

United Nations Economic Commission for Europe

Working Group on Environmental Monitoring and Assessment

Reporting to the progress made in Environmental Monitoring and Assessment at the national level

This questionnaire has been designed to collect information on the results of major actions taken by the countries in environmental monitoring and assessment since the previous meeting of the Working Group (27-28 June 2017). The objective is to evaluate to which extent and how your country progressed in environmental monitoring and assessment, including through using the Shared Environmental Information System (SEIS) and the regular production of quality environmental indicators at the national level. The Working Group could then identify the needs of your country to be addressed in the future to underpin regular reporting and assessments, in accordance with international monitoring and assessment requirements and obligations.

The main aims of the questionnaire are to:

- Determine if the countries regularly produce environmental reports, analyses and assessments, including through using environmental indicators and SEIS
- Ensure that monitoring networks are upgraded or modernized, and that data quality assurance and control mechanisms and data management are in place or improved where needed, in particular for water, air and soil monitoring and data management
- Follow improvements in national environmental policy reflecting all three SEIS pillars (content, infrastructure and cooperation)
- Capture the implementation status of relevant recommendations made in national environmental performance reviews (EPRs)
- Foresee the challenges to be addressed by the Working Group in the years to come regarding institutional, regulatory mechanisms and infrastructure at the national level

The secretariat will also provide a list of relevant recommendations contained in UNECE environmental performance reviews against which countries might report on progress.

If you wish to receive further information, or if you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact us on WGEMASec@un.org.

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Has your country produced any <u>environmental report</u>, <u>analysis</u> or <u>assessment</u> on environmental information and indicators, including via the use of SEIS, within the last year?

Yes	No		

Please specify which environmental report, analysis or assessment has been produced and provide the link to the website if available.

Environmental report, analysis or assessment

- 1 Report on the state of the environment in Serbia for 2016
- **2** Report on the air quality in Serbia for 2017
- Report on the status of surface and ground water in Serbia for 2015 and 2016
- Report on economic instruments for environmental protection in Serbia for 2016
- **5** Report on packaging waste in Serbia for 2017

Please note the main <u>changes</u> that have been made to improve the work of national monitoring networks, in particular on air, water and soil.

	Changes
1	New budget line for automatic air quality monitoring network upgrade
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What types of <u>improvements</u> have been made in your country to enhance data quality assurance, control and data management?

	Improvements
1	New software for air quality data management operational
2	Development of soil quality information system
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Which improvements in data policy, <u>institutional</u> and <u>regulatory mechanisms</u> and <u>technical solutions</u> have been applied in your country to facilitate and improve data exchange between the parties concerned (ministries of environment, environment agencies and ministries of agriculture, energy, health, industry, transport and water) and with other users, including the public?

Please provide <u>a list of activities</u> undertaken by your country to implement the recommendations on environmental monitoring and assessment made in previous national environmental performance reviews (EPRs).

	Recommendations
1	Development of soil quality information system
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What do you think are <u>the main challenges</u> for your country with regard to institutional, regulatory mechanisms and infrastructure at the national level?

	Challenges
1	Administrative capacity
2	Financial capacity
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Please indicate any other information you think may be relevant. Please als indicate how the Working Group could assist in facilitating environmental monitoring and assessment in your country and region.						