

Economic Commission for Europe

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

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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**

Seventh meeting

Geneva, 28–30 May 2018

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

Next ordinary sessions of the Meetings of the Parties to the Convention and the Convention

Provisional schedule of meetings 2018–2020¹

Proposal by the Bureau

This note presents a provisional schedule of meetings for the remaining of the intermediary session (2018–2020) as proposed by the Bureau. It is a revised and updated version of the schedule presented at the last sessions of the Meetings of the Parties to the Convention and the Protocol (Minsk, 13–16 June 2017). The following adjustments have been proposed:

- As requested by the Parties in Minsk, the schedule was complemented with an additional, intermediary, session of the Meeting of the Parties, which the Bureau proposes for 5–7 February 2019. (Dates in 2018 were not feasible due to the lack of available rooms and interpretation services and because, due to the UN deadlines for processing official documents, the revised draft decision on compliance to be finalized by the Implementation Committee in September 2018 could be made available only in late December 2018);
- To finalize the documentation and preparations for the intermediary session, the Bureau proposes to hold an additional meeting in 2018 (22(pm)-23 October 2018);
- In 2019, the proposal is to hold one meeting of the Working Group on EIA and SEA (26–28 November) in addition to the intermediary session of the Meeting of the Parties, and to move the other one to mid-May/June 2020. (The number of budgeted Working Group meetings remains unchanged)
- Not to further delay the tackling of its important workload, the Implementation Committee would hold an additional (10th) meeting in 2–4 September (9 meetings were foreseen);
- The next “ordinary” sessions of the Meetings of the Parties are proposed to be held on 9–11 December 2020.

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

¹ The meeting dates were proposed by the Bureau on 7–9 February 2018 after consideration of major holidays, document deadlines and the room availability. The 2019 dates and interpretation slots have been initially booked, but they will remain subject to confirmation by the UN Geneva Office in July 2018.

<i>Year</i>	<i>Date</i>	<i>Body</i>	<i>Session/comments</i>
2018	7–8 February	Bureau (stand-alone meeting)	–
	13–15 March	Implementation Committee	41
	28–30 May	Working Group on EIA & SEA	7
	11– 13 14 September ²	Implementation Committee	42
	22(pm)-23 October	Bureau (stand-alone meeting)	-
	4– 6 7 December	Implementation Committee	43
2019	5–7 February	Intermediary session of the Meeting of the Parties to the Convention	<i>Document deadline (12 week rule) 9 November</i>
	12–15 March	Implementation Committee	44
	10–13 September	Implementation Committee	45
	26–28 November	Working Group on EIA & SEA	8 <i>Document deadline, 2 September</i>
	10–13 December	Implementation Committee	46
	2020	First half of February	Bureau (stand-alone meeting)
February/March		Implementation Committee	47
9–11 June (or 12–14 May)		Working Group on EIA & SEA	9 <i>(Doc deadline 16.3 or 17.2)</i>
2–4 September		Implementation Committee	48 <i>(Additional)</i>
9–11 December		Meetings of the Parties to the Convention & the Protocol	8/4 <i>Document deadline 16 September</i>

² The Implementation Committee agreed at its 41st session (Geneva, 13-15 March 2018) to extend each of the meetings to be held in 2018 and 2019 by one additional day. On 26 April 2018 the secretariat obtained a conformation for availability of a meeting room and the interpretation for its extended meetings in 2018.