

**Eighteenth session**

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Joint Task Force on Environmental Statistics and Indicators

Agenda item 5: Ongoing developments with relevance for the work of the Joint Task Force

Pan-European environmental assessment





Committee on Environmental Policy, 26th session (Nov. 2020)

- Rescheduled the next Ministerial Conference, to be held in Nicosia, for 5–7 October 2022 – *as expected*
- Expressed its appreciation to those member States that have provided financial contributions to support preparation of the next pan-European environmental assessment
- Encouraged member States to provide further support in terms of expertise and funding
- Requested the secretariat to continue to inform the Bureau of progress made.


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Contributions	Approx. (\$)	Expenditures	Approx. (\$)
Austria, €16,000	18,720	Consultants & procurement (substance) Disbursed, committed or being prepared	74,400
Germany, €10,000	11,737		
Netherlands, approx. €20,000	23,400	Anticipated (<i>minimum</i>)	3,100
Norway, approx. \$4,800	4,800	Presentation and promotion Editing, layout/graphics, additional translation, video? etc. (<i>approx.</i>)	14,500
Serbia, €5,000	5,869		
Switzerland, \$30,000	30,000		
UN Regular Budget	9,500	Programme support costs	13%
	104,026		



Key findings and policy messages (informal, largely complete draft, in English)

Chapter I – Setting the scene – Regular assessment of state of environment, State of knowledge and SEIS, Environmental policies in region (informal, largely complete draft, English)

Chapter II – Regional context and developments as drivers of environmental change (informal, largely complete draft, English)

Chapter III – Environmental state and trends (next slide) (6 as official documents, English & Russian; other 2 possibly as informal documents, English)

Chapter IV – Themes for 9th Environment for Europe Ministerial Conference (next slide) (sustainable tourism – official document, English & Russian; sustainable infrastructure – informal document, English)

Chapter V – Strengthening environmental governance (drafting)

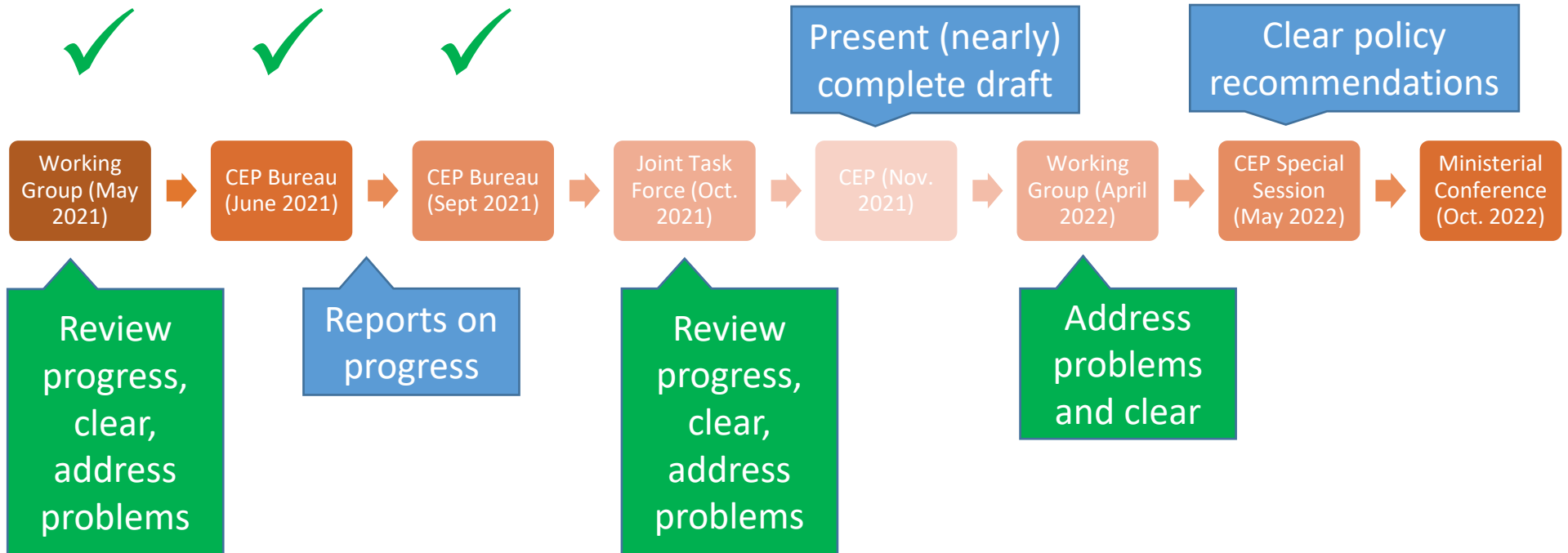
Chapter VI – Way forward (informal, incomplete draft to CEP, in English).



Progress in assessing themes

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Theme	Consultant	Indicators	Draft section	Completed
III.A. Atmospheric air	Contracted	Agreed	Yes	Yes
III.B. Climate change	Contracted	Agreed	Yes	Yes
III.C. Fresh water	Contracted			
III.D. Coastal waters, marine ecosystems & seas	Contracted	Agreed	Yes	Yes
III.E. Biodiversity and ecosystems	Contracted	Agreed	Yes	Yes
III.F. Land and soil	Contracted	Agreed	Yes	Yes
III.G. Chemicals and waste	Contracted	Agreed	Yes	Yes
H. Environmental financing	Contracted			
IV. A. Greening the economy in the pan-European region: working towards sustainable infrastructure	Contracted	Agreed	Yes	
IV.B. Applying principles of circular economy to sustainable tourism	Contracted (major part)	Yes	Yes	Yes, but

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- Issue second contract on “sustainable tourism”
- Clear remaining indicator selections (“freshwater” & “environmental financing”) and draft sections (“sustainable infrastructure” too)
- Finalize description of drivers and other common elements
- Complete integration, considering also Conference themes & COVID-19
- Align with thematic background documents (coherence)
- Finalize “governance”, “messages” and “way forward” sections
- Compile complete document, and harmonize design and layout



- Complete translation
- Revise data in 2022, to end 2021
- Prepare as publication
- Generate online annex with national data and trends
- Prepare extended background documents online, for reference
- Consider promotional materials for Ministerial Conference



Questions & Comments

Thank you!





Proposed Decision:

The Joint Task Force:

- a) Welcomes the draft elements of the next pan-European environmental assessment set out in documents ECE/CEP-CES/GE.1/2021/5-8
- b) Takes note of the progress made, timeline and next steps for the finalization of the assessment
- c) Welcomes the presentations of thematic sections of the assessment by the authors
- d) Requests the secretariat to inform the Committee on Environmental Policy and its Bureau on the outcomes of this agenda item