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### Working Group of the Parties

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#### Development of the Protocol

### Results of the 2018 survey among national focal points on progress in implementing the strategic plan for 2015-2020\*

1. The below table shows the results of the 2018 survey among national focal points on progress in implementing the strategic plan for 2015-2020 in relation to the plan's framework for implementation. Since the time of the submission of the document on Progress in implementing the strategic plan for 2015-2020 (ECE/MP.PRTR/WG.1/2018/5), one more Party, Norway, submitted the report. The last column lists percentages of Parties that participated in the survey and responded positively about the implementation of a specific objective of the strategic plan. Information in the first line per focal area corresponds to the mean out of the results of progress in implementing the respective objectives. In addition, a basic measurement of to what extent the *Indicators of progress/targets* (see column four of the table) were met, is provided by using the categories: *Vast majority/Most/Some/None* and by highlighting the applicable term in bold letters.

2. In the following, selected outcomes of the survey are listed. In response to the survey question on:

- Focal area I, objective I.1, the following Parties replied that they collect data from facilities in an integrated way: Belgium, Croatia, Cyprus, Czech Republic, European Union, Finland, France, Germany, Israel, Latvia, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Netherlands, Norway, Romania, Serbia, Slovakia, Sweden and Switzerland;

- Focal area II, objective II.4, "Do you engage in activities that promote synergies with ECE and global MEAs, such as Basel/Rotterdam/Stockholm Conventions, Minamata Convention or the SAICM process?", the following Parties replied positively: Austria, Belgium, Bulgaria, Czech Republic, Estonia, European Union, Finland, Germany, Hungary, Montenegro, Netherlands, Norway, Slovakia, Spain and Switzerland;

- Focal area III, objective III.3, "Do you consider to include other aspects, such as information on energy and water consumption, on-site transfers of waste or storage (art. 6, para. 2)?"", Parties replied that e.g. energy consumption is: i) already part of the reporting system in Albania, Croatia, Finland, Norway, Slovakia and Spain; ii) Cyprus, Israel, Netherlands, Serbia consider including it in their PRTR reporting.

A detailed overview of the results of the survey can be found in accompanying document PRTR/WG.1/2018/Inf.1/Add.1.

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<i>Focal area/strategic goal/objective</i>	<i>Type of activity</i>	<i>Possible implementing partners</i>	<i>Indicators of progress/targets</i>	<i>Progress in implementing</i>
<b>Focal area I:</b> Implementation of the Protocol by each Party				Indicators of progress/targets met: <b>Vast majority</b> / Most / Some / None  Overall rate of implementation: 76% <sup>2</sup>
Objective I.1	Development and review of the national framework in consultation with public authorities and stakeholders	Parties and stakeholders	Number/proportion of Parties having integrated and shared electronic reporting tools and data available on electronic databases	Electronic reporting: 97% (31/32 Parties)  Integrated reporting: 59% (19/32 Parties)
	Regional workshops	Secretariat, Parties		Electronic Database: 69% (22/32 Parties)
	Facilitation of access to free reporting software	Parties		The 3 above aspects combined: 75%
	Implementation of SEIS principles	Parties, EEA, secretariat, partner organizations <sup>a</sup>		
	Training, webinars and capacity-building for officials	Parties, secretariat, partner organizations		
Objective I.2	Updating implementation guidelines	Parties, secretariat	Dedicated part on PRTR.net  Number of Parties using these methodologies	Recommend/develop/apply calculation methodologies: 81% (26/32 Parties)
	Dedicated area on PRTR.net	Parties, secretariat, Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development, Global Resource Information Database centre in Arendal, Norway (GRID-Arendal)		
	Training, webinars and	Parties, secretariat,		

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	capacity building for officials	partner organizations		
Objective I.3	Training, webinars and capacity-building for officials	Parties, secretariat, partner organizations	Number of Parties having databases accessible through the Internet	<p>Website is -</p> <p>Free of charge: 97% (31/32 Parties)</p> <p>Dedicated to PRTR: 91% (29/32)</p> <p>User-friendly: 91% (29/32)</p> <p>Links to other sites: 78% (25/32)</p> <p>The 4 above aspects combined: 88%</p>
Objective I.4	Exchange of information	Parties, secretariat, Meeting of the Parties, Working Group of the Parties, partner organizations	Number of Parties having reported good practices on the subject	Specific good practices are not reported. The vast majority of Parties mentioned that relevant legislation and regulation was in place, or that no confidentiality is offered. Many Parties report that no requests for confidentiality were received.
	Review of national framework	Parties and stakeholders, Compliance Committee		
Objective I.5	Training, webinars and capacity-building for officials	Parties, secretariat, partner organizations	Number of Parties using GIS	<p>Spatial information is collected: 72% (23/32 Parties)</p> <p>Spatial information is made available via GIS: 66% (21/32 Parties)</p>

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Objective I.6	Review of national framework	Parties and stakeholders, Compliance Committee	Number of Parties making information on releases from diffuse sources available	Make available releases from diffuse sources: 66% (21/32 Parties)
	Training, webinars and capacity-building for officials	Parties, secretariat, partner organizations		
<b>Focal area II:</b> Lifting barriers to ratification and expansion beyond the ECE region				Indicators of progress/targets met: Vast majority / Most / <b>Some</b> / None  Overall rate of implementation: 42 % <sup>3</sup>
Objective II.1	Translation of guidance material	Parties, secretariat, partner organizations	Number of additional ratifications since 2014	3 ratifications since 2014 (Malta, Montenegro and Ukraine)
	Regional workshops	Secretariat, Parties, partner organizations		Examine challenges faced by ECE States: 41% (13/32 Parties)
	Training, webinars and capacity-building for officials	Parties, secretariat, partner organizations		Translate relevant guidance material to facilitate ratification of ECE States: 19% (6/32 Parties)
Objective II.2	Promotion of the Protocol beyond the ECE region at events and through bilateral and international cooperation	Secretariat, Parties, partner organizations	Number of additional ratifications beyond the ECE region since 2014	No ratification from beyond ECE region. Engage in activities that promote and facilitate accession by non-ECE States: 41% (13/32 Parties)
Objective II.3	Promotion of the Protocol through, e.g., the International PRTR Coordinating Group	Secretariat, Bureau, Working Group of the Parties, Parties, partner organizations, stakeholders	Effective promotion and identification of potential synergies  Number of joint projects implemented	Promote synergies with international organizations: 50% (16/32 Parties)

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Objective II.4	Promotion of the Protocol through and joint activities with other MEAs	Secretariat, Bureau, Working Group of the Parties, Parties, partner organizations, stakeholders	Effective promotion and identification of potential synergies Number of joint meetings or projects implemented	Promote synergies with ECE and global MEAs, such as Basel/Rotterdam/Stockholm Conventions, Minamata Convention or the SAICM process: 47% (15/32 Parties)
	Meetings of the Chairs of the ECE MEAs	Secretariat, MEA Chairs	Cooperation with ECE MEAs	

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<b>Focal area III</b> Development of the Protocol				Indicators of progress/targets met: Vast majority / Most / Some / <b>None</b>  Overall rate of implementation: 36 % <sup>4</sup>
Objective III.1	Surveys and studies	Secretariat, Meeting of the Parties, Working Group of the Parties, Parties, stakeholders, partner organizations	Decisions by the Meeting of the Parties	No related decision by Meeting of Parties
	Discussions at meetings of the Working Group of the Parties and decisions by the Meeting of the Parties	Parties, secretariat		More substances than in annex II: 59% (19/32 Parties)  More activities than in annex I: 41% (13/32 Parties)
Objective III.2	Surveys and studies	Secretariat, Meeting of the Parties, Working Group of the Parties, Parties, stakeholders, partner organizations	Decisions by Meeting of the Parties	No related decision by Meeting of Parties
	Discussion at the Working Group of the Parties and decisions by the Meeting of the Parties	Parties, secretariat		Specific requirements for releases of pollutants from diffuse sources: 22% (7/32 Parties)
Objective III.3	Surveys and studies	Secretariat, Bureau of the Working Group of the Parties, Parties, stakeholders, partner organizations	Decisions by the Meeting of the Parties	No related decision by Meeting of Parties

<sup>4</sup> This information corresponds to the mean out of the results of progress in implementing the respective objectives for each focal area.

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	Discussion at the Working Group of the Parties and decisions by the Meeting of the Parties	Parties, secretariat		Consider including (or have already included) other aspects, such as information on energy and water consumption, on-site transfers of waste or storage: 47% (14/32 Parties)
Objective III.4	Input to relevant processes under ECE	Parties, secretariat, Bureau, Working Group of the Parties	Input to Committee on Environmental Policy/ "Environment for Europe" process	Input has been provided to CEP and EfE. Use PRTRs as a tool for assessing the development of a green economy (or circular economy) in the context of sustainable development/sustainable development goals: 25% (8/32 Parties)