging” theme for the Eighth Ministerial Conference to follow up on the Rio+20 Conferences commitments*)

Strongly agree: 9 (FI, GE, KZ, KG, RO, SI, SE, CH, UA)

Somewhat agree: 12 (AT, BY, HR, CZ, FR, GR, HU, IL, MD, MC, NO, SK)

Somewhat disagree: 4 (BE, BG, DE, PL)

Strongly disagree: 1 (US)



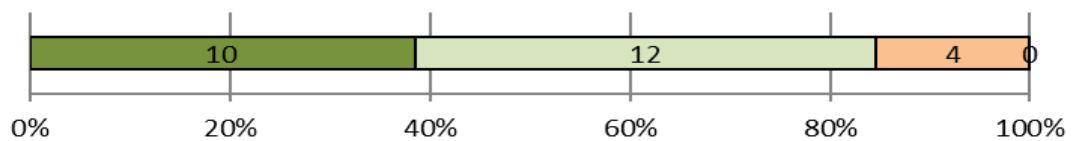
5.2.4. Resilience and change (*this is a possible “emerging” theme for the Eighth Ministerial Conference to encompass the need for disaster risk reduction, climate change adaptation, emergency preparedness and contingency planning to be ready for both environmental and demographic change in the coming years, i.e., the expected increase in extreme weather events due to global warming, but also to the expected changes in demographics (aging populations and South-North migration), in particular in urban areas*)

Strongly agree: 10 (BY, GE, HU, IL, KZ, MC, NO, PL, RO, CH)

Somewhat agree: 12 (AT, BE, HR, FR, DE, GR, KG, MD, SK, SI, SE, US)

Somewhat disagree: 4 (BG, CZ, FI, UA)

Strongly disagree: 0



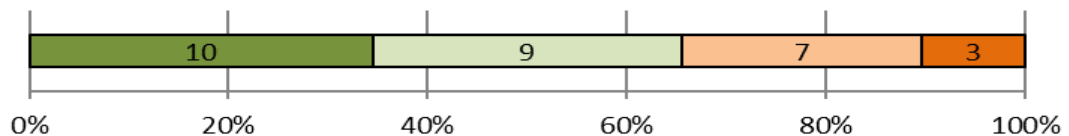
5.3. **A high-level segment on assessing the progress in establishing a regular process of environmental assessment and developing the SEIS across the region should be organized**

Strongly agree: 10 (BY, BE, BG, GE, HU, IL, MD, SK, SE, US)

Somewhat agree: 9 (AT, HR, FI, FR, IT, KG, NO, PL, RO)

Somewhat disagree: 7 (CZ, GR, MC, NL, SI, CH, UA)

Strongly disagree: 3 (DE)



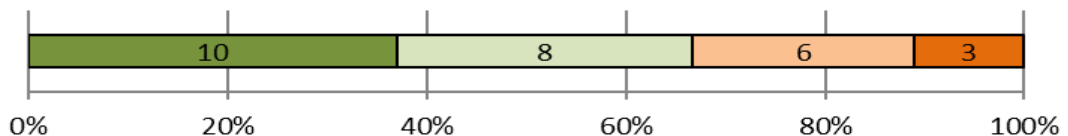
5.4. **A high-level segment on ECE MEAs should be organized**

Strongly agree: 10 (AT, BE, BG, FI, FR, GE, KG, NO, RO, SE)

Somewhat agree: 8 (BY, HR, GR, HU, IL, IT, SI, UA)

Somewhat disagree: 6 (CZ, DE, MD, MC, PL, SK)

Strongly disagree: 3 (NL, CH, US)



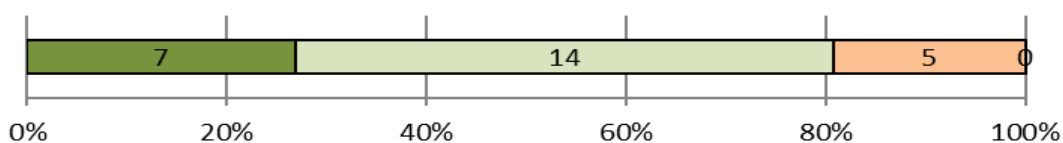
5.4.1. The role of public participation in effective implementation of MEAs (*this is a possible theme for a possible high-level segment on ECE MEAs (of relevance to all ECE MEAs)*)

Strongly agree: 7 (AT, BE, BG, GE, HU, NO, RO)

Somewhat agree: 14 (BY, HR, CZ, FI, FR, GR, IL, IT, KG, MC, PL, SI, SE, UA)

Somewhat disagree: 5 (MD, NL, SK, CH, US)

Strongly disagree: 0



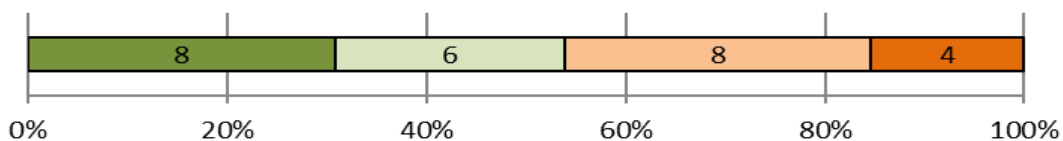
5.5. **There is a need to develop new structures or frameworks to address emerging themes, such as green economy, given the on-going economic crisis that affected all countries in the ECE region**

Strongly agree: 8 (FR, GE, HU, KZ, MD, NO, RO, SI)

Somewhat agree: 6 (AT, BE, FI, GR, KG, SE)

Somewhat disagree: 8 (BY, CZ, DE, IL, IT, MC, PL, SK)

Strongly disagree: 4 (BG, HR, NL, CH)



**Greening the economies**

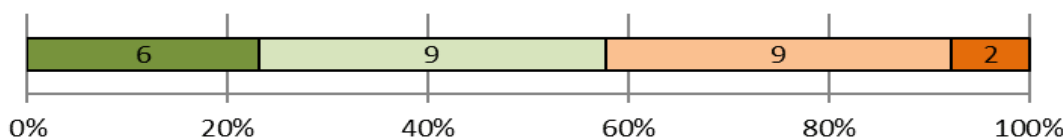
5.5.1. Elaboration of subregional roadmaps (e.g. EU, South-Eastern Europe, Central Asia, Caucasus, Eastern Europe)

Strongly agree: 6 (AT, BY, FR, KZ, MD, RO)

Somewhat agree: 9 (BE, HR, FI, GR, HU, IL, KG, NO, SI)

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Strongly disagree: 2 (SE, US)





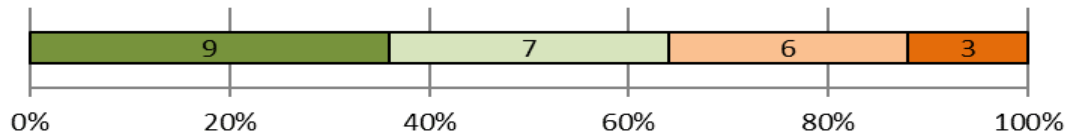
5.5.2. Elaboration/harmonization of regional eco-standards for products and production processes

Strongly agree: 9 (AT, HR, HU, IL, KZ, MD, MC, RO, SE)

Somewhat agree: 7 (BY, BE, FR, GE, KG, NO, PL)

Somewhat disagree: 6 (BG, CZ, FI, GR, NL, SK)

Strongly disagree: 3 (DE, CH, US)



5.5.3. Other (please suggest demand-driven frameworks/structures)

Strongly agree: 1 (RO)

Somewhat agree: 1 (PL)

Somewhat disagree: 0

Strongly disagree: 2 (CZ, US)

**Strengthening implementation of ESD**

5.5.4. Mainstreaming ESD into technical and vocational training to meet future labour market demand

Strongly agree: 17 (AT, BG, HR, CZ, GE, DE, GR, HU, IL, KZ, MD, MC, PL, RO, SI, SE, UA)

Somewhat agree: 4 (FI, FR, SK, CH)

Somewhat disagree: 3 (BY, NL, NO)

Strongly disagree: 1 (US)



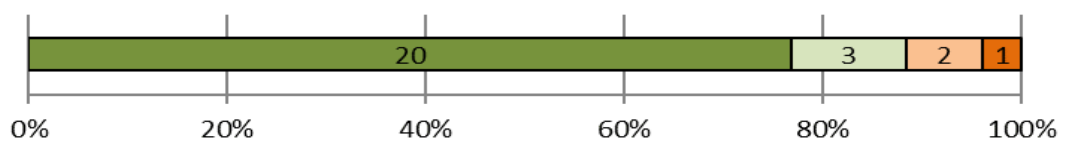
5.5.5. Mainstreaming ESD into teachers/educators' training

Strongly agree: 20 (AT, BG, HR, CZ, FR, GE, DE, GR, HU, IL, KZ, KG, MD, MC, PL, RO, SK, SI, SE, UA)

Somewhat agree: 3 (BY, FI, CH)

Somewhat disagree: 2 (NL, NO)

Strongly disagree: 1 (US)



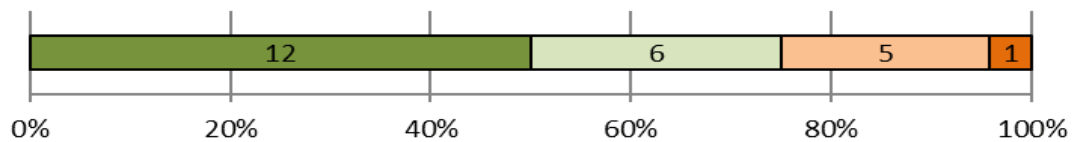
5.5.6. Implementing an ESD school plan in every school (i.e. addressing campus management, curricula and community interaction)

Strongly agree: 12 (AT, BG, HR, GE, GR, IL, KZ, MC, PL, RO, SI, UA)

Somewhat agree: 6 (CZ, FI, FR, HU, SK, CH)

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Strongly disagree: 1 (US)



**Strengthening environmental considerations in other social and economic sectors**

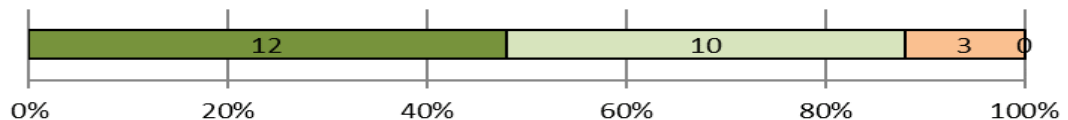
5.5.7. Sustainable urban development (e.g. bringing together the relevant activities under THE PEP, the Environment and Health process, and green building)

Strongly agree: 12 (AT, BE, CZ, GE, HU, IL, KZ, MD, PL, RO, SI, UA)

Somewhat agree: 10 (BY, BG, HR, FI, FR, DE, GR, KG, MC, SE)

Somewhat disagree: 3 (SK, CH, US)

Strongly disagree: 0



**6. Format of the Eighth EfE Ministerial Conference**

**6.1. Interactive format for the Conference (for a more productive ministerial participation)**

6.1.1. Parallel thematic round-tables

Strongly agree: 20 (AT, BY, BE, BG, FI, GE, DE, GR, HU, IL, KZ, KG, MD, MC, SK, SI, SE, CH, UA, US)

Somewhat agree: 5 (HR, CZ, FR, PL, RO)

Somewhat disagree: 0

Strongly disagree: 0



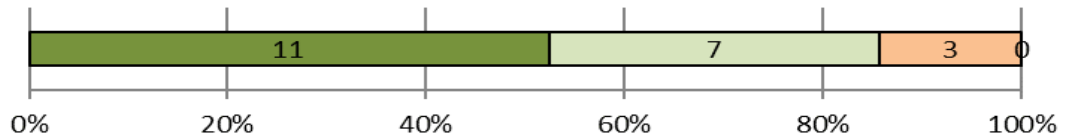
6.1.2. Interactive discussions e.g. similar to “BBC Question Time”

Strongly agree: 11 (AT, BG, GE, GR, HU, IT, KZ, KG, RO, SE, CH)

Somewhat agree: 7 (BY, BE, CZ, FI, FR, DE, PL)

Somewhat disagree: 3 (MD, MC, SI)

Strongly disagree: 0



6.1.3 ... (please propose an interactive format)<sup>e</sup>

**7. Any other issues you consider important <sup>f</sup>**

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## Annex III

[English only]

### Statistical results of the survey for other stakeholders<sup>a</sup>

#### 2. Progress in promoting the objectives of the “Environment for Europe” process

The EfE process continues to serve as a mechanism to:

##### 2.1. Improve the environment throughout the region, contributing to sustainable development which may in turn contribute to poverty eradication, to improving quality of life, and to a safer world

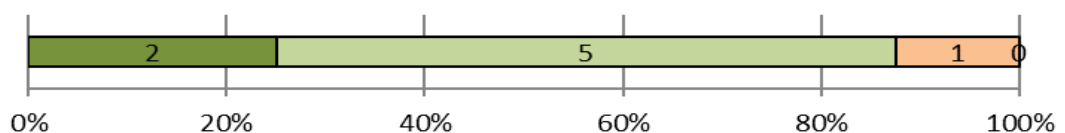
Strongly agree: 2 (CAREC, Zhabagly-Manas)

Somewhat agree: 5 (Eco Accord, EEA, EEB, Green Liberty, Friends of Siberian Forests)

Somewhat disagree: 1 (BIOTICA)

Strongly disagree: 0

N/A: 0



##### 2.2. Enhance the implementation of strengthened national environmental policies

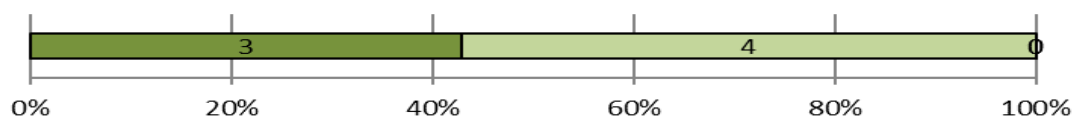
Strongly agree: 3 (CAREC, Green Liberty, Zhabagly-Manas)

Somewhat agree: 4 (BIOTICA, Eco Accord, EEB, Friends of Siberian Forests)

Somewhat disagree: 0

Strongly disagree: 0

N/A: 0



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**2.3. Support convergence of environmental policies and approaches, while recognizing the benefits from a diversity of approaches to achieve common goals and the prioritization of environmental objectives**

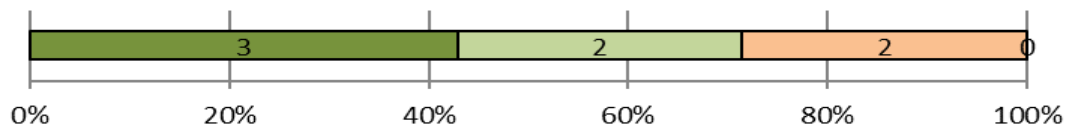
Strongly agree: 3 (CAREC, Green Liberty, Zhabagly-Manas)

Somewhat agree: 2 (EEA, EEB)

Somewhat disagree: 2 (Eco Accord, Friends of Siberian Forests)

Strongly disagree: 0

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**2.4. Encourage the participation of civil society**

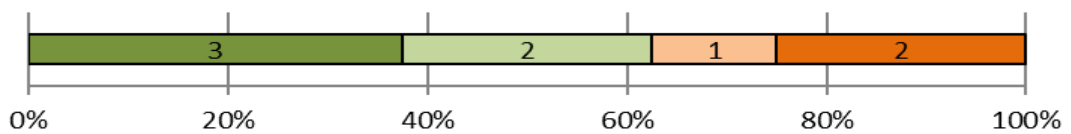
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Somewhat agree: 2 (EEA, EEB)

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**2.5. Promote broad horizontal environmental cooperation**

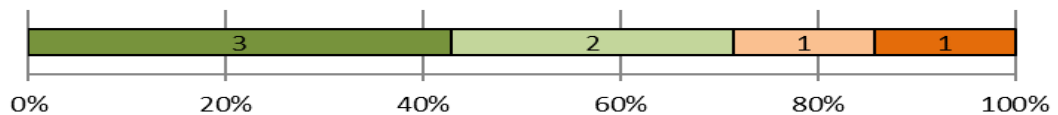
Strongly agree: 3 (CAREC, Green Liberty, Zhabagly-Manas)

Somewhat agree: 2 (Eco Accord, EEB)

Somewhat disagree: 1 (Friends of Siberian Forests)

Strongly disagree: 1 (BIOTICA)

N/A: 0



### 3. Progress in promoting the political priorities of the “Environment for Europe” process

The progress (in your country) on Efe political priorities may include:

#### 3.1. Improvement of environmental governance, including strengthening environmental institutions and implementation of policy instruments (by your country)

##### 3.1.1. Improvement of environmental governance

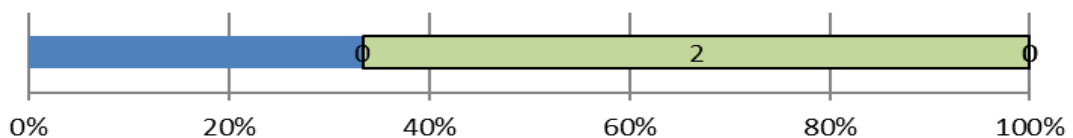
Not started: 1 (Friends of Siberian Forests)

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In progress: 2 (CAREC, Green Liberty)

Accomplished: 0

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##### 3.1.2. Strengthening environmental institutions

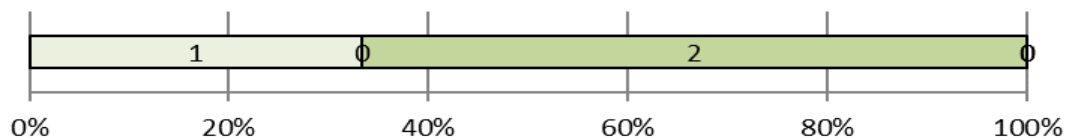
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##### 3.1.3. Implementation of policy instruments

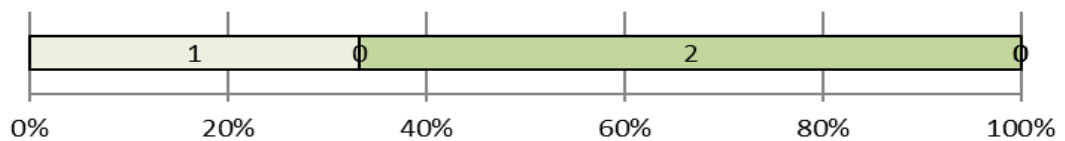
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Accomplished: 0

N/A: 0



**3.2. Streamlining the implementation by your Government of commitments made to existing ECE legally-binding and legally non-binding instruments**

Overall assessment

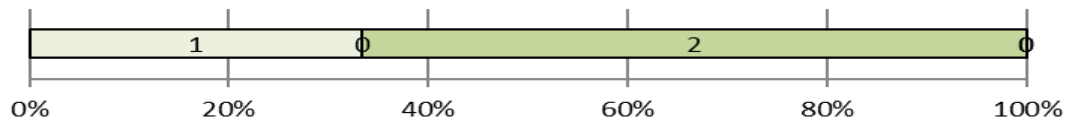
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Accomplished: 0

N/A: 0



**Air Convention and its Protocols**

**3.2.1. Status (more than one box can be ticked)**

Signed: 0

Ratified/Acceded/Approved: 2 (Friends of Siberian Forests, Zhabagly-Manas)

In the process of ratification/accession/approval: 0

Not foreseen: 0

N/A: 1 (CAREC)



**3.2.2. Implementation**

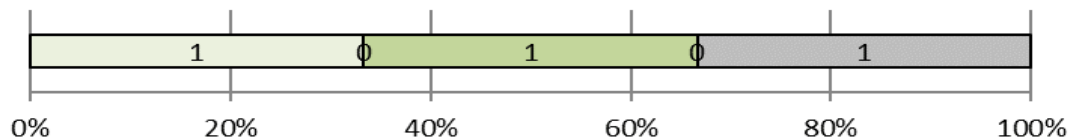
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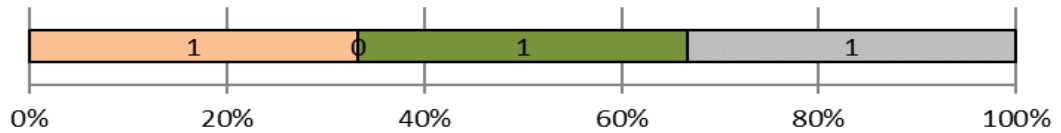
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Never submitted: 1 (Zhabagly-Manas)

Submitting occasionally: 0

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**Water Convention**

3.2.4. Status (more than one box can be ticked)

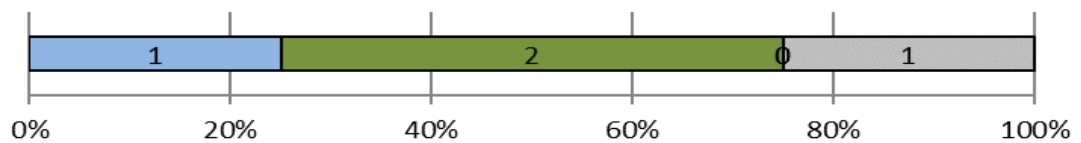
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3.2.5. Implementation

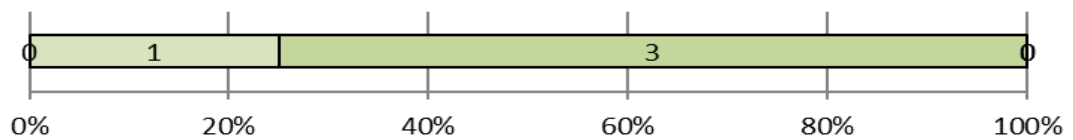
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In progress: 3 (CAREC, Eco-TIRAS, Friends of Siberian Forests)

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**Protocol on Water and Health**

3.2.6. Status (more than one box can be ticked)

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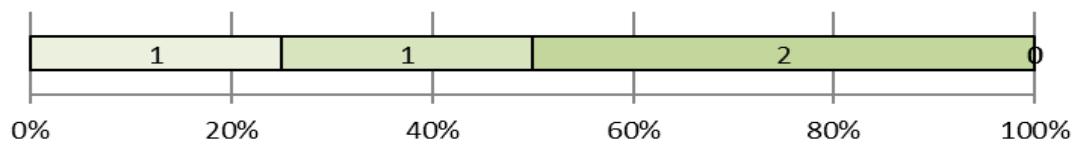
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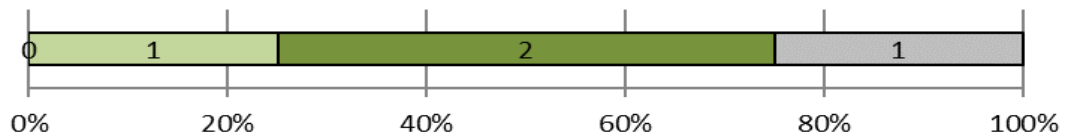
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Submitting occasionally: 1 (Zhabagly-Manas)

Submitting regularly: 2 (Eco-TIRAS, Friends of Siberian Forests)

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**Industrial Accidents Convention**

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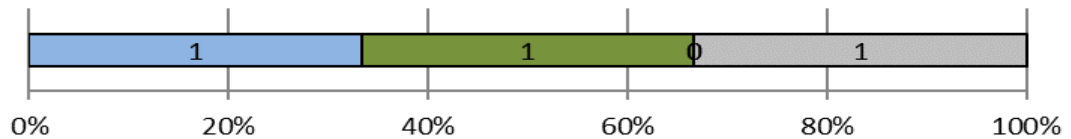
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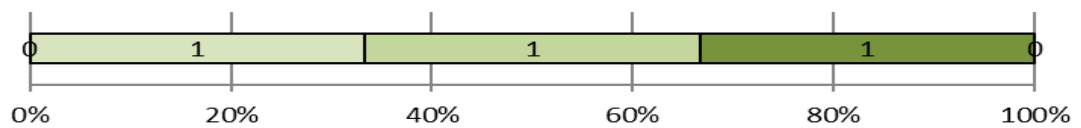
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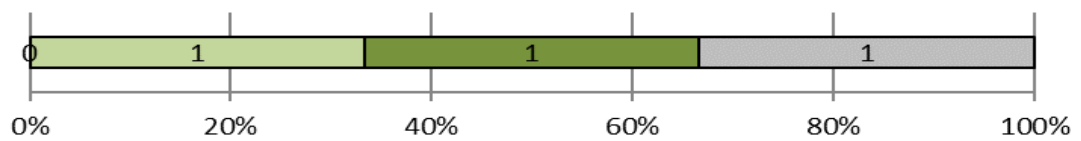
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Never submitted: 0

Submitting occasionally: 1 (Zhabagly-Manas)

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### Protocol on Civil Liability

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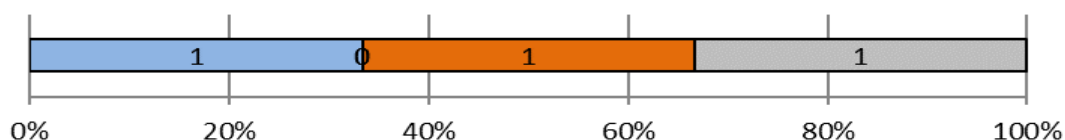
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Not foreseen: 1 (Friends of Siberian Forests)

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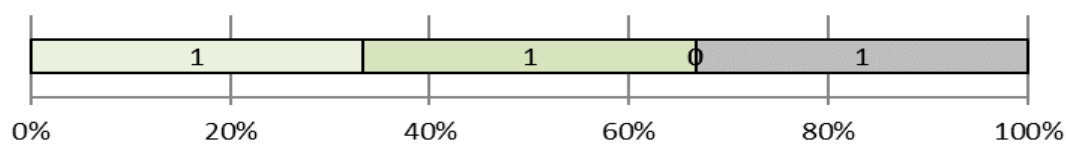
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Initiated: 1 (Zhabagly-Manas)

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N/A: 1 (CAREC)



### Espoo Convention

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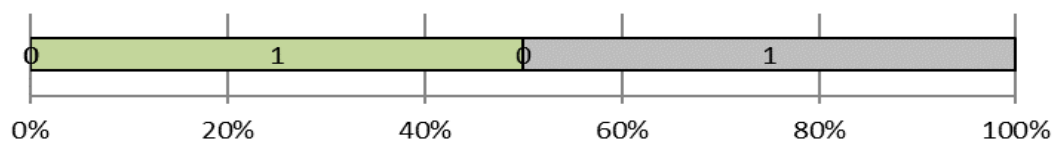
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3.2.15. Implementation

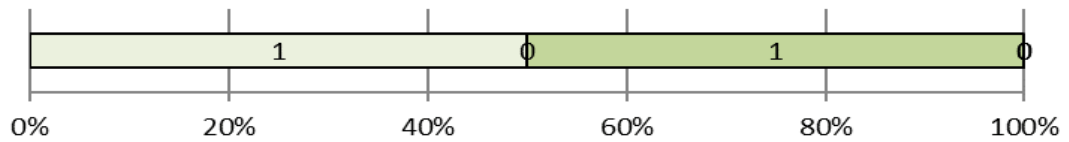
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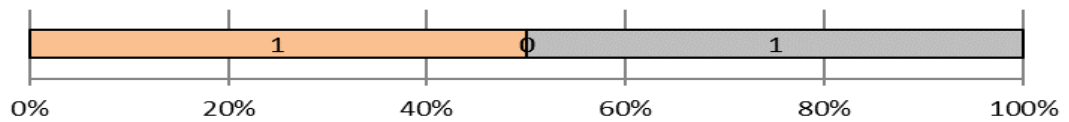
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Never submitted: 1 (Friends of Siberian Forests)

Submitting occasionally: 0

Submitting regularly: 0

N/A: 1 (CAREC)



**Protocol on SEA**

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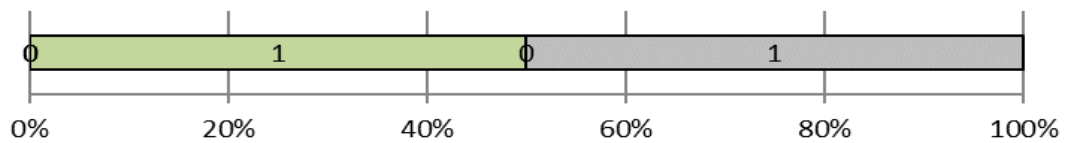
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3.2.18. Implementation

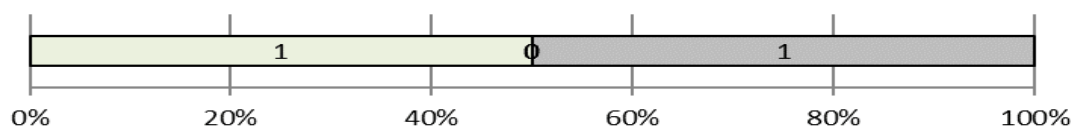
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In progress: 0

Well-implemented: 0

N/A: 1 (CAREC)



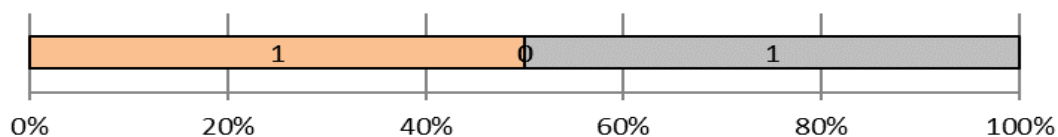
3.2.19. Formal reporting (national implementation reports)

Never submitted: 1 (Friends of Siberian Forests)

Submitting occasionally: 0

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**Aarhus Convention**

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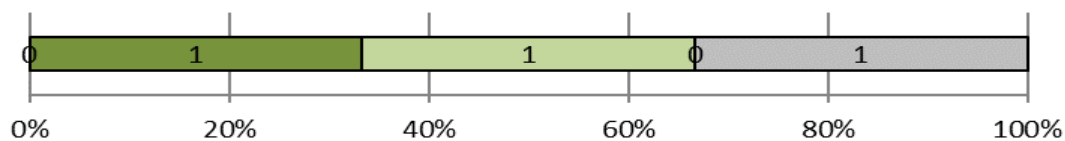
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Ratified/Acceded/Approved: 1 (Zhabagly-Manas)

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Not foreseen: 0

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3.2.21. Implementation

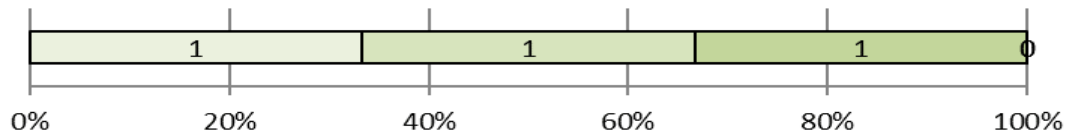
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In progress: 1 (CAREC)

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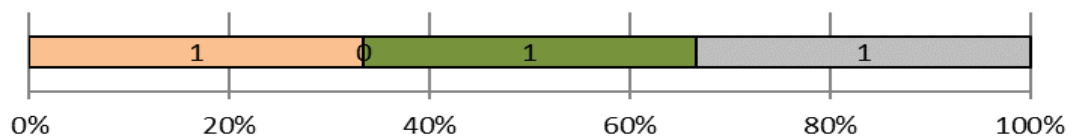
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**Protocol on PRTRs**

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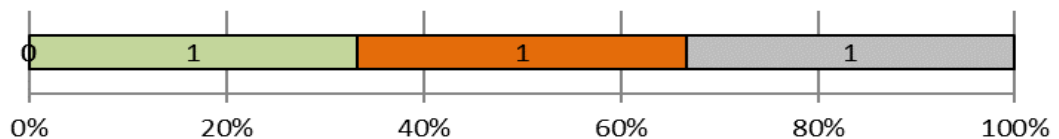
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Ratified/Acceded/Approved: 0

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Not foreseen: 1 (Friends of Siberian Forests)

N/A: 1 (CAREC)



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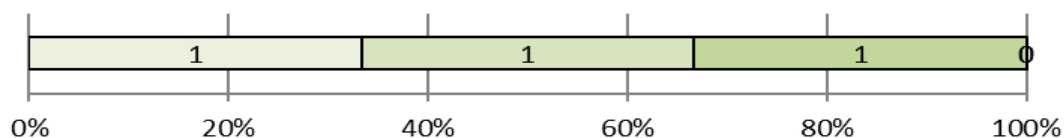
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Initiated: 1 (Zhabagly-Manas)

In progress: 1 (CAREC)

Well-implemented: 0

N/A: 0



### 3.2.25. Formal reporting (national implementation reports)

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Submitting occasionally: 0

Submitting regularly: 0

N/A: 1 (CAREC)



### Strategy for ESD

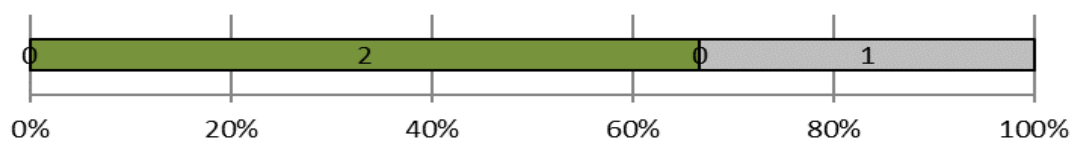
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Adopted: 0

Actively participating: 2 (CAREC, Zhabagly-Manas)

Not engaged: 0

N/A: 1 (CAREC)



3.2.27. Implementation

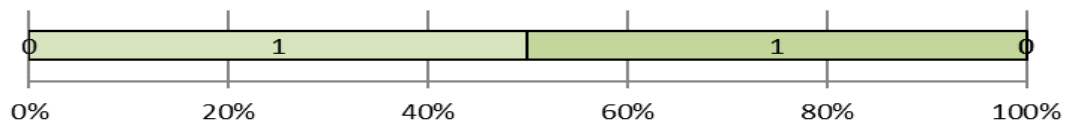
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Well-implemented: 0

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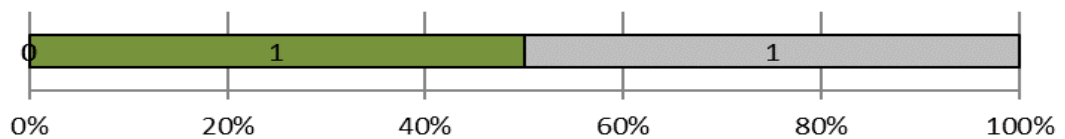
3.2.28. Formal reporting (national implementation reports)

Never submitted: 0

Submitting occasionally: 0

Submitting regularly: 1 (CAREC)

N/A: 1 (CAREC)



**THE PEP**

3.2.29. Status (more than one box can be ticked)

Adopted: 0

Actively participating: 0

Not engaged: 0

N/A: 1 (CAREC)

3.2.30. Implementation

Not started: 0

Initiated: 0

In progress: 0

Well-implemented: 0

N/A: 1 (CAREC)



3.2.31. Reporting (responding to THE PEP survey on progress in the attainment of the Amsterdam Goals)

Never submitted: 0

Submitting occasionally: 0

Submitting regularly: 0

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**3.3. Enhancing efforts in environmental monitoring**

Overall assessment in your country

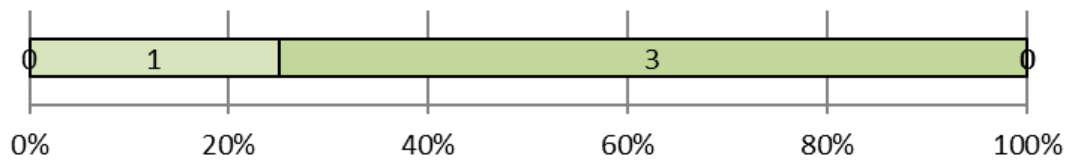
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Initiated: 1 (Zhabagly-Manas)

In progress: 3 (CAREC, Eco Accord, Green Liberty)

Well-implemented: 0

N/A: 0



3.3.1. Production of indicator-based state-of-the-environment reports

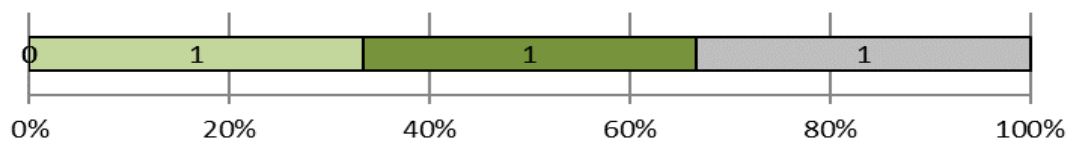
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In progress: 0

Producing occasionally: 1 (Zhabagly-Manas)

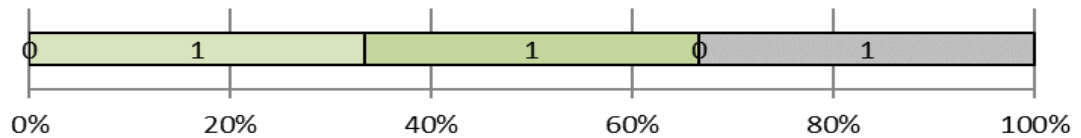
Producing regularly: 1 (Eco Accord)

N/A: 1 (CAREC)



3.3.2. Enterprise environmental monitoring and reporting:

Not started: 0  
 Initiated: 1 (Zhabagly-Manas)  
 In progress: 1 (Eco Accord)  
 Well-implemented: 0  
 N/A: 1 (CAREC)



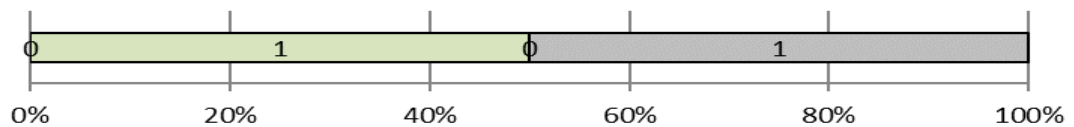
**3.4. Ensuring implementation of the ECE Environmental Performance Review Programme**

Overall assessment of your country's role

Not active: 1 (Zhabagly-Manas)  
 Active as a donor: 0  
 Active as a reviewed country: 0  
 N/A: 0

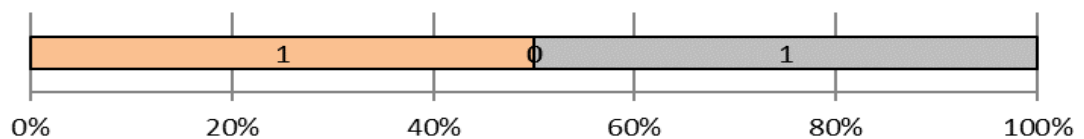
3.4.1. Participation in the EPR process as a reviewed country in the future

Not interested: 0  
 Initiated: 1 (Zhabagly-Manas)  
 In progress: 0  
 N/A: 1 (CAREC)



3.4.2. Participation in the EPR process as a donor country (in-kind and/or providing financial support)

Not interested: 1 (Zhabagly-Manas)  
 Initiated: 0  
 On-going: 0  
 N/A: 1 (CAREC)



3.4.3. Implementation of EPR recommendations by the reviewed country

Not started: 0

Initiated: 0

In progress: 0

Accomplished: 0

N/A: 0 (CAREC)

**3.5. Raising public awareness on environmental issues**

Overall assessment in your country

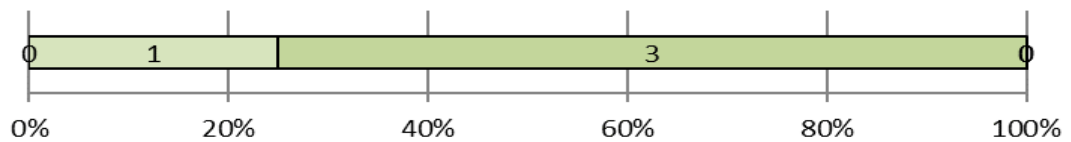
Not started: 0

Initiated: 1 (Zhabagly-Manas)

In progress: 3 (CAREC, Eco Accord, Green Liberty)

Well-implemented: 0

N/A: 0



3.5.1. Ensuring public access to environmental information

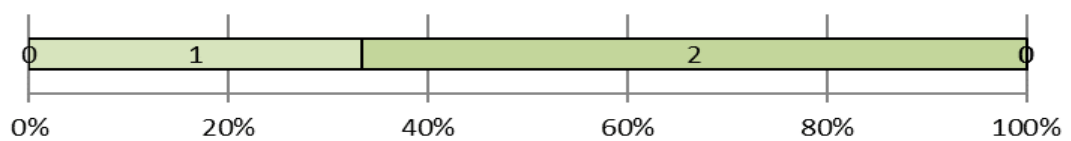
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In progress: 2 (CAREC, Eco Accord)

Well-implemented: 0

N/A: 0



3.5.2. Ensuring public participation in environmental-decision making

Not started: 0

Initiated: 1 (Zhabagly-Manas)

In progress: 2 (CAREC, Eco Accord)

Well-implemented: 0

N/A: 0



3.5.3. Ensuring public access to environmental justice

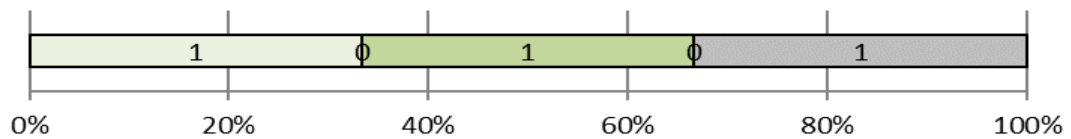
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In progress: 1 (Eco Accord)

Well-implemented: 0

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**3.6. Promoting linkages between environmental policy, economic and social well-being and competitiveness**

Overall assessment in your country

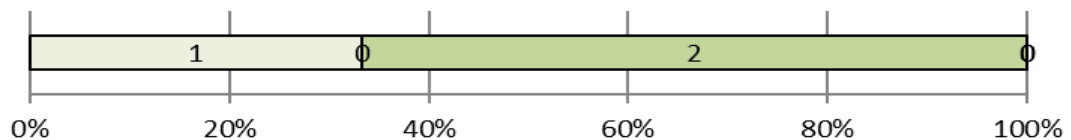
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Well-implemented: 0

N/A: 0



3.6.1. Mainstreaming the environment into economic development

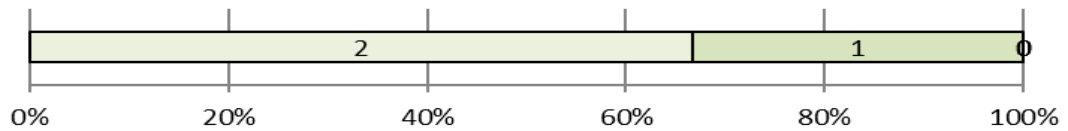
Not started: 2 (Green Liberty, Zhabagly-Manas)

Initiated: 1 (CAREC)

In progress: 0

Well-implemented: 0

N/A: 0



3.6.2. Implementing environmental policies through economic/market instruments (e.g. phasing out subsidies, introducing environmental taxation, payment for ecosystems services, etc.)

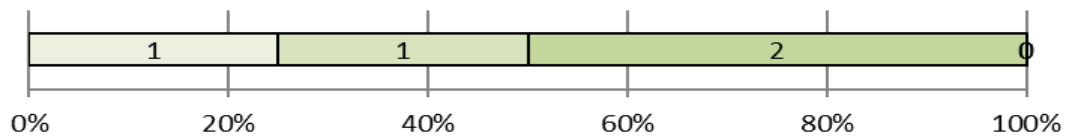
Not started: 1 (Eco Accord)

Initiated: 1 (Zhabagly-Manas)

In progress: 2 (CAREC, Green Liberty)

Well-implemented: 0

N/A: 0



3.6.3. Implementing environmental policies through regulatory/normative instruments (e.g. norms, standards, bans, etc.)

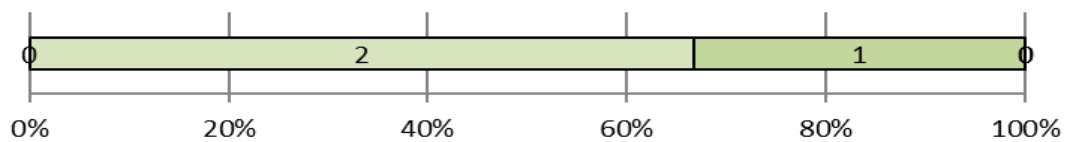
Not started: 0

Initiated: 2 (CAREC, Zhabagly-Manas)

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Well-implemented: 0

N/A: 0



3.6.4. Implementing environmental policies through information based/voluntary instruments (e.g. labelling, etc.)

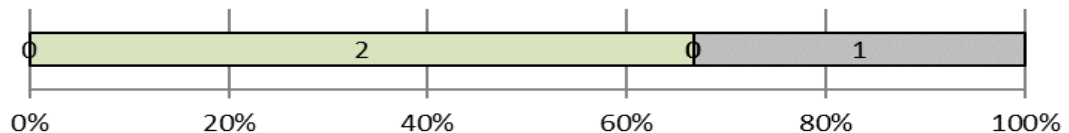
Not started: 0

Initiated: 2 (Eco Accord, Zhabagly-Manas)

In progress: 0

Well-implemented: 0

N/A: 1 (CAREC)



**4. Progress in strengthening the implementation of outcomes of the Astana EfE Ministerial Conference**

The main outcomes of the Astana Conference include:

**4.1. Ratifying and implementing the relevant multilateral environmental agreements (by your country)<sup>b</sup>**

**4.2. Implementing the Astana Water Action (by your country)**

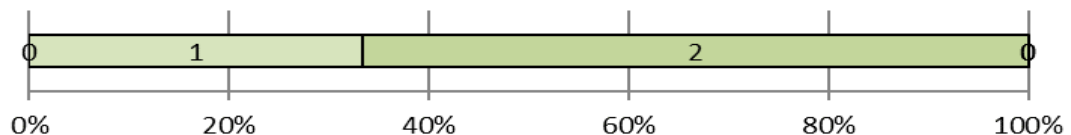
Not started: 0

Initiated: 1 (Zhabagly-Manas)

In progress: 2 (CAREC, Eco Accord)

Well-implemented: 0

Not foreseen: 0



<sup>b</sup> This question was open-ended.

**4.3. Promoting a green economy (by your country)**

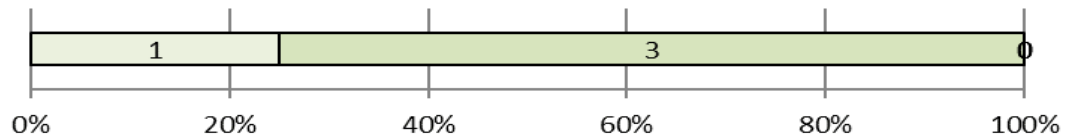
Not started: 1 (Green Liberty)

Initiated: 3 (CAREC, Eco Accord, Zhabagly-Manas)

In progress: 0

Well-implemented: 0

Not foreseen: 0



**4.4. Promoting the Green Bridge Partnership Programme (by your country)**

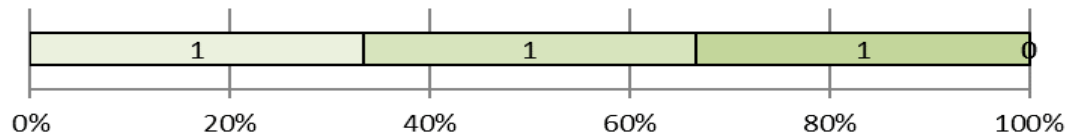
Not started: 1 (Eco Accord)

Initiated: 1 (Zhabagly-Manas)

In progress: 1 (CAREC)

Well-implemented: 0

Not foreseen: 0



**4.5. Ensuring implementation of the third cycle of environmental performance reviews (by your country)**

Not foreseen: 0

Active as a donor: 0

Active as a reviewed country: 0

N/A: 1 (CAREC)

**4.6. Establishing a regular process of environmental assessment, including developing a Shared Environmental Information System (SEIS) (by your country)**

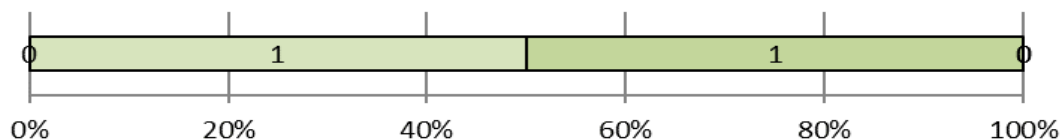
Not started: 0

Initiated: 1 (Zhabagly-Manas)

In progress: 1 (CAREC)

SEIS developed: 0

Regular process of environmental assessment established: 0



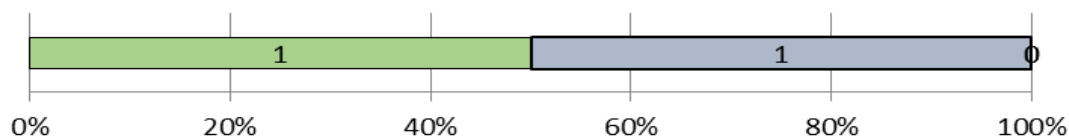
**4.7. Participation in the continued work of the EAP Task Force, including on the sustainable management of water and water-related ecosystems, and on greening the economy: mainstreaming the environment into economic development (by your country)**

Not foreseen: 1 (Eco Accord)

Active as a donor: 1 (Zhabagly-Manas)

Active as a beneficiary: 0

N/A: 0



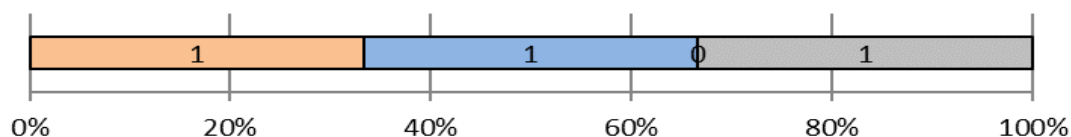
**4.8. Participation in strengthening the contribution of Regional Environmental Centres in both promoting green economy and better environmental governance at the local, national, subregional and regional levels (by your country)**

Not foreseen: 1 (Eco Accord)

Active as a donor: 1 (Zhabagly-Manas)

Active as a beneficiary: 0

N/A: 1 (CAREC)





## 5. Thematic priorities of the “Environment for Europe” process for the Eighth Ministerial Conference

5.1. First thematic priority (an “established” theme of importance to the entire region, e.g. the Astana Conference addressed the “established” theme of sustainable management of water and water-related ecosystems)<sup>c</sup>

5.2. Second thematic priority (an “emerging” theme of importance to the entire region, e.g. the Astana Conference addresses the “emerging” theme of greening the economy: mainstreaming the environment into economic development)<sup>d</sup>

5.2.1. Enhancing the work on greening the economy and the mainstreaming of environmental concerns into the economic development (*this is a possible “emerging” theme for the Eighth Ministerial Conference to follow up on the Astana EfE and Rio+20 Conferences commitments*)

Strongly agree: 4 (Eco Accord, EEA, Green Liberty, Zhabagly-Manas)

Somewhat agree: 2 (CAREC, EEB)

Somewhat disagree: 2 (BIOTICA, Friends of Siberian Forests)

Strongly disagree: 0



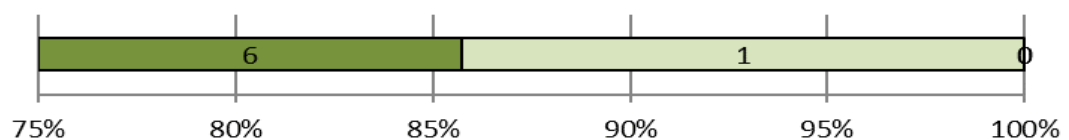
5.2.2. Promoting a sustainable consumption and production (*this is a possible “emerging” theme for the Eighth Ministerial Conference to follow up on the Rio+20 Conferences commitments*)

Strongly agree: 6 (Eco Accord, EEA, EEB, Green Liberty, Friends of Siberian Forests, Zhabagly-Manas)

Somewhat agree: 1 (CAREC)

Somewhat disagree: 0

Strongly disagree: 0



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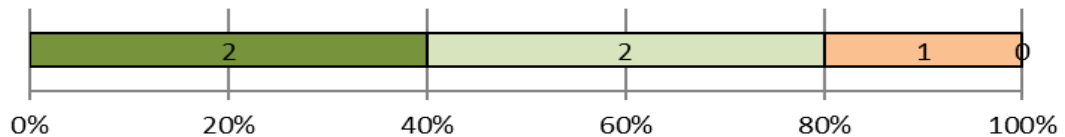
5.2.3. “Greening” the policies of the international financial institutions (IFIs) policies (*this is a possible “emerging” theme for the Eighth Ministerial Conference to follow up on the Rio+20 Conferences commitments*)

Strongly agree: 2 (Eco Accord, Zhabagly-Manas)

Somewhat agree: 2 (EEB, Friends of Siberian Forests)

Somewhat disagree: 1 (CAREC)

Strongly disagree: 0



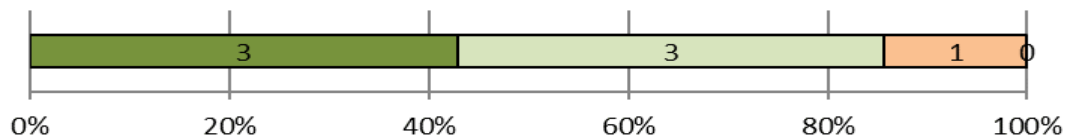
5.2.4. Resilience and change (*this is a possible “emerging” theme for the Eighth Ministerial Conference to encompass the need for disaster risk reduction, climate change adaptation, emergency preparedness and contingency planning to be ready for both environmental and demographic change in the coming years, i.e., the expected increase in extreme weather events due to global warming, but also to the expected changes in demographics (aging populations and south-north migration), in particular in urban areas*)

Strongly agree: 3 (BIOTICA, CAREC, EEA)

Somewhat agree: 3 (Eco Accord, Friends of Siberian Forests, Zhabagly-Manas)

Somewhat disagree: 1 (EEB)

Strongly disagree: 0



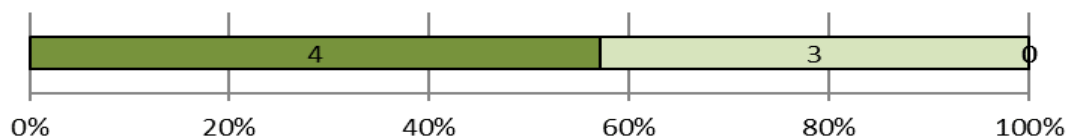
**5.3. A high-level segment on assessing the progress in establishing a regular process of environmental assessment and developing the SEIS across the region should be organized**

Strongly agree: 4 (BIOTICA, Eco Accord, EEA, EEB)

Somewhat agree: 3 (CAREC, Friends of Siberian Forests, Zhabagly-Manas)

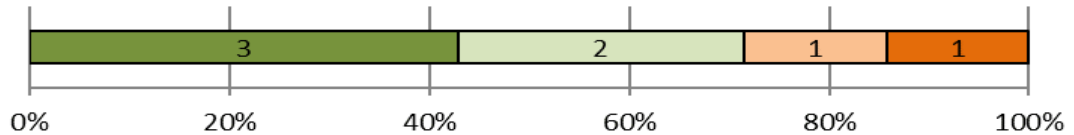
Somewhat disagree: 0

Strongly disagree: 0



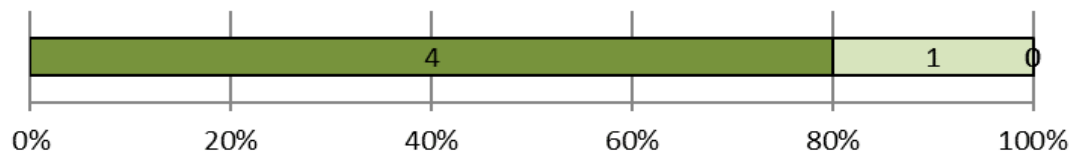
**5.4. A high-level segment on ECE MEAs should be organized**

Strongly agree: 3 (BIOTICA, Eco Accord, EEB)  
Somewhat agree: 2 (CAREC, Zhabagly-Manas)  
Somewhat disagree: 1 (Friends of Siberian Forests)  
Strongly disagree: 1 (EEA)



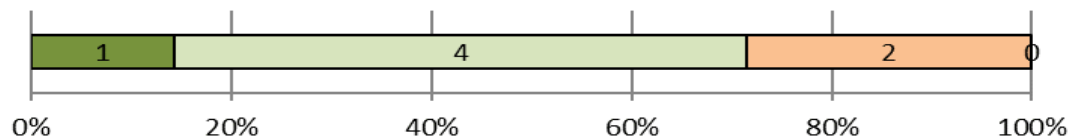
**5.4.1. The role of public participation in effective implementation of MEAs (this is a possible theme for a possible high-level segment on ECE MEAs (of relevance to all ECE MEAs))**

Strongly agree: 4 (Eco Accord, EEB, Friends of Siberian Forests, Zhabagly-Manas)  
Somewhat agree: 1 (CAREC)  
Somewhat disagree: 0  
Strongly disagree: 0



**5.5. There is a need to develop new structures or frameworks to address emerging themes, such as green economy, giving the on-going economic crisis that affected all countries in the ECE region**

Strongly agree: 1 (Zhabagly-Manas)  
Somewhat agree: 4 (BIOTICA, CAREC, Eco Accord, Green Liberty)  
Somewhat disagree: 2 (EEB, Friends of Siberian Forests)  
Strongly disagree: 0



**Greening the economies**

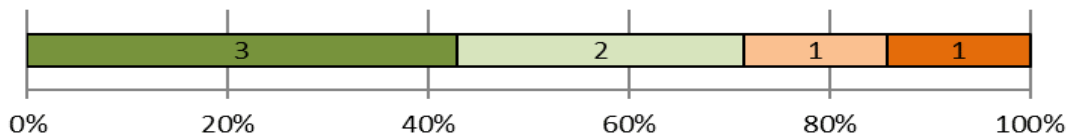
5.5.1. Elaboration of subregional roadmaps (e.g. EU, South-Eastern Europe, Central Asia, Caucasus, Eastern Europe)

Strongly agree: 3 (BIOTICA, CAREC, Zhabagly-Manas)

Somewhat agree: 2 (EEB, Green Liberty)

Somewhat disagree: 1 (Friends of Siberian Forests)

Strongly disagree: 1 (Eco Accord)



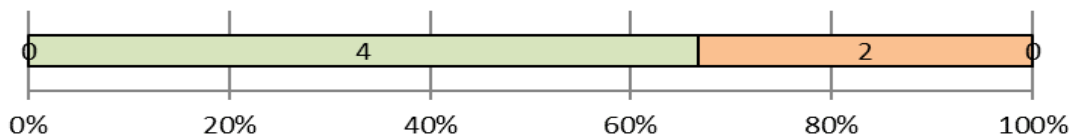
5.5.2. Elaboration/harmonization of regional eco-standards for products and production processes

Strongly agree: 0

Somewhat agree: 4 (BIOTICA, EEB, Green Liberty, Zhabagly-Manas)

Somewhat disagree: 2 (CAREC, Friends of Siberian Forests)

Strongly disagree: 0



5.5.3. Other (please suggest demand-driven frameworks/structures)

Strongly agree: 0

Somewhat agree: 0

Somewhat disagree: 0

Strongly disagree: 0

**Strengthening implementation of ESD**

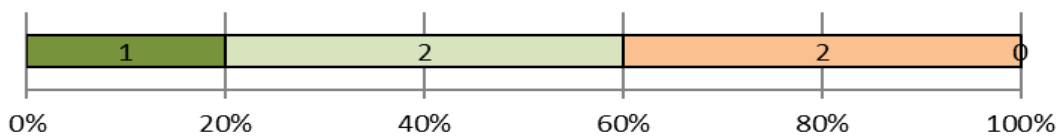
5.5.4. Mainstreaming ESD into technical and vocational training to meet future labour market demand

Strongly agree: 1 (Zhabagly-Manas)

Somewhat agree: 2 (CAREC, EEB)

Somewhat disagree: 2 (BIOTICA, Friends of Siberian Forests)

Strongly disagree: 0



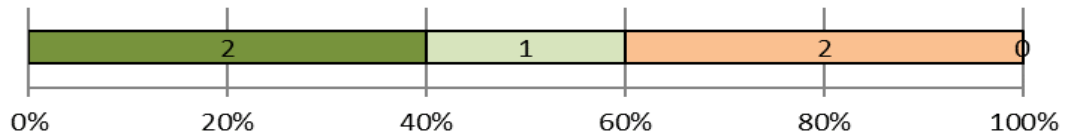
5.5.5. Mainstreaming ESD into teachers/educators' training

Strongly agree: 2 (CAREC, Zhabagly-Manas)

Somewhat agree: 1 (EEB)

Somewhat disagree: 2 (BIOTICA, Friends of Siberian Forests)

Strongly disagree: 0



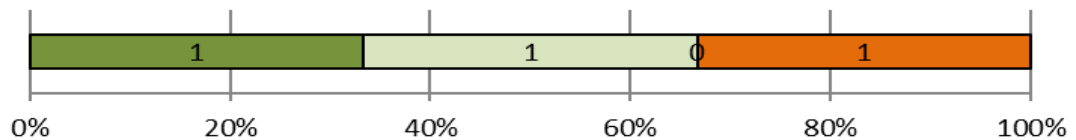
5.5.6. Implementing an ESD school plan in every school (i.e. addressing campus management, curricula and community interaction)

Strongly agree: 1 (Zhabagly-Manas)

Somewhat agree: 1 (CAREC)

Somewhat disagree: 0

Strongly disagree: 1 (Friends of Siberian Forests)



**Strengthening environmental considerations in other social and economic sectors**

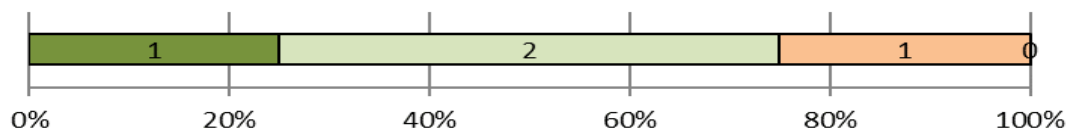
5.5.7. Sustainable urban development (e.g. bringing together the relevant activities under THE PEP, the Environment and Health process, and green building)

Strongly agree: 1 (Zhabagly-Manas)

Somewhat agree: 2 (CAREC, EEB)

Somewhat disagree: 1 (Friends of Siberian Forests)

Strongly disagree: 0



## 6. Format of the Eighth EfE Ministerial Conference

### 6.1. Interactive format for the Conference (for a more productive ministerial participation)

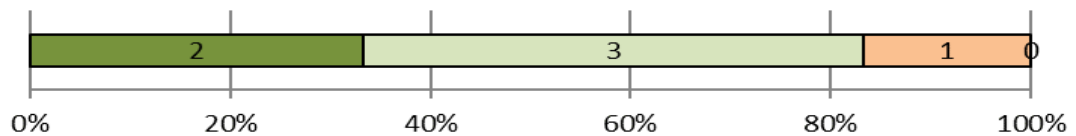
#### 6.1.1. Parallel thematic round-tables

Strongly agree: 2 (BIOTICA, EEB)

Somewhat agree: 3 (CAREC, Eco Accord, Zhabagly-Manas)

Somewhat disagree: 1 (Friends of Siberian Forests)

Strongly disagree: 0



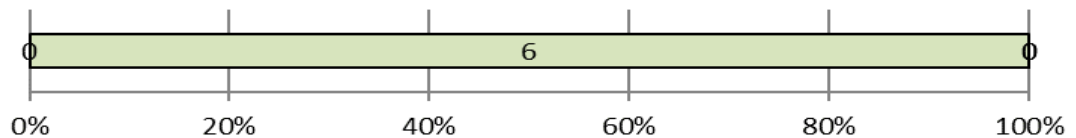
#### 6.1.2. Interactive discussions e.g. similar to “BBC Question Time”

Strongly agree: 0

Somewhat agree: 6 (BIOTICA, CAREC, Eco Accord, EEB, Friends of Siberian Forests, Zhabagly-Manas)

Somewhat disagree: 0

Strongly disagree: 0



#### 6.1.3. ... (please propose an interactive format)<sup>e</sup>

### 7. Any other issues you consider important<sup>f</sup>

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