



# Overview and recent developments under the Convention on Long-Range Transboundary Air Pollution

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# Outline

- 1. From negotiation to implementation: 2014-2015 workplan**
- 2. Implementation in UNECE region**
- 3. Assistance activities/capacity building**





# 1. From negotiation to implementation

- **Amendments of the three latest Protocols completed:**
  - **Protocol on Heavy Metals in December 2012**
    - New emission limit values and extended emission source categories
    - Flexibilities for new Parties
  - **Protocol to Abate Acidification, Eutrophication, Ground-level Ozone (Gothenburg Protocol) in May 2012**
    - Emission ceilings for 2020
    - Inclusion of Particulate Matter incl. Black Carbon as a short-lived climate forcer
    - Flexibilities for new Parties
  - **Protocol on Persistent Organic Pollutants in 2009**
    - Addition of new substances





# 1. From negotiation to implementation

## ▪ **Renewed emphasis on:**

- Improved implementation throughout the entire UNECE region
- Accession to / Ratification of the three latest Protocols by countries in Eastern Europe, the Caucasus and Central Asia
- Communication and Outreach





# 1. A new 2014-2015 Workplan

- **Policy:** Exchange of experiences on implementation of the Convention
- **Capacity Building:** Emphasis on enhanced accession to / ratification of the Convention's most recently amended Protocols by countries in Eastern Europe, the Caucasus and Central Asia
- **Communication and Outreach:** Raise awareness on air pollution and abatement measures among countries in Eastern Europe, the Caucasus and Central Asia





## 2. Implementation in UNECE region

- **Implementation challenges**, mainly with regard to emissions arising from transport and agriculture
- **Sharing of experiences** amongst Parties and non-Parties **on policies, strategies and measures at WGSR sessions**
- **Submission of 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***





### 3. Assistance activities

- **Capacity building/assistance activities for the countries of Eastern Europe, the Caucasus and Central Asia**
  - Continuously implemented by CLRTAP secretariat, funding provided by the European Union, Netherlands, Norway, Switzerland
- **Needs-driven programme activities**
  - Ongoing confirmation of assistance priorities
- **Implementation ongoing:**
  - Finalization of roster of experts with training experience and expertise on emission inventories or legislative/policy analysis





## 3. Assistance activities

- **Comprehensive capacity building programme:**
  - 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**







**Thank you for your attention!**

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