

Background

Air pollution emissions have been reduced considerably in the UNECE region over the last few decades, in part as a result of integrated air pollution management strategies that were developed jointly under the Convention and its protocols. However, progress is still relatively slow and uneven across the region. In particular, in Eastern and South-Eastern Europe, the Caucasus and Central Asia, the increase in energy production, industry growth and urban development have resulted in increased emissions.

The Task Force on Techno-economic Issues (TFTEI) together with the Secretariat have organised a Workshop for countries in this region to promote ratification of protocols of the Long-range Transboundary Air Pollution (LRTAP) Convention.

The aims of the Workshop are:

- to learn from different BAT approaches adopted in different parts of the world (e.g. EU, Asia, Russia),
- to learn from experience in other International Treaties and Conventions to promote synergies
- to improve the understanding of the concept of BAT and its application, with examples from different sectors
- to learn about different perspectives of BAT implementation, e.g. national administrations, industry,
- to learn about modelling, monitoring and reporting as effective tools of implementation
- to discuss obstacles for implementation of BAT

An account of the work of TFTEI and other scientific groups of the Air Convention will also be included in the agenda.

Invited experts from the EECCA region will actively participate and have been asked to contribute with information about their national situation. Included will be developments in the field of permitting industrial installations and development of national strategies and environmental legislation.

Organizers of the Workshop:

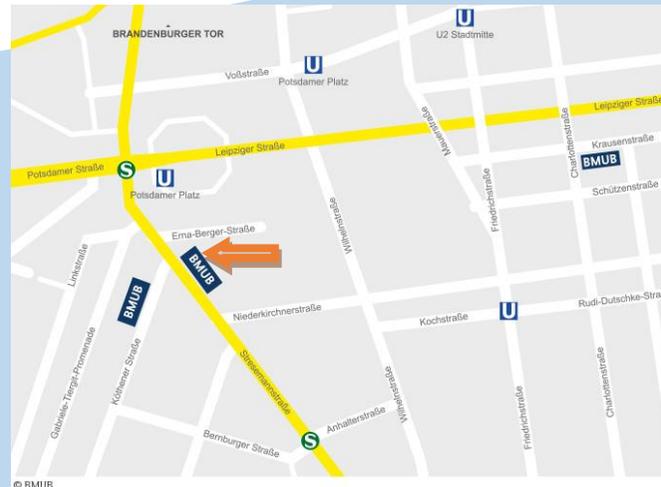
Task Force on Techno-Economic Issues and the Secretariat of the UNECE Air Convention

in collaboration with the

Federal Ministry for the Environment, Nature Conservation and Nuclear Safety Germany

The workshop will be hosted by the Environment Ministry (BMU) at the following location:

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UNECE Air Convention

The Task Force on Techno-economic Issues invites participants to the

Workshop to Promote the Ratification of Protocols of the UNECE Air Convention with Focus on Countries in the EECCA Region

14 - 16 May 2019

Berlin
Germany



Bundesministerium
für Umwelt, Naturschutz
und nukleare Sicherheit



Day 1

(Tuesday 14 May: 12.00- 18.00)

- **Registration**
- **Opening** by the Chair of the Air Convention Anna Engleryd , Sweden

Session 1 Part 1

Chair Katja Kraus, Germany

Different BAT approaches in different regions

Presentations will be given by the LRTAP Secretariat, the European IPPC Bureau and OECD

Session 1 Part 2

State of the Art in Easter Europe and beyond

Presentations by government representatives from Russia, Belarus, India and China and a report from the Russian-German BAT-Project.

Session 2

Chair Tiziano Pignatelli, Italy

BAT in other Conventions and Treaties

Reports from representative from UNFCCC, the Minamata Convention and ACAP (Arctic contaminants Action programme)

Evening:

Dinner at the invitation of



Day 2

(Wednesday 15 May: 9.00 – 18.00)

Session 3

Chair Jean-Guy Bartaire, France

BAT for priority sectors identified in the EECCA countries

Different industry sectors will be covered with a view from permitting authorities and industry. An overview will be given on key elements for integrated permitting, how cross-media aspects are taken into account. The new Code of Good Practice of the Gothenburg Protocol for Small Combustion Installations will be presented.

Session 4

Chair Laurence Rouil, France

Modelling, Monitoring, Reporting

Issues of dispersion modelling and local air quality management will be covered and monitoring and reporting as tools to control the application of BAT and others.

Session 5

Chair Alexander Romanov, Russia

Activities in the EECCA region to facilitate the implementation of BAT

A summary of answers to a questionnaire given by participants from the EECCA region will be presented. The session is focused on presentations by participants from the EECCA region on the progress of their countries with regard to implementation of the Air Convention.

Day 3

(Thursday 16 May: 9.00 – 13.00)

Session 6:

Round table discussion

Chaired by Anna Engleryd and Alexander Romanov

Discussion of problems along the road to implementation and possibilities to support EECCA countries in implementing UNECE Protocols.

Session 7:

Conclusions and Recommendations

Participants are asked to actively contribute to conclusions and recommendations and formulate their needs in the implementation process. A report will be made on the entire Workshop and submitted for consideration by the Working Group on Strategies and Review of the air Convention

English-Russian simultaneous translation service will be available at the workshop.

Deadline for registration:

- For participants seeking financial support
25 March 2019
- For other participants
1 May 2019

Where to register:

Secretariat of the LRTAP Convention

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