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

Meeting of the Parties to the Convention
on Environmental Impact Assessment in
a Transboundary Context serving as the
Meeting of the Parties to the Protocol on
Strategic Environmental Assessment

Working Group on Environmental Impact Assessment and Strategic Environmental Assessment

Third meeting

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Status of ratification

Status at 16 October 2013

Note by the secretariat¹

I. Status of ratification of the Convention, its amendments and its Protocol

State	Convention		Amendments		Protocol	
	Signature ²	Ratification ³	1 st	2 nd	Signature ²	Ratification ³
<i>Date adopted/in force</i>	25/02/1991	10/09/1997	27/02/2001	04/06/2004	21/05/2003	11/07/2010
<i>No. Parties to Convention at that date</i>			31	40		
Albania	26/02/1991	04/10/1991	12/05/2006	12/05/2006	21/05/2003	02/12/2005
Andorra						
Armenia		21/02/1997			21/05/2003	24/01/2011
Austria	25/02/1991	27/07/1994	14/09/2006	14/09/2006	21/05/2003	23/03/2010
Azerbaijan		25/03/1999				
Belarus	26/02/1991	10/11/2005	23/03/2011	*		
Belgium	26/02/1991	02/07/1999	*	*	21/05/2003	
Bosnia and Herzegovina		14/12/2009			21/05/2003	
Bulgaria	26/02/1991	12/05/1995	25/01/2007	25/01/2007	21/05/2003	25/01/2007
Canada	26/02/1991	13/05/1998				
Croatia		08/07/1996	11/02/2009	11/02/2009	23/05/2003	06/10/2009

¹ Primary source: <http://treaties.un.org>

² Signature or succession to signature

³ Ratification, accession, approval, acceptance

* Steps being taken towards ratification soon, according to information provided.

State	Convention		Amendments		Protocol	
	Signature ²	Ratification ³	1 st	2 nd	Signature ²	Ratification ³
Cyprus		02/07/2000			21/05/2003	*
Czech Republic	30/09/1993	26/02/2001	18/04/2007	18/04/2007	21/05/2003	19/07/2005
Denmark	26/02/1991	14/03/1997	*	*	21/05/2003	04/06/2012
Estonia		25/04/2001	12/04/2010	12/04/2010	21/05/2003	12/04/2010
Finland	26/02/1991	10/08/1995	*	*	21/05/2003	18/04/2005
France	26/02/1991	15/06/2001		22/11/2011	21/05/2003	
Georgia					21/05/2003	
Germany	26/02/1991	08/08/2002	08/08/2002	22/02/2007	21/05/2003	22/02/2007
Greece	26/02/1991	24/02/1998			21/05/2003	
Hungary	26/02/1991	11/07/1997	29/05/2009	29/05/2009	21/05/2003	26/11/2010
Iceland	26/02/1991					
Ireland	27/02/1991	25/07/2002			21/05/2003	
Israel						
Italy	26/02/1991	19/01/1995			21/05/2003	
Kazakhstan		11/01/2001				
Kyrgyzstan		01/05/2001	*	*		*
Latvia		31/08/1998	*	*	21/05/2003	
Liechtenstein		09/07/1998				
Lithuania		11/01/2001	22/03/2011	22/03/2011	21/05/2003	22/03/2011
Luxembourg	26/02/1991	29/08/1995	05/05/2003	04/05/2007	21/05/2003	02/07/2008
Malta		20/10/2010				
Monaco						
Montenegro		09/07/2009	09/07/2009	09/07/2009	23/10/2006	02/11/2009
Netherlands	25/02/1991	28/02/1995	14/04/2009	14/04/2009	21/05/2003	08/12/2009
Norway	25/02/1991	23/06/1993	24/02/2010	24/02/2010	21/05/2003	11/10/2007
Poland	26/02/1991	12/06/1997	20/07/2004	11/01/2012	21/05/2003	21/06/2011
Portugal	26/02/1991	06/04/2000	*	09/03/2012	21/05/2003	04/09/2012
Republic of Moldova		04/01/1994	*	*	21/05/2003	
Romania	26/02/1991	29/03/2001	16/11/2006		21/05/2003	08/03/2010
Russian Federation	06/06/1991					
San Marino						
Serbia		18/12/2007			21/05/2003	08/07/2010
Slovakia	28/05/1993	19/11/1999	29/05/2008	29/05/2008	19/12/2003	29/05/2008
Slovenia		05/08/1998	*	*	22/05/2003	23/04/2010
Spain	26/02/1991	10/09/1992	16/07/2008	06/04/2009	21/05/2003	24/09/2009
Sweden	26/02/1991	24/01/1992	30/03/2006	30/03/2006	21/05/2003	30/03/2006
Switzerland		16/09/1996	16/06/2010	15/03/2013		
Tajikistan						
The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia		31/08/1999			21/05/2003	13/09/2013
Turkey						
Turkmenistan						
Ukraine	26/02/1991	20/07/1999			21/05/2003	
United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland	26/02/1991	10/10/1997			21/05/2003	
United States of America	26/02/1991					
Uzbekistan						
European Union ⁴	26/02/1991	24/06/1997	18/01/2008	18/01/2008	21/05/2003	12/11/2008
Counts:	30	45	21	21	38	26
	For entry into force, need⁵:		23	30		

⁴ Ratification by the European Union does not count towards the entry into force of the Convention, its amendments (by extension of art. 18, para. 3) or its Protocol.

5/ Pending the entry into force of the second amendment to the Convention, (which will modify article 14 para. 4, accelerating the entry into force of amendments), when determining the entry into force of the two amendments to the Convention, the United Nations Legal Counsel will take into account decision V/2 of the Meeting of the Parties to the Convention and its interpretation by the Working Group on EIA and SEA at its first meeting (24–26 April 2013) (ECE/MP.EIA/WG.2/2012/2, para.12). In line with this interpretation, the amendments will enter into force upon their ratification/approval/acceptance by at least three fourths of the number of State Parties at the time of the adoption of the amendments. Consequently, currently, without counting the European Union, **three more instruments of ratification, approval or acceptance are required in order for the first amendment to enter into force (23/31), and ten more instruments of ratification, approval or acceptance are required in order for the second amendment to enter into force (30/44).**

In May 2013, as requested by the Bureau, the ECE Executive Secretary sent out letters to the Ministers for Foreign Affairs and Ministers of the Environment of twenty-seven State Parties to the Convention inviting them to rapidly ratify or accede to the amendments and the Protocol. At its third second meeting 27–30 May 2013, echoing the recommendations of the Bureau, the Working Group invited the delegations of the concerned Parties to take the necessary action to ensure the entry into force of the amendments by the sixth session of the Meeting of the Parties to the Convention (MOP-6), and to report back to the Working Group on its next meeting in November 2013 on progress made in this regard.

II. Status of the Bucharest Agreement⁵

Multilateral agreement among the countries of South-East Europe for implementation of the Convention (Bucharest, 2008) – in force from 25 February 2011

<i>Participant</i>	<i>Signature, Succession to signature(d)</i>	<i>Ratification, Acceptance(A), Approval(AA), Accession(a), or one of the previous actions but unspecified (u)</i>
Albania	-	
Bosnia and Herzegovina	-	
Bulgaria	20 May 2008	23 Jan 2009 AA
Croatia	20 May 2008	
Greece	20 May 2008	
Montenegro	20 May 2008	28 Dec 2009 u
Romania	20 May 2008	
Serbia	20 May 2008	
The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia	20 May 2008	26 Jan 2011 u

⁵ Source: Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Romania, with Romania being the Depository for the Agreement.