

Economic Commission for Europe

Meeting of the Parties to the Protocol on Pollutant Release and Transfer Registers to the Convention on Access to Information, Public Participation in Decision-making and Access to Justice in Environmental Matters

Compliance Committee

Nineth meeting

Geneva, 28 and 29 April 2021

Key outcomes of the meeting¹

1. Opening of the meeting and adoption of the agenda

The Committee adopted the meeting's provisional agenda² and took note of the appointment of new Committee's members: Mr Mario Božičević and Mr. Stéphane Bernaudon, who replaced Ms. Nataša Kacic-Bartulovic and Mr. Nicolas Encausse respectively.

2. Draft guide to the Compliance Committee of the Protocol on Pollutant Release and Transfer Registers

The Committee adopted the draft guide to the Compliance Committee of the Protocol on Pollutant Release and Transfer Registers, as amended at the meeting, and requested the secretariat to upload it on the Committee's webpage.

3. Submissions, referrals and communications

The Committee took note of the report by the secretariat.

The Committee considered the preliminary admissibility of the communication concerning Ukraine³ and decided that the communication is admissible.

4. National pollutant release and transfer registers in the European Union member States

The Committee considered the response received from Finland⁴ and, noting several issues of potential non-compliance, but at the same time observing a number of measures that Finland is currently implementing and planning to implement, agreed to defer preparation of draft findings to a later stage. The Committee agreed to send a letter to Finland informing it about the Committee's decision and providing Finland with the recommendations on specific measures.

The Committee agreed to address relevant observations identified in 2021 national implementation reports submitted by Parties and address them in the synthesis report along with general recommendations regarding the matter of national pollutant release and transfer registers in the European Union member States.

¹ This document was not formally edited.

² Available from: <https://unece.org/environmental-policy/events/ninth-meeting-compliance-committee-under-prtr-protocol>.

³ See: <https://unece.org/env/pp/protocol-on-prtrs/cc/communications-from-the-public>

⁴ See: <https://unece.org/env/pp/protocol-on-prtrs/protocol-bodies/cc/correspondence>

5. Other business

[No issues were considered.]

6. Adoption of the outcomes of the meeting

The Committee adopted the meeting's outcomes presented by the Chair at the meeting and requested the secretariat, in consultation with the Chair, to finalize the report and incorporate the adopted outcomes. The draft meeting report will be sent to the Committee members for possible comments and approval prior to its finalisation.
