

International PRTR Coordinating Group (ICG)

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The International PRTR Coordinating Group is...

The International PRTR Coordinating Group is a platform that brings together key global PRTR players. It is an open group.

Objectives of the ICG

The overall objective of the International PRTR Coordinating Group is to improve coordination among international organizations, Governments, NGOs and other interested parties in their efforts related to the development and implementation of PRTR systems.

Also serves to promote capacity-building for PRTRs in developing countries and countries with economies in transition through intergovernmental coordination.

Bureau of the ICG

The United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP), United Nations Institute for Training and Research (UNITAR), UNECE and Spain.

The UNECE Aarhus Convention Secretariat also serves as secretariat group.

ICG Meetings

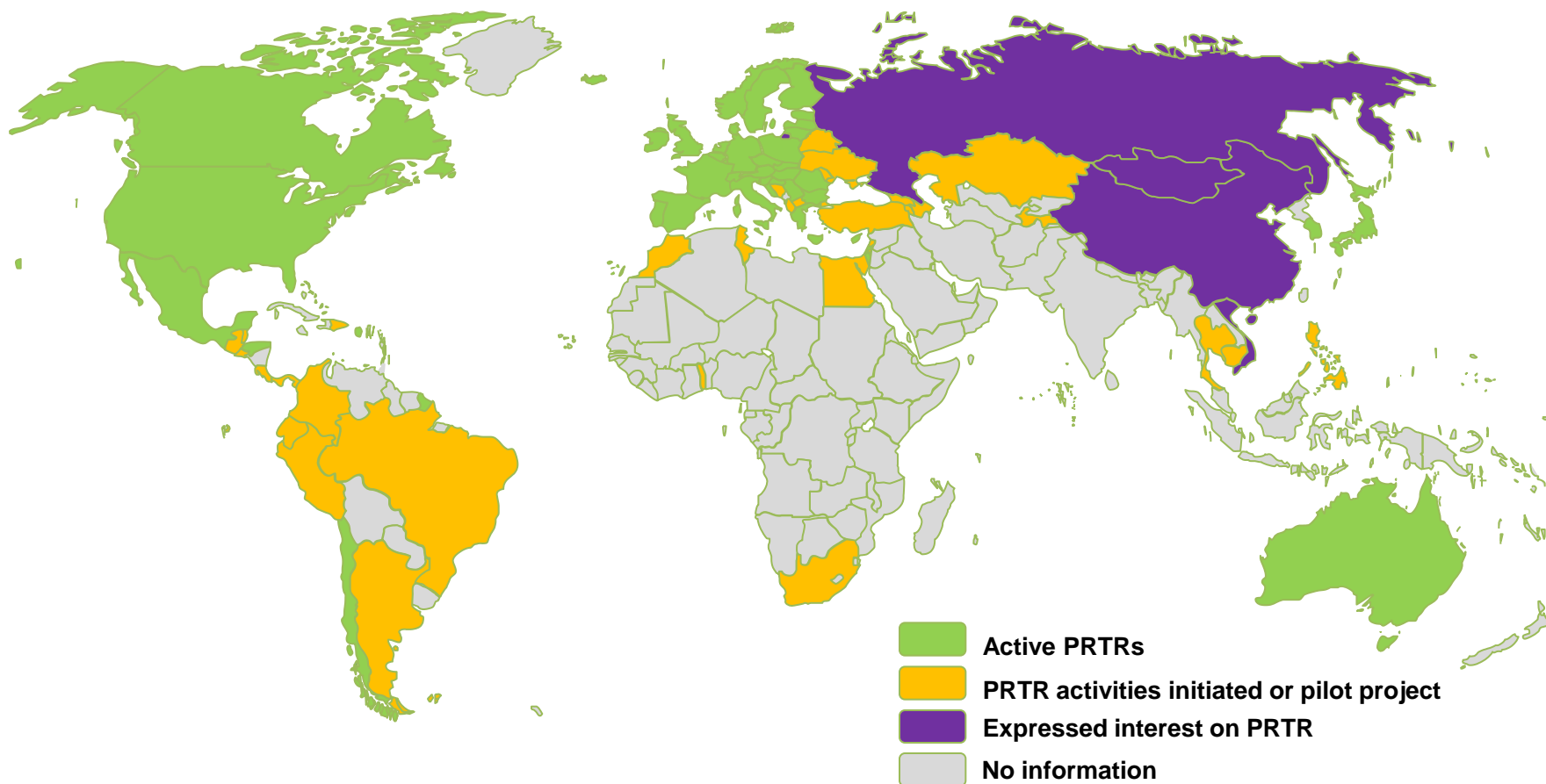
The ICG meetings usually take place yearly and back to back with the OECD TF on PRTR. 10th meeting will take place next October in Paris (OECD Headquarter) .

All the information on the ICG (objectives, history, meetings, documents, etc.) is available on the UNECE/PRTR website:

<http://www.unece.org/env/pp/prtr/intlchgimages/about.html>

About its activities

- With regard to geographic coverage, **ICG participants inform usually on yearly basis, not only about its own progress made in PRTR but also about its PRTR activities and efforts worldwide, for example in Europe, Caucasus, Latin America, Asia, Also in Africa,...**
- **Promote PRTRs in the major global fora, (RIO+20, 1st and 2nd GRT, Eye on Earth summit in Abu Dhabi)**
- **Reports on PRTR activities** to the International Conference on Chemicals Management (ICCM) and the Strategic Approach to International Chemicals Management (SAICM)
- **“PRTR GLOBAL MAP”**, quick view on the level of implementation of PRTRs around the world. (It is not a legal/formal or official PRTR MAP but a friendly way to see how the PRTR family is growing up worldwide). Usually updated one per year.



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About its activities (more...)

- **Identify** what we call **“PRTR Hot-Topics**: bringing to the discussion any topic that is innovative or considered a priority in the implementation of PRTRs, such us:
 - **the role of PRTRs in promoting sustainability (SDGs) and good governance**;
 - how the harmonization of PRTR data can be addressed,
 - promoting the **great potential that PRTRs** have for coordination and for building synergies as a **reporting tool to multilateral environmental agreements** (e.g. Minamata, Stockholm, Basel, Rotterdam and Barcelona Conventions, or to the Kyoto Protocol) or
 - **raising questions like what can be done to improve the information** for the public or to generate a greater public’s interest?. Or even for a better understanding and use of PRTR data by the public

ICG in the future

This background is what makes the ICG is well positioned even for the future, as a mechanism to facilitate cooperation, exchange of information and provide to the PRTR initiatives and the ICG participants with added value, avoiding duplications and identifying possible synergies.

You all are invited to participate actively in this group!

Thank you very much for your attention!

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