

Working Group on Environmental Monitoring and Assessment

Twenty-third session, Geneva and online, 4-5 May 2021

Agenda Item 3: Adoption of the report of the twenty-second session

Key outcomes of the 22nd session of the Working Group on Environmental Monitoring & Assessment & status of implementation of decisions and recommendations



Objectives of the 22nd session of the Working Group



- To discuss and adopt the revised annual timetable of activities for 2021
- To discuss the draft Terms of Reference for the period 2022-2026
- To review the first draft of the progress report on SEIS establishment
- To discuss the next pan-European environmental assessment
- To inform the Working Group about international projects and initiatives of relevance
- To develop an inclusive platform to discuss integration of economic, social and environmental data
- To consult on streamlining of regular state-of-the environment reporting



Recommendations and Decisions taken by the Working Group and their status of implementation



I. Introduction

- The Working Group adopted the agenda for its twenty-second session (ECE/CEP/AC.10/2020/1/Rev.1). [\[done\]](#)

II. Adoption of the report of the twenty-first session of the Working Group

- The Working Group adopted the report of its twenty-first session and noted the information provided by the secretariat on the status of implementation of decisions and recommendations from its twenty-first session. [\[done\]](#)

III. Implementing the mandate and terms of reference

- The Working Group:
 - (a) Adopted the revised draft annual timetable of activities for 2021 as set out in document ECE/CEP/AC.10/2020/3/Rev.1, while recognizing that it might need to be adjusted in the light of a possible change to the timing of the next Environment for Europe Ministerial Conference. [\[done\]](#)



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III. Implementing the mandate and terms of reference - continued

■ The Working Group:

(b) requested the secretariat to prepare an informal document for the next session of the Committee on Environmental Policy setting out the necessary changes to the annual timetable of activities 2021 should the next Ministerial Conference be rescheduled to 2022. [\[done, CEP information paper no. 7 in November 2020\]](#)

(c) took note of the financial resources available for the implementation of activities under the Environmental Monitoring and Assessment Programme. [\[done\]](#)

(d) requested its members and the secretariat to continue their fundraising efforts to enable the full implementation of activities planned for 2021, including for preparation of the pan-European environmental assessment. [\[done\]](#)

(e) took note of information provided on other international projects related to the activities of the Working Group. [\[done\]](#)

(f) invited its members and representatives of other projects to provide regular updates to the Working Group on recent developments in project implementation. [\[done, on agenda for the 23rd session of the Working Group\]](#)



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III. Implementing the mandate and terms of reference - continued

- The Working Group:

(g) requested the secretariat to inform the Committee on Environmental Policy of the Working Group's wish to extend its current mandate and terms of reference until at least 2022 should the next Ministerial Conference be rescheduled to 2022. [\[done, CEP information paper no. 12 in November 2020\]](#)

(h) requested the secretariat to prepare a document setting out the extension of the current mandate and terms of reference and to present it at the next session of the Working Group. [\[done, on agenda for the 23rd session of the Working Group\]](#)



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IV. Reporting on the Shared Environmental Information System to support a regular process of environmental assessment

- The Working Group:
 - (a) adopted the revised outline of the final review report on the establishment of the Shared Environmental Information System (ECE/CEP/AC.10/2020/5/Rev.1). [\[done\]](#)
 - (b) took note of the revised timeline due to the limited number of self-assessments submitted for the Shared Environmental Information System final progress review and requested all member States to submit their self-assessments by 15 December 2020 at the latest to the secretariat through the use of the Shared Environmental Information System online tool. [\[done\]](#)
 - (c) requested the secretariat to inform the Committee on Environmental Policy of the outcomes of the Working Group's discussion on the Shared Environmental Information System final progress review and sought the Committee's support in mobilizing member States to submit their self-assessments. [\[done\]](#)
 - (d) requested the secretariat to prepare a revised version of the document ECE/CEP/AC.10/2020/7, based on additional self-assessments submitted by member States for the Working Group's next session [\[done, on agenda for the 23rd session of the Working Group\]](#)
 - (e) took note of the finalized publication "Guidelines on the Shared Environmental Information System reporting mechanism". [\[done\]](#)



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V. Regular pan-European environmental assessment supported by the Shared Environmental Information System

- The Working Group:
 - (a) approved the final outline of the pan-European assessment set out in document ECE/CEP/AC.10/2020/6/Rev.1, while noting that it might not be possible to address all environmental themes listed, themes needed to be addressed in an integrated manner and the coronavirus disease (COVID-19) pandemic should be considered. [\[done\]](#)
 - (b) took note of the status of and timeline for the next pan-European environmental assessment. [\[done\]](#)
 - (c) requested the secretariat to inform the Committee on Environmental Policy of the outcomes of the agenda item and the suggestions made regarding the pan-European assessment. [\[done\]](#)
 - (d) requested its members to provide information on partners, indicators and case studies to the secretariat by 15 November 2020. [\[no input provided\]](#)
 - (e) requested an update on the assessment at its next session. [\[done, on agenda for the 23rd session of the Working Group, \]](#)



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VI. Sharing and integration of economic, social and environmental data with regard to the implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development

- The Working Group invited its members to submit suggestions and answers to the questions on agenda item 6 related to “Sharing and integration of economic, social and environmental data with regard to the implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development” in written form to the secretariat by 15 November 2020. [\[no input provided\]](#)

VII. Progress in environmental monitoring and assessment, including institutional and regulatory mechanisms and infrastructure at the national level

- No decisions

VIII. Other business and closure of the meeting

- The Working Group welcomed a summary of conclusions and recommendations and approved the decisions made ad referendum during the twenty-second session. [\[done\]](#)

Questions & Comments ?

Thank you!



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Proposed Decision:

The Working Group:

Adopts the report of the 22nd session of the Working Group on Environmental Monitoring and Assessment as set out in document ECE/CEP/AC.10/2020/2