

Report on communication and outreach activities

This note provides an overview of communication and outreach activities carried out by the secretariat. As stated in the workplan and in accordance with the Long-term Strategy for the Convention, communication activities are being undertaken to highlight the work and benefits of the Convention. Communication and outreach activities aim to increase and maintain the visibility of the Convention on the international scene, to foster cooperation between regional agreements around the world, and as a bridge between regional and global action. Cooperation with other organizations and fora on advancing air pollution issues are being pursued. These activities were made possible thanks to the contributions by the European Union, Germany, Norway, Russian Federation, Sweden and Switzerland.

Overview of activities to increase the visibility of the Convention

1. Communications

Website improvements

Continuous revisions and updates to all texts on the website. Follow-up and fixing of bugs after the migration to a new content management system in English and in Russian in December 2020.

Press releases and articles (2021 only)

[Mapping air pollutant emissions to shape clean air policies in Georgia, with UNECE support](#)

28 October 2021

[Scientists explore measures under Gothenburg Protocol to further reduce air pollution across the UNECE region](#)

17 September 2021

[Time to reform our food systems](#)

17 September 2021

[Why Better Managing Nitrogen Is Vital To The Future Of Our Rivers And Oceans](#)

01 September 2021

[Kazakhstan on the way to ratification of the key Air Convention protocols with help from UNECE](#)

14 July 2021

[Estimating emissions from road transport to facilitate sound policy solutions in Eastern Europe, the Caucasus and Central Asia](#)

15 June 2021

[UNECE supports Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan and the Republic of Moldova to prepare air pollutant emission inventories](#)

07 June 2021

[Nitrogen pollution must be reduced to restore ecosystems](#)

07 June 2021

[Interagency group discusses solutions for air pollution from domestic heating in Serbia](#)

27 May 2021

[Emission reductions from domestic heating and agricultural waste burning will help reduce black carbon in the UNECE region, promising climate benefits](#)

25 May 2021

[Acidification of lakes and rivers declining in Europe and North America through air pollution reductions, but climate change and land use could slow recovery](#)

04 May 2021

[Reviewing effectiveness of measures under the Air Convention important step for cleaner air in Eastern Europe, the Caucasus and Central Asia](#)

28 April 2021

[Air Convention Task Force discusses impacts of COVID-19 lockdowns on air quality in the UNECE region](#)

27 April 2021

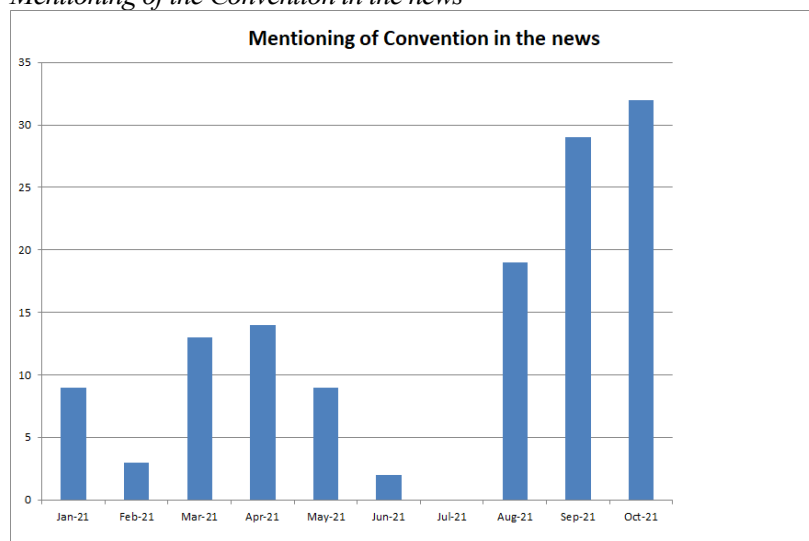
Publications

[Code of good practice for wood-burning and small combustion installations](#)

Social media

Regular posts on Twitter (see <https://twitter.com/unece?lang=en>)

Mentioning of the Convention in the news



2. Contributions to outreach activities (selection)

Inputs to the 55th meeting of the Inter-Organization Programme for the Sound Management of Chemicals (IOMC)

Coordination of and inputs to the Issue-based Coalition on Environment and Climate Change task team on air pollution (UNOPS, WMO, UNDP, OHCHR, UNICEF, WHO, UNEP, UNECE)

Organization of [webinar on air pollution from domestic heating in Serbia – impacts, challenges and solutions](#) in the context of the Issue-based Coalition on Environment and Climate Change task team on air pollution

Contributions and inputs to the UNEP Global Assessment of Air Pollution Legislation and the Global Air Quality Policy update report (for Europe and Central Asia)

Input to the International Forum on Transboundary Air Pollution commemorating the International Day of Clean Air for blue skies, [presentation by the Chair of the Executive Body, 1:28-1:47](#)

Inputs to the preparation of the International Day of Clean Air for blue skies

Submission to the Fourth Meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Minamata Convention

Input to WHO resource package to accompany Air Quality Guidelines

Inputs to Common Country Analysis (Serbia, Uzbekistan, Kyrgyzstan)

Contribution to policy paper on climate change in Ukraine

Inputs to policy paper on air quality, health and energy

Inputs to the Bonn School on Environment and Health

Input to the Bonn Dialogue on Air Quality and Health, presentation by WGE Chair

Inputs to the Pan-European Environmental Assessment for the 9th EfE Ministerial Conference

Input to TAIEX EPPA Online Regional workshop on emissions of certain atmospheric pollutants

Input to numerous bilateral meetings throughout the year