

# Working Group on Environmental Monitoring and Assessment

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Agenda Item 4: Implementing the mandate and terms of reference

## Presentation of the financial resources available



## Financial resources



### ENVIRONMENT

Source	Purpose	Status
United Nations Development Account	<i>Improved environmental monitoring and assessment in support of the 2030 Sustainable Development Agenda in South-Eastern Europe, Central Asia and the Caucasus, 2018-2021</i>	\$500,000, of which \$281,845 remains (ongoing, with UNEP+)
Russian Federation	<i>Support of the Working Group (includes financial support of participants from the Caucasus, Central Asia and Eastern Europe and consultancy for country profiles)</i>	\$80,000, of which about \$5,000 remains, first half of 2021 only (so to be returned)
Norway	<i>Promotion of Environmental Protection and Cooperation in the UNECE Region, 2018-2020</i>	Approximately \$4,800 for 2020 (now exhausted)
Austria	Financial support for participants from South-Eastern Europe	Funds for 2019 exhausted
	Financial support for participants from South-Eastern Europe, plus for the <a href="#">pan-European assessment</a>	€10,000 (2020)

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Switzerland	Support of experts from Central Asia engaged in the work of the Working Group	\$20,000 in 2019 \$20,000 in 2020 (funds remain)
	Pan-European environmental assessment	\$30,000, of which \$25,880 committed, and \$3,500 earmarked
Germany	Pan-European environmental assessment	€10,000, all committed
Serbia	Pan-European environmental assessment	€5,000, of which about \$3,000 committed
Netherlands	Pan-European environmental assessment (through Environment for Europe fund)	Approx. €20,000, of which \$13,560 committed

New



Pan-European environmental assessment – limited funds, but proceeding well thanks to the generosity of the donors: Austria, Germany, Netherlands, Norway, Serbia and Switzerland

#### **More worrying ...**

Joint Task Force session, autumn 2021 – funds available for 1 (environmental) expert from each of 5 Central Asian States, and perhaps for some (environmental) experts from South-Eastern Europe

**Thank you!**





# Proposed decision



## The Working Group:

- a) Takes note of the financial resources available for the implementation of activities under the Environmental Monitoring and Assessment Programme
- b) Expresses appreciation to those countries supporting financially the pan-European environmental assessment – Austria, Germany, Netherlands, Norway, Serbia and Switzerland – and to the Russian Federation for its support of the present meeting
- c) Requests its members and the secretariat to continue their fundraising efforts to enable the full implementation of activities planned for 2021-2022, including the preparation of the pan-European environmental assessment and the holding of the next sessions of the Joint Task Force on Environmental Statistics & Indicators and the Working Group