

Wrap up and conclusions

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Key benefits of joining the Convention

Joining a platform for the exchange of experience, good practices, technology and information which provides opportunities for:

- Progress in protecting people and environment
- Avoiding and minimizing the costs of industrial accidents
- Enhancing capacity to address transboundary water pollution
- Improving transboundary preparedness and emergency response
- Strengthening regional cooperation and information sharing
- Receiving capacity development and training
- Influencing the development of international treaty law and policy
- Contributing to peace and security and implementing global commitments.

Key benefits of joining the Convention for Ukraine



- **Political**

- Support to the implementation of Ukraine - EU Association Agreement
- Strengthening regional cooperation
- Influence and steer – in cooperation with other Parties - the development of the Convention and its Assistance Programme
- Support from other Parties and UNECE secretariat in the implementation of the Convention

Key benefits of joining the Convention for Ukraine (cont.)



- **Substantial**

- Enhanced level of protection of the population of Ukraine in case of a devastating accident with transboundary effects in a nearby country
- Technology exchange
- Experience exchange
- Expert knowledge and information/good practice exchange
- Involvement into established policy network across the UNECE region
- Increased capacities to prepare and respond to accidents with transboundary effects

Key benefits of joining the Convention for Ukraine (cont.)



- **Financial**

- Donor countries are more willing to provide financial support to countries who have commitments under the Convention -> better chances in securing necessary funding to address burning issues in Ukraine
- Better chances in applying for support from other environmental programmes and organisations
- Preventing and minimizing costs of industrial accidents

Suggestions for the next steps for Ukraine

- Discuss the outcomes of the meeting and its conclusions and decide on the next steps -
> prepare the national [self-assessment](#) and [action plan](#)... [Be ambitious, do not lose the momentum, take advantage of what is being offered](#)
- Nominate the [competent authority or authorities](#) to work under the Convention in Ukraine and communicate this to the Convention secretariat
- Nominate the [focal point](#) as a key contact person for the Convention secretariat and communicate the name and contacts details of the focal point to the secretariat
- Submit an [implementation report](#) (once every four years)
- Continue working on the [Danube Delta Project](#) – phase II, finalize and sign the Declaration of Intent and joint contingency plans
- Consider [accession](#) to the Convention and evaluate how it should be done in accordance with the national laws
- [Benefit fully](#) from the institutional regime of the Convention and its Assistance Programme activities and thus enhance the country's industrial safety standards and protects its population and environment from the devastating effects of industrial accidents
- Be active in the [regional context](#)
- [Notify the secretariat of the decision](#) no later than [by the end of 2018](#) (at the Tenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties, December 2018)

Thank you for your attention!

