

Working Group on Environmental Monitoring and Assessment

Twenty-fourth 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 comments on the draft summary of the pan-European environmental assessment



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Background



- Draft Summary for policy makers and the fully draft pan-European environmental assessment made available for review CEP, WGEMA, various organizations & experts with a deadline for commenting of 15 March 2022
- More than 200 comments received in total on the draft full assessment.
- Comments on all sections and chapters



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9	<p>In the SUMMARY FOR POLICY-MAKERS:</p> <p>Page 19 / Point 18. Revise the Recommendations to make the same approach as in Point 19. Recommending the Governments: Ensure effective public access to information, participation in decision-making, protection of environmental defenders and access to justice in environmental matters as provided by the Aarhus Convention and the Protocol on PRTRs.</p>	<p>Page 19, point 18</p>	
10	<p>Page 20 / Point 19. Add to the last sentence of Para. 19 (j) “and other nationally and/or internationally established indicators. This is needed to make sure that SDG indicators, EU indicators and others are covered.</p>	<p>Page 20 / Point 19</p>	<p>(j) - done</p>

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11	<p>Page 20 / Point 19. Add To Recommendations para (a): Employ the updated Recommendations on the more effective use of electronic information tools developed under auspices of the Aarhus Convention.</p>	<p>Page 20 / Point 19</p>	
12	<p>Page 21 / recommendations (j): Regarding SEIS and PRTR link Consider adding: In that regard Parties to the Protocol on PRTRs called for Parties, other interested countries and organizations to consider implementing the Protocol and the pan-European Shared Environmental Information System in synergy.</p>	<p>Page 21</p>	
25	<p>Page 15. 13. Minerals Suggest to add Recommendation: Governments in the pan-European region should adopt a circular – or resource efficient – economy approach and strengthen management of raw materials, including through application of the United Nations Framework Classification for Resources (UNFC) and the United Nations Resource Management System (UNRMS). [and insert in a footnote “As called for in the UN Policy Brief on Transforming the Extractive Industries (https://unece.org/info/Sustainable-Energy/UNFC-and-Sustainable-Resource-Management/pub/356790).]</p>	<p>Page 15 Para 13</p>	

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<p>48</p>	<p>Comments on: Draft Summary for policy makers from the pan European environmental Assessment</p> <p>Chapter 7: Ecosystems</p> <p>One recommendation:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. It is strongly recommend either include a separate chapter on the status of “Biodiversity” or combining this chapter to read “Biodiversity and Ecosystems” as it is the case in the assessment draft (cf. page 89). As it stands, albeit the fact that this chapter is dedicated to the status of ecosystems in general, its recommendations section deals almost entirely on measures to combat biodiversity loss (see extraction below). The recommendations will thus best fit to a dedicated chapter on biodiversity rather than solely on ecosystems. 	<p>Comments on: Draft Summary for policy makers from the pan European environmental Assessment</p> <p>Chapter 7: Ecosystems</p>	<p>Title of Chapter changed to Biodiversity and Ecosystems.</p> <p>Any other suggestions?</p>
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Review

Overview on national state-of-the-environment reporting



Country	Integrated state-of-the-environment reports		Indicator-based state-of-the-environment reports	
	Regular production of reports?	Year of latest report	Regular production of reports?	Year of latest report
Albania	Yes	2019	No	2018
Andorra	to be confirmed	to be confirmed	Yes	2019
Armenia	No	2011	Yes	2020
Austria	Yes	2019	Yes	2019
Azerbaijan	No	2019	No	to be confirmed
Belarus	Yes	2019	Yes	2019
Belgium (regions)	Yes	2019	No	2012
Bosnia and Herzegovina	Yes	2012	No	to be confirmed
Bulgaria	Yes	2021	Yes	2019
Croatia	No	to be confirmed	Yes	2019
Cyprus	No	2015	No	to be confirmed
Czechia	Yes	2018	Yes	2020
Denmark	Yes	2014	Yes	to be confirmed
Estonia	Yes	2013	Yes	2019
Finland	Yes	2018	Yes	2020
France	Yes	2019	Yes	2020
Georgia	Yes	2017	Yes	2017

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Germany	Yes	2019	Yes	2020
Greece	Yes	2019	Yes	to be confirmed
Hungary	Yes	2017	Yes	2020
Iceland	Yes	2019	Yes	2019
Ireland	Yes	2020	Yes	2020
Israel	Yes	2019	to be confirmed	2010
Italy	Yes	2019	Yes	2019
Kazakhstan	Yes	2019	Yes	2018
Kyrgyzstan	No	2012	to be confirmed	to be confirmed
Latvia	Yes	2016	Yes	2019
Liechtenstein	No	2021	Yes	2015
Lithuania	Yes	2020	Yes	2020
Luxembourg	No	2003	to be confirmed	2018
Malta	Yes	2018	Yes	2011
Monaco	Yes	2018	Yes	2018
Montenegro	Yes	2019	Yes	2017
Netherlands	Yes	2020	Yes	2019
North Macedonia	Yes	2020	Yes	2018
Norway	Yes	2020	Yes	2020

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Poland	Yes	2018	No	2001
Portugal	Yes	2019	Yes	2019
Republic of Moldova	Yes	2011	Yes	2018
Romania	Yes	2019	Yes	2018
Russian Federation	Yes	2019	Yes	2019
San Marino	to be confirmed	to be confirmed	Yes	2020
Serbia	Yes	2019	No	2016
Slovakia	Yes	2018	Yes	2020
Slovenia	No	2010	Yes	2020
Spain	Yes	2019	Yes	2019
Sweden	Yes	2020	Yes	2020
Switzerland	Yes	2018	Yes	2018
Tajikistan	No	to be confirmed	to be confirmed	to be confirmed
Turkey	Yes	2016	Yes	2017
Turkmenistan	No	to be confirmed	No	to be confirmed
Ukraine	Yes	2015	No	to be confirmed
United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland	Yes	2020	Yes	to be confirmed
Uzbekistan	No	to be confirmed	No	to be confirmed

Comments on Pan-European environmental assessment



Questions or Comments ?

Thank you!

