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# Implementation of a PRTR in Colombia

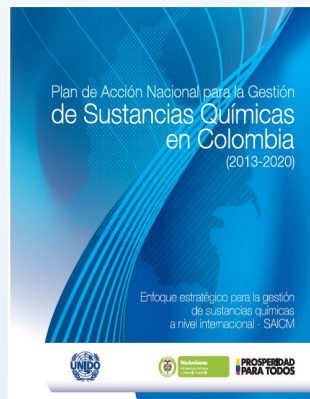
8th meeting of the Working Group of the Parties to the Protocol on PRTRs

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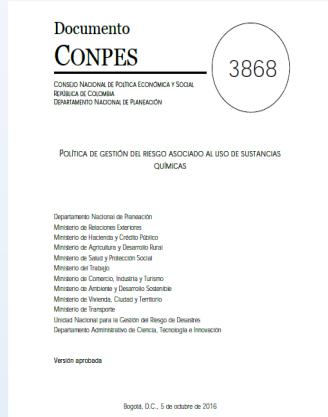
## National Action Plan for the Management of Chemicals in Colombia 2013-2020

Develop and implementation of a PRTR system.



Environmental Performance Review – OECD (2014) - start of the process of accession of Colombia to the OECD

Recommendation on chemicals: Develop and implement a PRTR.

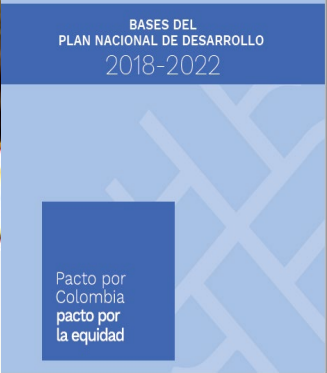


## CONPES 3868/2016

### Risk management policy for the use of chemicals.

Reduce adverse effects of chemicals on health and the environment through different programs and other initiatives:

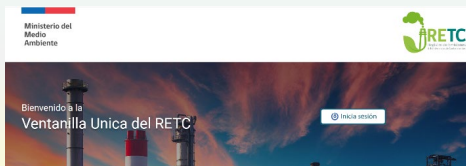
## PRTR



## National Development Plan 2014-2018.

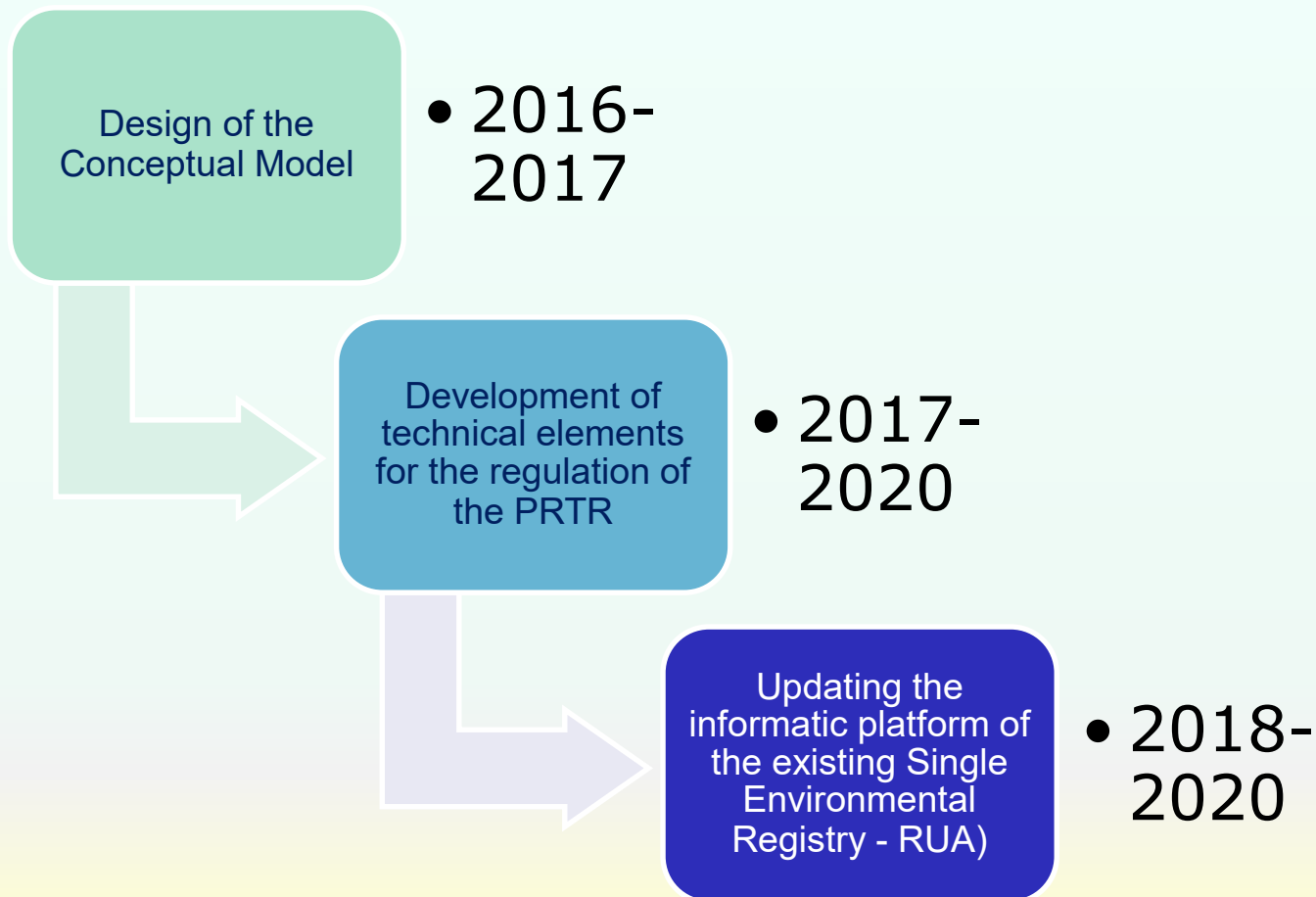
## National Development Plan 2018-2022.

Establish the PRTR, in accordance with the best international practices



# Colombia PRTR





Development of a pilot test of the PRTR with productive sectors and environmental authorities.

- 2019-2020

Development and Issuance of the regulation

- 2020-2021

## Technical Working Group (GTT)



Design, implementation  
and operation

## National Advisory Committee (CCN)



Consultative body in  
the design,  
development and  
implementation  
process.



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- Government entities
- Private sector
- Academic and scientific institutions

Provide information to the public on pollutant releases and transfers in order to broaden the knowledge and participation of citizens in the processes of taking environmental policy decisions.

Promote the reduction of risks derived from potentially dangerous releases and / or transfers, while allowing the identification of sources and environmental burdens at the local, regional and national levels.

Promote the prevention and reduction of pollution by encouraging the use of cleaner technologies that avoid or reduce costly mechanisms of control, treatment and final disposal, minimizing the impact of environmental legal responsibilities.



**Pilot Test**

## Informatic platform and user guide

Verify performance and  
check the clarity of the  
instructions given



## Required information

Verify ability of notifiers to  
provide information



## Identify necessary adjustments to:

- Conceptual model
- Informatic platform
- User's guide
- Information validation tools



## User training

- Environmental Authorities
- Companies subject to reporting



Identify and raise  
awareness of  
other interested parties

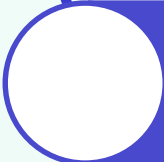


Check comparability  
of national PRTR data, with  
data from other PRTR  
systems.





Develop or select the most appropriate methodologies or models for estimating emissions (to facilitate reporting of pollutants)



Train stakeholders (companies subject to report and regional authorities), so they do not perceive the system as something complex or impossible to understand.



Highlight to the companies, the benefits of the PRTR and that it is not seen as a tool to point out the one who pollutes the most.



Raise awareness on the public to understand and properly use the information to be published, in order to avoid misinterpretations



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Thank you

Gracias