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Overview of the status of reporting on strategies, policies and measures to implement the Convention and its Protocols in line with Executive Body decision 2013/2

Annex

Reporting by countries of experiences and challenges related to the implementation of the Convention and its Protocols at sessions of the Working Group on Strategies and Review

Country	<i>Experience and challenges related to</i>							
	<i>Convention (general)</i>	<i>Sulphur-1 Protocol^a</i>	<i>NO_x Protocol^b</i>	<i>VOCs Protocol^c</i>	<i>Sulphur-2 Protocol^d</i>	<i>HM Protocol^e</i>	<i>POPs Protocol^f</i>	<i>Gothenburg Protocol^g</i>
Albania	x	x	x					[x] (PM)
Armenia ^h	x							
Austria			x	x			x	x (NO _x , VOCs, PM)
Azerbaijan ^h	x	[x]	[x]					
Belarus ^f	x					[x]	[x]	[x]
Belgium		x	x	x				x (SO _x , NO _x , VOCs)
Croatia			x	x	x	x (Pb, Cd, Hg)	x	x (SO _x , NO _x , VOCs, NH ₃ , PM)
Czechia		x	x	x	x		x (PAH)	x (SO _x , NO _x , VOCs, PM)
Denmark								x (NH ₃)
European Union			x		x	x	x	x (SO _x , NO _x , PM)
France			x					x (NO _x , NH ₃ , PM)
Georgia ^h	x	[x]				[x]	[x] (PAH)	[x]
Germany								x (PM)
Hungary		x			x			x (SO _x)
Ireland	x							
Italy							x (PAH)	
Kazakhstan ^h						[x]	[x]	[x]
Kyrgyzstan ^h	x							
Lithuania		x		x	x			x (SO _x , NO _x , VOCs, NH ₃ , PM)
Montenegro	x							
Norway			x					x (NO _x , PM)
Poland		x	x	x	x			x (SO _x , NO _x , VOCs, NH ₃ , PM)
Republic of Moldova						x	x	

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Serbia						x (Pb)	x	[x] (SO _x , NO _x , VOCs, PM)
Slovakia						x	x (PCDD/PCDF)	x (SO _x , NO _x , VOCs, PM)
Spain			x			x (Hg)		x (NO _x , PM)
Switzerland			x					x (NO _x , NH ₃ , PM)
Tajikistan ^h	[x]							
The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia		x	x	x	x	x	x	x (SO _x , NO _x , VOCs)
United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland								x (NH ₃)
Ukraine ^h							[x]	[x] (VOCs, NH ₃)
United States of America								x (SO _x , NO _x , VOCs, PM)
Uzbekistan ^h	[x]							

Abbreviations: Cd = cadmium; NH₃ = ammonia; Pb = lead; PCDD/PCDF = polychlorinated dibenzodioxins/ polychlorinated dibenzofurans.

Notes: x indicates that the Party reported under the instrument in question; [x] indicates that the country reported, but is not a party to the instrument in question.

^a 1985 Protocol on the Reduction of Sulphur Emissions or their Transboundary Fluxes by at least 30 per cent.

^b 1988 Protocol concerning the Control of Nitrogen Oxides or their Transboundary Fluxes.

^c 1991 Protocol concerning the Control of Emissions of Volatile Organic Compounds or their Transboundary Fluxes.

^d 1994 Protocol on Further Reduction of Sulphur Emissions.

^e 1998 Protocol on Persistent Organic Pollutants and its 2009 amended version.

^f 1998 Protocol on Heavy Metals and its 2012 amended version.

^g 1999 Protocol to Abate Acidification, Eutrophication and Ground-level Ozone and its 2012 amended version.

^h Report in the framework of a special session for countries from Eastern Europe, Caucasus and Central Asia at the 51st and 52nd sessions of the Working Group on Strategies and Review.

ⁱ This presentation covered experiences and challenges faced by countries in Eastern Europe, the Caucasus and Central Asia more generally, while highlighting specific examples from Belarus.

Parties are also invited to reflect on the organization of future sessions to exchange information and good practices in the framework of the Working Group, in particular:

- (a) The format of such sessions, (including the structure and usefulness of the template);
- (b) Engaging additional Parties and other States in the information sharing;
- (c) How to ensure interactive policy discussions related to the design and implementation of different regulatory, voluntary, economic or other measures relating to air pollution;
- (d) Possible themes for the organization of dedicated thematic sessions;
- (e) Maximizing the usefulness of the information exchanged for Parties.