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Chair's report on the activities of the EECCA Coordinating Group in 2021

CG work in 2021

- The EECCA Coordinating Group (CG) (under the chairmanship of the Russian Federation) met on 26-27 April in a joint format together with the Task Force on Techno-economic Issues (virtual meeting)
- Attended by representatives of Armenia, Georgia, Kyrgyz Republic, Republic of Moldova, Russian Federation, Ukraine, Uzbekistan, Turkey as well as Austria, Belgium, France, Germany, Italy, Netherlands, Sweden, and the EU Commission
- Event co-arranged and supported by the UNECE Secretariat
- Simultaneous English-Russian translation provided

Key topics

On the progress of member countries

- most of the countries of the CG showed continuous progress;
- overall participation and communication among the members of the CG have decreased; COVID-related limitations made some countries re-prioritize their agendas;
- short overview of progress at the country levels provided in the Informal document no. 4 (late submission)

Views on the upcoming revision of the Gothenburg Protocol

- indicate in the revised text of GP that new measures and reporting provisions are of non-mandatory nature for new Parties;
- the time limitations for flexible mechanisms application should be removed from the text;
- introduce a new approach to ratification, e.g. staged ratification (annex by annex),
- include in the text of the protocol separate/specific conditions for the EECCA region (e.g. an special annex listing countries and respective obligations), as established for the US and Canada.
- ***discussions and negotiations should be held in the face-to-face (traditional) form to ensure full participation and exchange by all stakeholders***

Key topics

Capacity-building and the CG workplan for 2022-.../

- Continue the work on emission inventories and projections development, focusing on sectors of interest, BAT implementation etc.
- Continue cooperation with TFTEI on information and knowledge sharing and beyond
- Potential revision of the 2012 GP: flexibility formulation
- Collaboration with the Secretariat and the support from donors are essential!

Thanks for the effort and support provided by the TFTEI co-chairs, experts and other colleagues!

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