

Economic Commission for Europe

Conference of the Parties to the
Convention on the Transboundary
Effects of Industrial Accidents

Bureau: Small group on financing

2nd meeting in 2018 (following teleconference on 26 Feb. 2018)

Bern, 25 June 2018, 13:00 – 17h30

Provisional agenda

1. Adoption of the provisional agenda

The small group on financing will meet for the first time face-to-face in the biennium 2017-2018, following its re-constituted by the Bureau at its 37th meeting and a teleconference held on 26 February 2018. As determined by the Bureau, the small group is composed of four representatives of the Bureau: Pawel Dadaciewicz (Poland), Jasmina Karba (Slovenia), Wivi-Ann Wagello-Sjölund (Finland), and Torill Tandberg (Norway).

The small group on financing is invited to adopt the provisional agenda.

The small group will be invited to agree on arrangements for the chairing of the meeting.

Documentation:

Provisional agenda

2. Past and future engagement by members of the small group

The members of the small group will be invited to report on their engagement to reach out to Parties, to provide funding to the Convention's workplan, as agreed during the small group's teleconference on 26 February 2018, and possibly additional engagements undertaken. The secretariat will also report on its engagement and its results with regard to funding for the workplan beyond 2018 and longer-term indications.

Furthermore, the secretariat will present a list of project proposals which are existing. ***Members of the small group are invited to consider how they could support fundraising and advocacy with donors for these projects, in particular the ones to be included in the Convention's 2019-20 workplan*** (draft to be discussed by the Bureau). ***The small group is also invited to consider how to build further awareness among Bureau members about their responsibility and options to engage.***

Documentation:

Overview of engagement by members of the small group, as agreed during telecon. on 26 Feb.

List of existing project proposals developed under the UNECE Industrial Accidents Convention (not yet financed)

3. Draft decision on financial arrangements under the Convention

The small group will be invited to review the updated draft decision prepared by the secretariat, following its teleconference and addressing the comments by the Bureau at its January meeting, to prepare a shorter decision, with a more positive tone, for the Bureau's review and subsequent presentation to CoP-10. ***The small group will be invited to agree on the draft decision and the way of presenting it to the Bureau.***

Documentation:

- Updated draft decision on financial arrangements under the Convention
- Objectives of the draft decision on financial arrangements, as discussed during the teleconference (26 Feb. 2018)
- Decision on financial arrangements adopted by the Meeting of the Parties of the Espoo Convention and its Protocol on SEA, latest at its 6th session (Geneva 2 - 5 June 2014) (Decision VI/4-II/4, ECE/MP.EIA/20/Add.3 - ECE/MP.EIA/SEA/4/Add.3)
- Decision on financial arrangements adopted by the Aarhus Convention and its Protocol on PRTRs, latest at its sixth session (Budva, Montenegro, 11–13 September 2017)
http://www.unece.org/fileadmin/DAM/env/pp/mop6/English/ECE_MP.PP_2017_2_Add.1_E.pdf (see p. 28)

4. Implementation of the sustainable financial mechanism

The secretariat will recall the elements of the sustainable financial mechanism adopted by the Conference of the Parties at its seventh meeting (November 2012), highlighting the role of the different actors, and the particular role of the Bureau.

In this context, the secretariat will provide information on the UN scale of assessment as applied to the Industrial Accidents Convention for the 2017-2018 workplan, highlighting Parties with the potential to contribute more substantial financial contributions. It will also provide historical information on the contributions by Parties.

The small group on financing will be invited to reflect on its past and future actions to implement the sustainable financial mechanism, and to determine next steps. It will be invited to discuss how it can actively encourage Parties to provide support at least at a level reflecting their economic strength and, when relevant, in case of non-contributing Parties, arrange meetings to foster their support and build awareness on the need for sustainable financing.

Documentation:

- Sustainable financial mechanism (ECE/CP.TEIA/24, annex I):
http://www.unece.org/fileadmin/DAM/env/documents/2013/TEIA/ECE.CP.TEIA.24_E.pdf
- UN scale of assessments as applied to the UNECE Convention on the Transboundary Effects of Industrial Accidents for 2017-2018

5. Discussion on financing at CoP-10

The small group on financing will be invited to discuss how to organize information-sharing and a dedicated discussion on financing to CoP-10, so as to raise awareness among Parties of the current financing challenges and the insufficient implementation of the SFM.

6. Next steps

The small group will be invited to discuss modalities for reporting on its actions to the Bureau (26-27 June).

7. Date and place of next meeting

The small group on financing will be invited to determine the date and place of its next meeting, possibly via video- or teleconference to finalize the draft decision on financing, in view of the Bureau's comments, and to review the presentations and preparations for the discussion on financing at CoP-10.