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3rd EPR of Azerbaijan:

Country review mission, 15–23 November 2021
Expert review by EPR Expert Group, Sep 2022
Peer review by CEP, Oct 2022

UNECE 55th environmental performance review underway in Azerbaijan by a large and diverse international team of experts

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UNECE is leading a large and diverse group of international experts carrying out the 55th Environmental Performance Review (EPR) since the establishment of the UNECE EPR Programme, 25 years ago. Azerbaijan has requested UNECE to review its environmental performance for a third time. To provide the groundwork for the review, a team of UNECE and international experts is participating in a mission to the country from 15 to 23 November 2021.



UNECE EPRs offer a comprehensive tool to help countries identify key environmental challenges and establish concrete recommendations to improve environmental sustainability across all sectors.

The third review of Azerbaijan will assess progress since 2011 on air quality, water management and Caspian Sea protection, biodiversity and protected areas, waste and chemicals management, climate change and greening the economy. It will also examine the country's environmental data, information and observation systems, risk management of natural and technological or anthropogenic hazards, and the extent to which international environmental agreements and commitments are implemented. Public access to environmental information, participation in environmental decision-making and access to justice on environmental matters will be reviewed, as will the integration of education for sustainable development into the education system's curriculum, institutions and society. The review will also look at the country's environmental legal, policy and institutional framework and regulatory and compliance assurance mechanisms. Further, the integration of environmental considerations into agriculture, energy, industry, land management and transport will be reviewed.

In addition, this third review will assess the country's progress towards relevant targets and indicators of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). The review team will examine how the SDGs are being adapted to the national context and how the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development is put into practice, whether the necessary resources have been allocated and responsibilities are clear, what obstacles have been encountered when targeting the Goals and what concrete results have already been achieved.

Building on the analysis of progress made since 2011, including in implementing the 56 recommendations from the Second EPR of the country, the third review will result in a set of recommendations on how to further improve Azerbaijan's environmental performance. The review process will culminate with the UNECE Committee on Environmental Policy considering

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3rd EPR of Azerbaijan: planting trees to improve the environment

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3rd EPR of Azerbaijan is progressing well
<https://unece.org/.../unece-55th-environmental...>



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2nd EPR of Armenia:

Country review mission, 14–22 March 2022
Expert review by EPR Expert Group, Sep 2022
Peer review by CEP, Oct 2022



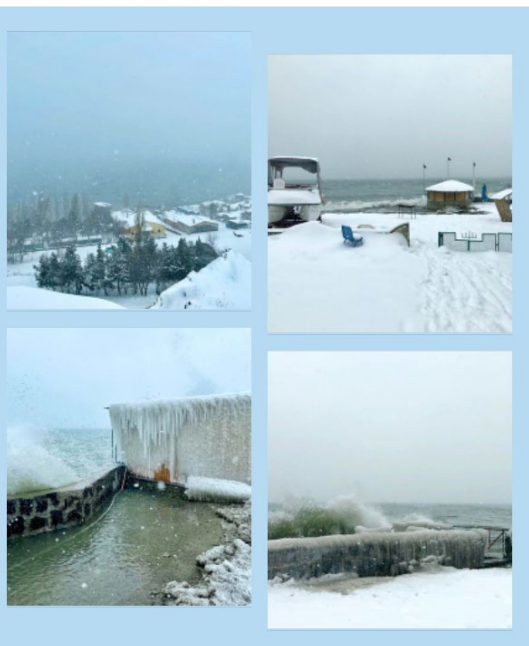
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2nd EPR of Armenia well underway by a multidisciplinary group of experts



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2nd EPR of Armenia: Lake Sevan ... in March



UNECE kicks off second Environmental Performance Review of Armenia

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The second Environmental Performance Review (EPR) of Armenia kicks off in Yerevan under the lead of UNECE and carried out by a large, multidisciplinary team of international experts. This is the 56th EPR since the establishment of the UNECE EPR Programme over a quarter of a century ago. Armenia has requested UNECE to review its environmental performance for the second time. To provide the groundwork for the review, a team of UNECE and international experts is participating in a mission to the country from 14 to 22 March 2022.



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The second review of Armenia will assess developments over the past decade on air quality, water management, biodiversity and protected areas, soil conservation, waste and chemicals management and greening the economy. It will also examine the country's environmental data, information and observation systems, the extent to which international environmental agreements and commitments are implemented, and activities regarding climate change. Public access to environmental information, participation in environmental decision-making and access to justice on environmental matters will be reviewed, as will the integration of education for sustainable development into the education system's curriculum, institutions and society. The review will also look at the country's environmental legal, policy and institutional framework and regulatory and compliance assurance mechanisms. Further, the integration of environmental considerations into industry, energy, transport and agriculture, as well as issues related to environment and health, will be reviewed.

In addition, this second review will assess the country's progress towards relevant targets and indicators of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). The review team will examine how the SDGs are being adapted to the national context and how the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development is put into practice, whether the necessary resources have been allocated and responsibilities are clear, what obstacles have been encountered when targeting the Goals and what concrete results have already been achieved.

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3rd EPR of Kyrgyzstan:

Country review mission, 16–24 May 2022
Expert review by EPR Expert Group, Sep 2022
Peer review by CEP, Oct 2022

Review mission: 16–24 May 2022

Period covered by the 3rd EPR: 2010–2022

Outline of the Review

- I. Environmental governance and financing**
 - Legal, policy and institutional framework (Nick Bonvoisin, UNECE, nicholas.bonvoisin@un.org)
 - Regulatory and compliance assurance mechanisms (Vadim Ni, UNECE consultant, vadimnee@mail.ru)
 - Greening the economy and financing environmental protection (Saraly Andrade de Sa, UNECE Consultant, Saraly.Andrade@unice.ch)
 - Environmental monitoring and information (Tomas Marques, UNEP, tomas.marques@un.org)
 - Public participation and education for sustainable development (Marianna Bolshakova, UNEP, marianna.obishakova@un.org)
- II. Domestic – international interface**
 - Implementation of international agreements and commitments (András Gult, Hungary, gutlandras@gmail.com)
 - Climate change (Alessandra Fianza, Italy, fidanza.alessandra@mte.gov.it; glessandra.fianza@gmail.com; Teodora Obradović, Gmcharovska, UNECE consultant, dori.moeggoovmk@gmail.com)
- III. Environmental media and pollution management**
 - Air protection (Katherine Hall, UNEP, katherine.hall@un.org)
 - Water management (Nils Fuehrer, Germany, nils.fuehrer@gmail.com)
 - Waste and chemicals management (Marina Khotuleva, UNECE consultant, mkhotuleva@ecoline-int.org)
 - Biodiversity and protected areas (Zbigniew Niewiadomski, UNECE consultant, zbigniew@wp.pl)
- IV. Integration of environment into selected sectors**
 - Health and the environment (Sylvie Eymard, France, sylvie.eynard@gmail.com; Dafina Dalbokova, UNECE Consultant, dafina.dalbokova@gmail.com)
 - Agriculture and the environment (Hiqmet Demiri, UNECE Consultant, hiqmetd3@gmail.com)
 - Forestry and the environment (Sarango Radnaaragchaa, UNECE, sarango.radnaaragchaa@un.org)
 - Energy and the environment (Viktor Badaker, UNECE, viktor.badaker@un.org)
 - Industry, mining and the environment (Karin Fuéri, UNECE, karin.fueri@un.org)
 - Transport and the environment (Martin Dagan, UNECE, martin.dagan@un.org)
 - Risk management of natural and technological or anthropogenic hazards (Chris Dijkens, UNECE Consultant, chris.dijkens@gmail.com)

Annexes

- Status of implementation of recommendations of the 2nd EPR of Kyrgyzstan
- Highlights of SDG targets addressed in the 3rd EPR of Kyrgyzstan
- Participation of Kyrgyzstan in multilateral environmental agreements
- List of major environment-related legislation
- Sources

Implementation of **recommendations of the 2nd EPR of Kyrgyzstan** will be addressed in respective chapters

EPR-relevant SDGs will be addressed in respective chapters

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Other on-going activities

- ❖ **Finalisation of 2nd EPR of Morocco for publication**
 - National launch could be organized in June/July 2022
- ❖ **EPR UNDA project in South-East Europe, 2018–2021, finalised; under evaluation**
 - A concluding workshop could be organized subject to availability of UNDA resources

Other planned activities

- ❖ **Endorsement and launch the 4th cycle of the EPR Programme**
 - At the Ninth Environment for Europe Ministerial Conference, Nicosia, October 2022
 - Eligible UNECE countries for an EPR carried out under the EPR Programme are in annex II to the document on the 4th cycle of EPRs
 - Tajikistan sent formal request for 4th EPR; Republic of Moldova expressed interest
 - Mauritania sent formal request for an EPR
- ❖ **Revised mandate and terms of reference of the EPR Expert Group**
 - Special session of CEP, Nicosia, October 2022



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EPR Calendar for 2022
selected findings on
greening the economy
and financing
environmental protection
from 16 EPRs, 2012–2021





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- Energy
 - Environment
 - Statistics
 - Transport
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Thank you!



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