



# Next steps and upcoming activities

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## Next steps

- Report of the Chair of the Task Force on Heavy Metals to WGSR
- Revised mandate for TFTEI
- Continued implementation of assistance activities by the secretariat
- Continuation of exchange of experiences across the region at WGSR session





# Chair's report to WGSR

- Policy relevant issues, findings and recommendations — for the attention of the subsidiary bodies, the Executive Body, other relevant bodies and the general public
- Issues for the attention/advice of other groups/task forces or subsidiary bodies, notably with regard to synergies and possible joint approaches or activities
- Recommendations to further strengthen implementation and ratification of Convention Protocols in Eastern and South-Eastern Europe, the Caucasus and Central Asia





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For the attention of WGSR and the EB:

- Need for **continued awareness raising at the political level** for the need for emission abatement e.g. the health effects of air pollution
- There are **different drivers and reasons for air pollution abatement**, some of them can be **economic** (cost-efficiency of emission reductions), some **political motivations** (e.g. Russian accession to OECD, Serbian and Georgian approximation to EU legislation). It is important to utilize momentum to abate emissions and progress with accession.
- **Progress is being made in several countries to prepare for accession/ratification:**
  - Gothenburg Protocol (Serbia, Georgia)
  - Protocol on Heavy Metals (Belarus, Georgia, Russian Federation)





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**Issues for the attention/advice of other groups/task forces or subsidiary bodies, notably with regard to synergies and possible joint approaches or activities:**

- **EGTEI/TFTEI:** Need for **guidance to monitor concentrations of VOCs** in order to implement and accede to the Gothenburg Protocol
- **EGTEI/TFTEI:** Consider organization of **workshop on BAT** in context of establishment of clearing house for abatement technology; possible **testing of cost-assessment methodology** with different industrial sectors and countries in EECCA
- **EGTEI/TFTEI:** Continued cooperation with regard to the technical issues on heavy metals as part of clearing house





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## Recommendations to further strengthen implementation and ratification of Convention Protocols in Eastern and South-Eastern Europe, the Caucasus and Central Asia:

- **Ratification of the amended Gothenburg Protocol, Protocol on Heavy Metals and Protocol on POPs by Parties to the original Protocols** including the EU and EFTA countries is important for amendments to enter into force. This will create enabling condition for countries from Eastern Europe, the Caucasus and Central Asia to accede to the amended Protocol. Progress with regard to ratification of the amendments will enable keeping the momentum in the EECCA region to progress with regard to accession to the amended Protocols.
- It is important to **expand the monitoring network** of pollutant concentrations and deposition in EECCA through the EMEP network.
- **Challenges remain** in the EECCA (...) region. **Exchange of experiences** across the region and with other countries in the region and **continued support to addressing these challenges** is important.





# New mandate TFTEI

- **Co-Chairs of the Expert Group on Techno-Economic Issues:** Preparation of a draft update to the mandate of the Expert Group on Techno-economic Issues to establish a task force to address emission abatement techniques for stationary and mobile sources in relation to atmospheric emissions of nitrogen oxides (NO<sub>x</sub>), sulphur dioxide (SO<sub>2</sub>), volatile organic compounds (VOC) and particulate matter (PM), including black carbon, heavy metals and persistent organic pollutants (POPs).
- **Working Group on Strategies and Review** is expected to discuss the mandate for the Task Force on Techno-Economic Issues and prepare a recommendation for consideration and adoption by the Executive Body at its thirty-third session.
- **Executive Body** (December 2014): Adoption of mandate by TFTEI





# Assistance activities

- **Continued implementation of comprehensive capacity building programme implemented by the secretariat:**
  - Development/further improvement of the **emission inventory system**
  - Estimating base year emission levels and emission reduction targets for 2020 and beyond, as provided for by the amended Gothenburg Protocol, and making respective **projections**
  - Development of **activity data** in accordance with the EMEP/EEA air pollutant emission inventory Guidebook and the Guidelines for estimating and reporting emission data
  - Calculating **gridded data**
  - **Cost-benefits analysis** of emission reduction scenarios
  - Preparation of **Informative Inventory Reports (IIRs)**
  - **Analysis of the legislative framework** in the area of air quality management
  - Supporting the development of **National Action Plans**
- **Raising political profile of Convention and awareness among decision-makers on environmental and health effects of air pollution**
- **Communication and outreach materials in Russian**







# Exchange of experiences amongst the EECCA region and across the UNECE region

- **Sharing of experiences** amongst Parties and non-Parties **on policies, strategies and measures at WGSR sessions**
- **Please submit your examples/good practices by 15 March 2014 on:**
  - **Economic measures such as financial incentives or disincentives (taxes, subsidies, set prices or caps/ceilings, payments, rebates)**
  - **voluntary measures (such as voluntary agreements, programmes or contracts)**
  - **Regulatory or legislative measures**
  - **Other measures (educational or informational measures)**
- Session on *Challenges faced and **progress made** by countries in Eastern Europe, the Caucasus and Central Asia and Southeast Europe with regard to accession and implementation*





**Thank you for your attention!**

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