



Report by the Chair of the Committee on Environmental Policy

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Chair

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Executive Committee
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26th session of the CEP

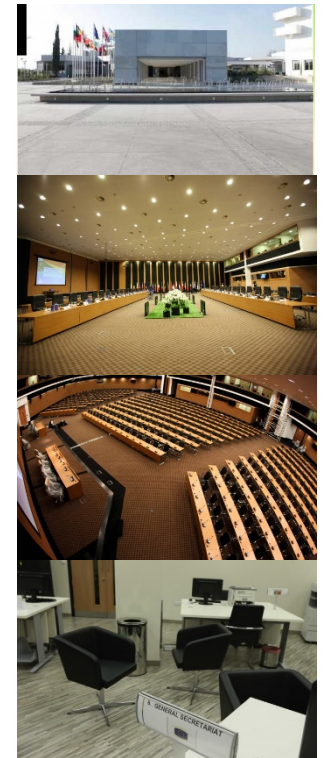
- Geneva and online, 9-10 November 2020
- Delegations from 39 UNECE member States
- Representatives from national, regional and international organizations and bodies
- Civil society

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**Ninth Environment for Europe Ministerial Conference
(Nicosia, Cyprus, rescheduled for 2022)**



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Environmental Performance Reviews

- Published and launched:
 - *3rd EPR of Uzbekistan*
- Reviewed:
 - *3rd EPR of Romania*
- Ongoing:
 - *3rd EPR of Azerbaijan*
 - *2nd EPR of Morocco*
- In the pipeline:
 - *2nd EPR of Armenia*
 - *3rd EPR of Ukraine*





Cross-cutting activities

Education for Sustainable Development:

- The fourth mandatory reporting of national implementation of the UNECE Strategy for ESD: the summary evaluation report finalised in 2020 and will be issued in 2021.
- Ad hoc group on Indicators:
 - Third meeting (Brussels, Belgium, February 2020)
- Ad hoc Group on youth:
 - First meeting (Vienna, Austria, February 2020)
- Ad hoc group for Strategic Planning:
 - Third meeting (Nicosia, Cyprus, March 2020) - **cancelled**
- 15th meeting of the Steering Committee (Geneva and online, 19-20 October 2020)
- 16th meeting of the Steering Committee (Geneva, 7-8 May 2021)

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Cross-cutting activities

Transport, Health and Environment:

- Extraordinary meeting on 22 April 2020 to assess the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on transport, health and environment
- The 18th meeting of the Steering Committee of THE PEP (25-27 November 2020, Geneva and online)
- 5th Ministerial High-Level Meeting on Transport, Health and Environment (rescheduled for May 2021, Vienna)



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UNECE multilateral environmental agreements

- COPs/MOPs in 2020:

- Convention on the Transboundary Effects of Industrial Accidents (7-9 December 2020)
- Espoo Convention and the Protocol on SEA (8-11 December 2020)
- Air Convention (18 December 2020)



- COPs/MOPs in 2021:

- Water Convention (Tallinn, 29 September – 1 October 2021)
- Aarhus Convention and the PRTR Protocol (Geneva, October 2021)
- Air Convention (Geneva, 6-10 December 2021)



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Technical cooperation activities:

- Compendium of measures to green the post-pandemic recovery
- Roadmap for the implementation of recommendations of 3rd EPRs of Uzbekistan and of North Macedonia
- Strengthening the capacity in integrating gender aspects into environmental policies and strategies in Serbia
- Training material on water-food-energy nexus for university teachers and graduate students in Central Asia
- Transboundary water cooperation projects:
 - in Drin basin (South-Eastern Europe)
 - in the Dniester basin (Republic of Moldova and Ukraine)
 - in the Bug-Neman basin (Belarus and Ukraine)

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The Executive Committee is invited to

- **Approve** the programme of work of the Environment subprogramme for 2021, as contained in document ECE/CEP/2020/5;
- **Approve** the extension of the current mandate and terms of reference of the Working Group on Environmental Monitoring and Assessment, as contained in document ECE/EX/2017/L.2, until 30 June 2023.



Thank you for your attention

More information is available on the UNECE website:

<https://unece.org/environment-policy>

