

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



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



Contributions	Approx. (\$)		Expenditures	Approx. (\$)
Austria, <i>part of</i> €30,000	18,720		Consultants & procurement (substance)	
Germany, €10,000	11,737		Disbursed, committed or being prepared	85,723
Netherlands, approx. €20,000	23,400		Programme support costs (13%)	9,909
Norway, approx. \$4,800	4,800			
Serbia, €5,000	5,869		Layout/graphics, minor translation, video?	???
Switzerland, \$30,000	30,000		etc.	
UN Regular Budget	9,500			
Maximum amount:	104,026			

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

Theme	Consultant	Indicators	Draft section completed	Comments incorporated
III.A. Air pollution and ozone depletion	Contracted	Agreed	Yes	In progress
III.B. Climate change	Contracted	Agreed	Yes	In progress
III.C. Fresh water	Contracted	Agreed	Yes	In progress
III.D. Coastal waters, marine ecosystems and oceans	Contracted	Agreed	Yes	In progress
III.E. Biodiversity and ecosystems	Contracted	Agreed	Yes	In progress
III.F. Land and soil	Contracted	Agreed	Yes	In progress
III.G. Chemicals and waste	Contracted	Agreed	Yes	In progress
H. Environmental financing	Contracted	Agreed	Yes	In progress
IV. A. Greening the economy in the pan-European region: working towards sustainable infrastructure	Contracted	Agreed	Yes	In progress
IV.B. Applying principles of circular economy to sustainable tourism	Contracted	Agreed	Yes	In progress

Review process



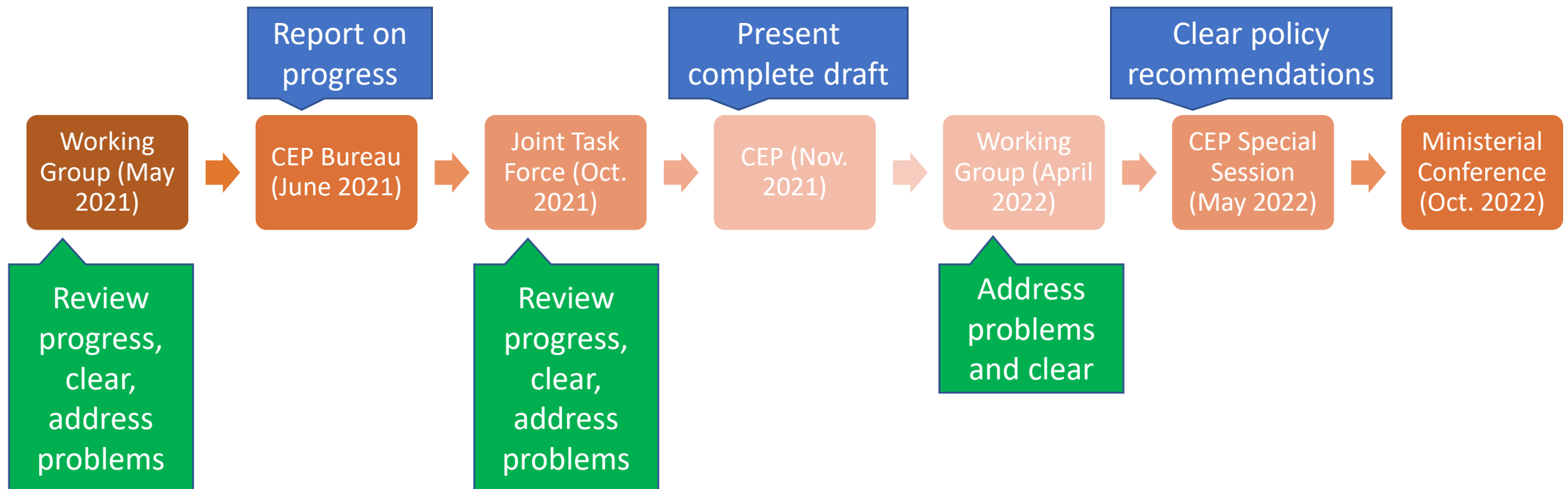
- Draft chapters and selection of indicators shared with the Working Group for review at Wiki page with a two-weeks deadline
- Draft chapters shared with international organizations and UNECE internal for review
- Full draft assessment & summary for policymakers shared on 14 February 2022 with members of Committee on Environmental Policy, Working Group and international organizations for review
- Deadline for review – 15 March 2022

Review process



- 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



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!

