

Economic Commission for Europe

Meeting of the Parties to the Convention
on Environmental Impact Assessment
in a Transboundary Context

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Meeting of the Parties to the Protocol on
Strategic Environmental Assessment

Working Group on Environmental Impact Assessment and Strategic Environmental Assessment

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Preparations for the next sessions of the Meetings of the Parties:

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This note from the secretariat presents a provisional scheduling of meetings in the next intersessional period 2021–2023, as agreed by the Bureau, considering the related UN official document deadlines and common official public holidays (see the annex). The note also presents the meetings scheduled for in 2020.

The meeting dates for 2021 were reserved in February 2020 and will be confirmed by the UN Conference Services by July 2020.

The **dates for 2022 and 2023 (*in italics*) are indicative only**. As the meetings are interlinked, there are only limited possibilities for scheduling the individual meetings in a calendar year:

- Holding a Working Group meeting in April would not work because the deadline for its documents would fall on end January/early February (12 weeks before the meeting): To agree on the Working Group's documents, the Bureau should meet in early January and review its documentation over the Christmas holidays.
- May and June should be avoided to the extent possible as the meeting rooms are limited in the Palais des Nations due to the large annual WHO and ILO meetings.
- Meetings in July and August are difficult due to the summer holiday period.
- Meetings in October/early November are also challenging as the document deadlines fall on July-August.

The Working Group is invited to consider and agree on the proposed meeting schedule.

2020 meeting dates and provisional schedule of meetings 2021-2023

<i>Year</i>	<i>Date^a</i>	<i>Body</i>	<i>Session/comments^b</i>
2020	25–26 (am) February	Bureau (stand-alone meeting)	–
	16–19 March	Implementation Committee	47
	23–25 June	<i>Ad hoc group on LTE of NPPs</i>	11 (<i>Espoo</i>) (<i>tbc</i>)
	24–26 August	Working Group on EIA & SEA	9
	1–4 September	Implementation Committee	48 (<i>Additional</i>)
	8–11 December	Meetings of the Parties to the Convention & the Protocol	8/4 (Vilnius) <i>Doc. deadline 14.9</i>
2021	2–5 February	Implementation Committee	49
	4–7 May	Implementation Committee	50
	16–17 June	Bureau	–
	5–8 October	Implementation Committee	51
	1–3 December	Working Group on EIA & SEA	10 <i>Doc. deadline 6.9</i>
2022	1–4 February	Implementation Committee	52
	10–13 May	Implementation Committee	53
	15–17 June	Bureau	–
	27–30 September	Implementation Committee	54
	29 November – 1 December	Working Group on EIA & SEA	11 <i>Doc deadline 5.9</i>
2023	31 January – 3 February	Implementation Committee	55
	21–23 February	Bureau	<i>Docs by 6.2.</i>
	2–5 May	Implementation Committee	12
	13–15 June	Working Group on EIA & SEA	<i>Doc. deadline 20.3</i>
	5–8 September	Implementation Committee	
	12–15 December	Meetings of the Parties to the Convention & the Protocol	9/5 <i>Doc. deadline 18.9</i>

^a The 2021 dates have been booked but will be confirmed by July 2020. Dates for 2022 and 2023 are indicative.

^b Unless otherwise indicated, all the meetings are held in Geneva, at the Palais des Nations.

Annex**Public official holidays 2021–2023**

<i>Year</i>	<i>Dates</i>	<i>Holiday</i>
2021		
	Fri 2–Mon 5 April	Easter
	Thu 13 May	Ascension
	Mon 24 May	Pentecôte
	(Thu 9 September)	(Jeune Genevois)
2022		
	Fri 15–Mon 18 April	Easter
	Thu 26 May	Ascension
	Mon 6 June	Pentecôte
	(Thu 8 September)	(Jeune Genevois)
2023		
	Fri 7–Mon 10 April	Easter
	Thu 18 May	Ascension
	Mon 29 May	Pentecôte
	(Thu 7 September)	(Jeune Genevois)