Working Group on Environmental Monitoring and Assessment

Twenty-third session, Geneva and online, 11-12 April 2022

Agenda Item 5: Regular pan-European environmental assessment supported by the Shared Environmental Information System

Presentation of the status, latest developments and next steps related to the pan-European environmental assessment
Committee on Environmental Policy, 27th session (3-5 Nov. 2021)

• Expressed appreciation to member States that have provided financial support for preparation of assessment, namely Austria, Germany, the Netherlands, Norway, Serbia and Switzerland & to individual authors for their drafts and to: UNEP, OECD, UNWTO, UNCCD, Conservation International and ISRIC–World Soil Information, members of WGEMA and JTFESI, & the UNECE secretariat for further development of the draft assessment

• Welcomed draft elements of the assessment and took note of progress made, timeline and next steps for its completion, and decided to provide comments on the draft elements provided, in particular the draft summary for policymakers, by 30 November 2021

• Requested the secretariat to make available to it remaining and updated elements, at the latest by 15 February 2022, and decides to provide comments to the secretariat on remaining and updated elements within one month of receipt

• Requested the secretariat also to continue to inform the Bureau of progress made
### Resources

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<td>Austria, <em>part of</em> €30,000</td>
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<td><strong>Consultants &amp; procurement (substance)</strong></td>
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<td>Germany, €10,000</td>
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<td>Netherlands, approx. €20,000</td>
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Final outline of the pan-European environmental assessment

Foreword, acknowledgements – not yet completed

Key findings and policy messages - completed

Chapter I – Setting the scene – drivers identified by theme assessment authors - completed

Chapter II - State of knowledge and the Shared Environmental Information System – state-of-the-environment reports mapped – review ongoing, status of the Shared Environmental Information System; gaps identified by theme assessment authors - completed

Chapter III – Environmental state and trends - completed

Chapter IV – Themes for 9th Environment for Europe Ministerial Conference (next slide) – coordinated with background papers for the two themes - completed

Chapter V - Strengthening environmental governance – looks also at education for sustainable development - completed

Chapter VI – Way forward - completed
## Progress in assessing themes

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Review process

- Draft chapters and selection of indicators shared with the Working Group for review at Wiki page with a two-weeks deadline
- Draft chapters shared with international organizations and UNECE internal for review
- Full draft assessment & summary for policymakers shared on 14 February 2022 with members of Committee on Environmental Policy, Working Group and international organizations for review
- Deadline for review – 15 March 2022
More than 200 comments received from member States, but also organizations such as EEA, UNEP, UNWTO, WHO and UNECE

Categories of comments:
- thematic (e.g., comments on data and data sources, suggestions for revision of wording, and additions to findings)
- comments on outline, the Environment for Europe themes, layout, style
- political

About 30% of comments already incorporated, revision ongoing

Some require clarification, or checking of data

We will revert to this in a moment, but …
Timeline

- Working Group (May 2021)
- CEP Bureau (June 2021)
- Joint Task Force (Oct. 2021)
- CEP (Nov. 2021)
- Working Group (April 2022)
- CEP Special Session (May 2022)
- Ministerial Conference (Oct. 2022)

1. Report on progress
2. Present complete draft
3. Clear policy recommendations
4. Review progress, clear, address problems
5. Address problems and clear
Next Steps

- Integrate remaining comments, check data, sources, etc. and finalize assessment
- Draft “foreword” and “preface”
- Edit of final assessment text
- Finalize of summary for policymakers
- Harmonize design and layout
- Translate into French and Russian languages
- Consider promotional materials for Ministerial Conference
Thank you!