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implementation of the work programme for 2018–2021**

Report on contributions and expenditures in relation to the implementation of the Protocol's work programme for 2018–2021*

Note by the secretariat

Summary

The present report was prepared pursuant to a decision taken by the Meeting of the Parties to the Protocol on Pollutant Release and Transfer Registers to the Convention on Access to Information, Public Participation in Decision-making and Access to Justice in Environmental Matters at its third session (Budva, Montenegro, 15 September 2017).^a It provides an overview of the contributions and estimated expenditures in relation to the implementation of the work programme for 2018–2021 for the Protocol^b as of 31 August 2021.

^a ECE/MP.PRTR/2017/6/Add.1, decision III/3, para. 9.

^b ECE/MP.PRTR/2017/6/Add.1, decision III/2, annex

* The present document was submitted late owing to additional time required for its finalization.



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I. General considerations

1. The present report provides an overview of contributions and expenditures in relation to implementation of the 2018–2021 work programme for the Protocol (ECE/MP.PRPR/2017/6/Add.1, decision III/2, annex) during the period 1 January 2018–31 August 2021. During the reporting period, the secretariat of the Convention on Access to Information, Public Participation in Decision-making and Access to Justice in Environmental Matters (Aarhus Convention) and its Protocol on Pollutant Release and Transfer Registers (Protocol on PRTRs) continued to observe a high degree of caution in its allocation of resources, mainly owing to the fact that many contributions were not yet available at the beginning of the financial year, thus creating uncertainty as to the availability of sufficient funds. The secretariat made various efforts to encourage in-kind contributions and thereby reduce the impact on the trust fund. The secretariat will continue to pursue synergies with other United Nations Economic Commission for Europe (ECE) multilateral environmental agreements, United Nations agencies and other partners, in order to maintain a satisfactory number of activities and share implementation costs. Capacity-building of authorities and advisory support to Parties was provided by the staff throughout the implementation of different work areas, including on technical assistance, promotion and the compliance mechanism.

2. For the sustainability of the work under the Protocol, it is crucial to ensure staff funding on a long-term basis. The extension of contracts for staff funded under the trust fund depends on the availability and the level of the contributions received. Since the current financial scheme is based on voluntary contributions and provides no guidance on their amount, the level of contributions fluctuates, making the funding of extrabudgetary posts unpredictable and far from secure. As for the previous years, the secretariat was therefore obliged to give priority to securing funds for staff costs, which need to be reserved at least one year in advance of the issuing of a staff contract. The secretariat was able to allocate sufficient funds for staff and for activities in the reporting period only owing to savings accumulated at the end of each preceding year.

3. In the light of coronavirus disease (COVID-19) pandemic-related restrictions, the secretariat adjusted to new methods of work by extending organization of meetings in online and hybrid formats. The limited number of meeting rooms at the Palais des Nations, Geneva, that are equipped for servicing online or hybrid meetings and insufficient availability of adequately trained staff and of interpretation had financial implications.

II. Contributions

4. The “adjusted contribution” columns in tables 1–4 below are intended to offer a more realistic picture of the actual resources available for use in a given year. Contributions by Parties and signatories are often intended for use in a year other than the year in which the contribution was deposited and/or received. The adjusted contribution figure in a given year is derived from the actual contribution in that year, minus any part of that contribution that was intended for use in a different year, plus any contributions made in years other than the reference year but intended for use in the reference year. Owing to the lack of timely funding for any specific year, the secretariat is obliged to use the available funds, as necessary. Amounts presented in all the tables are rounded to whole numbers; amounts may also reflect changes based on exchange rate fluctuation between receipt of pledge and deposition of funds and possible bank charges. Table 5 below contains information on pledges for 2018–2021 as of 31 August 2021.

A. Financial contributions and pledges

Table 1
**Contributions received in 2018 and for 2018 for the Convention and the Protocol as of
 31 August 2021**

(United States dollars)

<i>Donor country</i>	<i>Actual contribution in 2018</i>	<i>Adjusted contribution for 2018</i>	<i>Remarks</i>
Albania	3 000	3 000	For the Aarhus Convention 2018
	3 000	3 000	For the Protocol on PRTRs 2018
Armenia	—	500	For the Aarhus Convention 2017, 2018, 2019, received in 2019 ^a
Austria	—	11 065	For the Aarhus Convention 2018, received in 2017
	11 365	—	For the Aarhus Convention 2019, received in 2018
	—	5 532	For the Protocol on PRTRs 2018, received in 2017
	4 964	—	For the Protocol on PRTRs 2019, received in 2018
Belarus	500	500	For the Aarhus Convention 2018
Belgium (Federal)	23 727	23 727	For the Aarhus Convention 2018
Belgium (Brussels-Capital Region)	1 114	1 114	For the Aarhus Convention 2018
Belgium (Flemish Region)	8 499	8 499	For the Aarhus Convention 2018
Belgium (Walloon Region)	3 960	3 960	For the Aarhus Convention 2018
Bulgaria	1 592	1 592	For the Aarhus Convention 2018
	500	500	For the Protocol on PRTRs 2018
Croatia	3 000	3 000	For the Aarhus Convention 2018
	3 000	3 000	For the Protocol on PRTRs 2018
Cyprus	500	500	For the Aarhus Convention 2018
	500	500	For the Protocol on PRTRs 2018
Czechia	—	5 000	For the Aarhus Convention 2018, received in 2017
	5 000	—	For the Aarhus Convention 2019, received in 2018
	—	10 000	For the Protocol on PRTRs 2018, received in 2017
	10 000	—	For the Protocol on PRTRs 2019, received in 2018
Denmark	21 400	21 400	For the Aarhus Convention 2018
	21 400	—	For the Aarhus Convention 2019, received in 2018
	—	10 675	For the Protocol on PRTRs 2018, received in 2017
	10 700	—	For the Protocol on PRTRs 2019, received in 2018
Estonia	2 370	—	For the Aarhus Convention and the Protocol on PRTRs 2017, received in 2018
	585	585	For the Aarhus Convention 2018
	585	585	For the Protocol on PRTRs 2018
European Union	122 699	122 699	For the Aarhus Convention 2018
	12 170	12 170	For the Protocol on PRTRs 2018
Finland	4 985	4 985	For the Aarhus Convention and the Protocol on PRTRs 2018

<i>Donor country</i>	<i>Actual contribution in 2018</i>	<i>Adjusted contribution for 2018</i>	<i>Remarks</i>
France	—	70 575	For the Aarhus Convention 2018, received in 2017
	76 651	—	For the Aarhus Convention 2019, received in 2018
	36 810	36 810	For the Protocol on PRTRs 2018
Georgia	1 000	1 000	For the Aarhus Convention 2018
	500	500	For the Protocol on PRTRs 2018
Germany	60 000	60 000	For the Aarhus Convention 2018
	—	500	For the Protocol on PRTRs 2018, received in 2019
	28 409	28 409	Additional contribution to the Protocol on PRTRs in 2018 to support the participation of experts from countries with economies in transition and NGOs
Greece	1 000	—	For the Aarhus Convention 2017, received in 2018
Hungary	4 977	4 977	For the Aarhus Convention 2018
	481	481	For the Protocol on PRTRs 2018
Iceland	1 500	1 500	For the Aarhus Convention 2018
Ireland	—	5 924	For the Aarhus Convention 2018, received in 2017
	5 688	—	For the Aarhus Convention 2019, received in 2018
	—	3 555	For the Protocol on PRTRs 2018, received in 2017
	3 413	—	For the Protocol on PRTRs 2019, received in 2018
Italy	124 224	124 224	For the Aarhus Convention 2018
	6 211	6 211	Additional contribution for the Aarhus Convention work programme 2017–2018, received in 2018
	174 825	—	Additional contribution for the Aarhus Convention, received in 2018
	43 156	43 156	Additional contribution for the Aarhus Convention, received in 2018
Kazakhstan	1 000	1 000	For the Aarhus Convention 2018
Kyrgyzstan	—	500	For the Aarhus Convention 2018, received in 2019
Latvia	2 000	2 000	For the Aarhus Convention 2018
	1 227	—	For the Protocol on PRTRs 2016, received in 2018
	—	1 185	For the Protocol on PRTRs 2018, received in 2017
Lithuania	—	2 323	For the Aarhus Convention and the Protocol on PRTRs 2018, received in 2017
Luxembourg	1 447	1 447	For the Aarhus Convention 2018
	868	868	For the Protocol on PRTRs 2018
Malta	—	977	For the Aarhus Convention 2018, received in 2019
Montenegro	500	500	For the Aarhus Convention 2018
	974	—	For the Aarhus Convention 2019, received in 2018
	—	500	For the Protocol on PRTRs 2018, received in 2017
	474	—	For the Protocol on PRTRs 2019, received in 2018
Netherlands	54 348	54 348	For the Aarhus Convention 2018
	23 310	23 310	For the Protocol on PRTRs 2018
North Macedonia	—	500	For the Aarhus Convention 2018, received in 2020
	—	500	For the Protocol on PRTRs 2018, received in 2020

<i>Donor country</i>	<i>Actual contribution in 2018</i>	<i>Adjusted contribution for 2018</i>	<i>Remarks</i>
Norway	19 985	19 985	For the Aarhus Convention 2018
	34 576	34 576	Additional contribution for the Aarhus Convention 2018 to, e.g., support the compliance mechanism, provide advisory support to the processes under the Escazú Agreement, with particular focus on article 3 (8) of the Convention, and support participation of experts from countries of Eastern Europe, the Caucasus and Central Asia and NGOs in meetings
	19 985	19 985	For the Protocol on PRTRs 2018
	—	57 400	Additional contribution for the Aarhus Convention and the Protocol on PRTRs 2018 to support the participation of experts from countries of Eastern Europe, the Caucasus and Central Asia and NGOs, and associated staff costs to support organization of meetings and travel arrangements of these experts, received in 2017
	55 040	—	Additional contribution for the Aarhus Convention and the Protocol on PRTRs 2019 to support the participation of experts from countries of Eastern Europe, the Caucasus and Central Asia and NGOs, and associated staff costs to support organization of meetings and travel arrangements of these experts, received in 2018
Poland	5 974	5 974	For the Aarhus Convention 2018
	3 000	3 000	For the Protocol on PRTRs 2018
Portugal	522	522	For the Aarhus Convention 2018
	522	522	For the Protocol on PRTRs 2018
Rep. of Moldova	—	1 000	For the Aarhus Convention 2018, received in 2020
	—	500	For the Protocol on PRTRs 2018, received in 2020
Romania	500	500	For the Aarhus Convention 2018
	500	500	For the Protocol on PRTRs 2018
Serbia	1 600	—	For the Aarhus Convention 2016, received in 2018
	1 600	—	For the Aarhus Convention 2017, received in 2018
	1 600	1 600	For the Aarhus Convention 2018
Slovakia	908	908	For the Aarhus Convention 2018
	864	—	For the Aarhus Convention 2019, received in 2018
	597	597	For the Protocol on PRTRs 2018
	568	—	For the Protocol on PRTRs 2019, received in 2018
Slovenia	—	4 123	For the Aarhus Convention 2018, received in 2020
	—	597	For the Protocol on PRTRs 2018, received in 2020
Spain	5 708	5 708	For the Aarhus Convention 2018
Sweden	34 970	34 970	For the Aarhus Convention 2018
	17 970	17 970	For the Protocol on PRTRs 2018
	1 976	1 976	Additional contribution for the Protocol on PRTRs 2018 to support secretariat travel to the meeting of the Protocol's Bureau

<i>Donor country</i>	<i>Actual contribution in 2018</i>	<i>Adjusted contribution for 2018</i>	<i>Remarks</i>
Switzerland	40 120	40 120	For the Aarhus Convention 2018, of which 20,000 Swiss francs to support work aimed at, e.g., strengthening capacity of experts from countries with economies in transition
	71 066	71 066	For the Protocol on PRTRs 2018, of which 50,000 Swiss francs to support work aimed at, e.g., strengthening capacity of experts from countries with economies in transition
Tajikistan	500	500	For the Aarhus Convention 2018
Ukraine	—	3 000	For the Aarhus Convention 2018, received in 2019
United Kingdom	45 512	45 512	For the Aarhus Convention and the Protocol on PRTRs 2018
	46 512	—	For the Aarhus Convention and the Protocol on PRTRs 2019, received in 2018
Total	1 348 781	1 284 490	
of which exclusively for the Protocol on PRTRs	257 095	259 292	

Abbreviation: Escazú Agreement, Regional Agreement on Access to Information, Public Participation and Justice in Environmental Matters in Latin America and the Caribbean; NGO, non-governmental organization.

Note: No financial contributions, in-kind contributions and/or pledges have been received from the following Parties to the Convention for 2018: Azerbaijan, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Greece and Turkmenistan. No financial contributions, in-kind contributions and/or pledges have been received from the following Parties to the Protocol for 2018: Belgium, Israel, Malta, Serbia and Ukraine.

^a The sum is reflected in total calculations only in the table of the year the contribution was received (Table 2 for 2019).

Table 2
Contributions received in 2019 and for 2019 for the Convention and the Protocol as of 31 August 2021

(United States dollars)

<i>Donor country</i>	<i>Actual contribution in 2019</i>	<i>Adjusted contribution for 2019</i>	<i>Remarks</i>
Albania	3 010	3 010	For the Aarhus Convention 2019
	3 000	—	For the Aarhus Convention 2020, received in 2019
	3 010	3 010	For the Protocol on PRTRs 2019
	3 000	—	For the Protocol on PRTRs 2020, received in 2019
Armenia	500	500	For the Aarhus Convention 2017, 2018, 2019, received in 2019 ^a
Austria	—	11 365	For the Aarhus Convention 2019, received in 2018
	11 140	—	For the Aarhus Convention 2020, received in 2019
	—	4 964	For the Protocol on PRTRs 2019, received in 2018
	5 000	—	For the Protocol on PRTRs 2020, received in 2019

<i>Donor country</i>	<i>Actual contribution in 2019</i>	<i>Adjusted contribution for 2019</i>	<i>Remarks</i>
Azerbaijan	—	500	For the Aarhus Convention 2019, received in 2020
Belarus	500	500	For the Aarhus Convention 2019
Belgium (Federal)	22 222	22 222	For the Aarhus Convention 2019
Belgium (Brussels-Capital Region)	1 051	1 051	For the Aarhus Convention 2019
Belgium (Flemish Region)	8 499	8 499	For the Aarhus Convention 2019
Belgium (Walloon Region)	3 938	3 938	For the Aarhus Convention 2019
Bosnia and Herzegovina	500	500	For the Aarhus Convention 2019
Bulgaria	1 654	1 654	For the Aarhus Convention 2019
	500	500	For the Protocol on PRTRs 2019
Croatia	3 000	3 000	For the Aarhus Convention 2019
	3 000	3 000	For the Protocol on PRTRs 2019
Cyprus	500	500	For the Aarhus Convention 2019
	500	500	For the Protocol on PRTRs 2019
Czechia	—	5 000	For the Aarhus Convention 2019, received in 2018
	5 000	—	For the Aarhus Convention 2020, received in 2019
	—	10 000	For the Protocol on PRTRs 2019, received in 2018
	10 000	—	For the Protocol on PRTRs 2020, received in 2019
Denmark	—	21 400	For the Aarhus Convention 2019, received in 2018
	—	10 700	For the Protocol on PRTRs 2019, received in 2018
Estonia	574	574	For the Aarhus Convention 2019
	574	574	For the Protocol on PRTRs 2019
European Union	113 636	113 636	For the Aarhus Convention 2019
	12 170	12 170	For the Protocol on PRTRs 2019
Finland	5 025	5 025	For the Aarhus Convention and the Protocol on PRTRs 2019
France	—	76 651	For the Aarhus Convention 2019, received in 2018
	72 303	—	For the Aarhus Convention 2020, received in 2019
	34 130	34 130	For the Protocol on PRTRs 2019
Georgia	1 000	1 000	For the Aarhus Convention 2019
	500	500	For the Protocol on PRTRs 2019
Germany	60 000	60 000	For the Aarhus Convention 2019
	500	—	For the Protocol on PRTRs 2018, received in 2019
	500	500	For the Protocol on PRTRs 2019
	27 871	27 871	Additional contribution for the Protocol on PRTRs 2019 to support the participation of experts from countries with economies in transition and NGOs

<i>Donor country</i>	<i>Actual contribution in 2019</i>	<i>Adjusted contribution for 2019</i>	<i>Remarks</i>
Hungary	5 000	5 000	For the Aarhus Convention 2019
	500	500	For the Protocol on PRTRs 2019
Iceland	1 500	1 500	For the Aarhus Convention 2019
Ireland	—	5 688	For the Aarhus Convention 2019, received in 2018
	5 556	—	For the Aarhus Convention 2020, received in 2019
	—	3 413	For the Protocol on PRTRs 2019, received in 2018
	3 333	—	For the Protocol on PRTRs 2020, received in 2019
Italy	113 636	113 636	For the Aarhus Convention 2019
	54 785	54 785	Additional contribution for the Aarhus Convention 2019 to support work aimed at, e.g., strengthening capacities of experts from countries with economies in transition, including non-Parties, and outreach and promotion to non-ECE countries and international processes
	1 189	—	Additional contribution for the Aarhus Convention, received in 2019
Kazakhstan	1 000	1 000	For the Aarhus Convention 2019
Kyrgyzstan	500	—	For the Aarhus Convention 2018, received in 2019
	500	500	For the Aarhus Convention 2019
Latvia	2 000	2 000	For the Aarhus Convention 2019
	—	1 116	For the Protocol on PRTRs 2019, received in 2020
Lithuania	—	2 323	For the Aarhus Convention and the Protocol on PRTRs 2019, received in 2017
Luxembourg	1 669	1 669	For the Aarhus Convention 2019
	1 112	1 112	For the Protocol on PRTRs 2019
Malta	977	—	For the Aarhus Convention 2018, received in 2019
	—	991	For the Aarhus Convention 2019, received in 2020
	—	974	For the Aarhus Convention 2019, received in 2018
Montenegro	—	974	For the Aarhus Convention 2019, received in 2018
	1 100	—	For the Aarhus Convention 2020, received in 2019
	—	474	For the Protocol on PRTRs 2019, received in 2018
	550	550	For the Protocol on PRTRs 2019
Netherlands	550	—	For the Protocol on PRTRs 2020, received in 2019
	49 779	49 779	For the Aarhus Convention 2019
	22 222	22 222	For the Protocol on PRTRs 2019
	—	—	—

<i>Donor country</i>	<i>Actual contribution in 2019</i>	<i>Adjusted contribution for 2019</i>	<i>Remarks</i>
North Macedonia	500	—	For the Aarhus Convention 2010, received in 2019
	500	—	For the Aarhus Convention 2011, received in 2019
	500	—	For the Aarhus Convention 2013, received in 2019
	500	—	For the Aarhus Convention 2014, received in 2019
	500	—	For the Aarhus Convention 2015, received in 2019
	200	—	For the Protocol on PRTRs 2010, received in 2019
	200	—	For the Protocol on PRTRs 2011, received in 2019
	500	—	For the Protocol on PRTRs 2012, received in 2019
	500	—	For the Protocol on PRTRs 2015, received in 2019
	500	—	For the Protocol on PRTRs 2016, received in 2019
Norway	19 985	19 985	For the Aarhus Convention 2019
	32 698	32 698	Additional contribution to the Aarhus Convention 2019 to promote the work on and synergies in the area of human rights and the environment, including with international human rights and other relevant international forums concerning the protection of environmental defenders
	19 985	19 985	For the Protocol on PRTRs 2019
	—	55 040	Additional contribution for the Aarhus Convention and the Protocol on PRTRs 2019 to support participation of experts from countries of Eastern Europe, the Caucasus and Central Asia and NGOs, and associated staff costs to support organization of meetings and travel arrangements of these experts, received in 2018
	52 716	—	Additional contribution for the Aarhus Convention and the Protocol on PRTRs 2020, received in 2019
Poland	5 708	5 708	For the Aarhus Convention 2019
	3 000	3 000	For the Protocol on PRTRs 2019
Portugal	500	500	For the Aarhus Convention 2019
	500	500	For the Protocol on PRTRs 2019
Rep. of Moldova	—	1 000	For the Aarhus Convention 2019, received in 2020
	—	500	For the Protocol on PRTRs 2019, received in 2020
Romania	500	500	For the Aarhus Convention 2019
	500	500	For the Protocol on PRTRs 2019
Serbia	1 600	1 600	For the Aarhus Convention 2019
Slovakia	—	864	For the Aarhus Convention 2019, received in 2018
	836	—	For the Aarhus Convention 2020, received in 2019

<i>Donor country</i>	<i>Actual contribution in 2019</i>	<i>Adjusted contribution for 2019</i>	<i>Remarks</i>
	—	568	For the Protocol on PRTRs 2019, received in 2018
	550	—	For the Protocol on PRTRs 2020, received in 2019
Slovenia	—	4 123	For the Aarhus Convention 2019, received in 2020
	—	597	For the Protocol on PRTRs 2019, received in 2020
Spain	5 580	5 580	For the Aarhus Convention 2019
Sweden	34 970	34 970	For the Aarhus Convention 2019
	17 970	17 970	For the Protocol on PRTRs 2019
Switzerland	41 152	41 152	For the Aarhus Convention 2019, of which 20,000 Swiss francs to support work aimed at, e.g., strengthening capacities of experts from countries with economies in transition
	71 648	71 648	For the Protocol on PRTRs 2019, of which 50,000 Swiss francs to support work aimed at, e.g., strengthening capacities of experts from countries with economies in transition
Tajikistan	500	500	For the Aarhus Convention 2019
Ukraine	3 000	—	For the Aarhus Convention 2017, received in 2019
	3 000	—	For the Aarhus Convention 2018, received in 2019
	3 000	3 000	For the Aarhus Convention 2019
United Kingdom	—	46 512	For the Aarhus Convention and the Protocol on PRTRs 2019, received in 2018
	46 512	—	For the Aarhus Convention and the Protocol on PRTRs 2020, received in 2019
Total	1 057 574	1 087 677	
of which exclusively for Protocol on PRTRs	245 575	253 575	

Note: No financial contributions, in-kind contributions and/or pledges have been received from the following Parties to the Convention for 2019: Greece, North Macedonia and Turkmenistan. No financial contributions, in-kind contributions and/or pledges have been received from the following Parties to the Protocol for 2019: Belgium, Israel, Malta, Serbia and Ukraine.

^a The sum is reflected in total calculations only in the table of the year the contribution was received (Table 2 for 2019).

Table 3
**Contributions received in 2020 and for 2020 for the Convention and the Protocol as of
 31 August 2021**

(United States dollars)

<i>Donor country</i>	<i>Actual contribution in 2020</i>	<i>Adjusted contribution for 2020</i>	<i>Remarks</i>
Albania	—	3 000	For the Aarhus Convention 2020, received in 2019
	—	3 000	For the Protocol on PRTRs 2020, received in 2019
Austria	—	11 140	For the Aarhus Convention 2020, received in 2019
	11 751	—	For the Aarhus Convention 2021, received in 2020
	—	5 000	For the Protocol on PRTRs 2020, received in 2019
	5 875	—	For the Protocol on PRTRs 2021, received in 2020
Azerbaijan	500	—	For the Aarhus Convention 2019, received in 2020
	500	500	For the Aarhus Convention 2020
Belarus	500	500	For the Aarhus Convention 2020
Belgium (Federal)	22 727	22 727	For the Aarhus Convention 2020
Belgium (Brussels-Capital Region)	1 075	1 075	For the Aarhus Convention 2020
Belgium (Flemish Region)	8 499	8 499	For the Aarhus Convention 2020
Belgium (Walloon Region)	4 067	4 067	For the Aarhus Convention 2020
Bulgaria	1 608	1 608	For the Aarhus Convention 2020
	500	500	For the Protocol on PRTRs 2020
Croatia	3 000	3 000	For the Aarhus Convention 2020
	3 000	3 000	For the Protocol on PRTRs 2020
Cyprus	500	500	For the Aarhus Convention 2020
	500	500	For the Protocol on PRTRs 2020
Czechia	—	5 000	For the Aarhus Convention 2020, received in 2019
	5 000	—	For the Aarhus Convention 2021, received in 2020
	—	10 000	For the Protocol on PRTRs 2020 received in 2019
	10 000	—	For the Protocol on PRTRs 2021 received in 2020
Denmark	21 380	21 380	For the Aarhus Convention 2020
	10 680	10 680	For the Protocol on PRTRs 2020
Estonia	558	558	For the Aarhus Convention 2020
	558	558	For the Protocol on PRTRs 2020
European Union	117 786	117 786	For the Aarhus Convention 2020
	12 170	12 170	For the Protocol on PRTRs 2020
Finland	8 000	8 000	For the Aarhus Convention and the Protocol on PRTRs 2020
France	—	72 303	For the Aarhus Convention 2020, received in 2019
	35 842	35 842	For the Protocol on PRTRs 2020
	70 575	—	For the Aarhus Convention 2021, received in 2020
Georgia	1 000	1 000	For the Aarhus Convention 2020
	500	500	For the Protocol on PRTRs 2020

<i>Donor country</i>	<i>Actual contribution in 2020</i>	<i>Adjusted contribution for 2020</i>	<i>Remarks</i>
Germany	60 000	60 000	For the Aarhus Convention 2020
	60 000	—	For the Aarhus Convention 2021, received in 2020
	500	500	For the Protocol on PRTRs 2020
	29 691	29 691	Additional contribution for the Protocol on PRTRs 2020 to support work aimed at, e.g., strengthening capacities of experts from countries with economies in transition
Hungary	5 000	5 000	For the Aarhus Convention 2020
	500	500	For the Protocol on PRTRs 2020
Iceland	1 500	1 500	For the Aarhus Convention 2020
Ireland	—	5 556	For the Aarhus Convention 2020, received in 2019
	8 831	—	For the Aarhus Convention 2021, received in 2020
	—	3 333	For the Protocol on PRTRs 2020, received in 2019
	5 288	—	For the Protocol on PRTRs 2021, received in 2020
Italy	119 474	119 474	For the Aarhus Convention 2020
	68 036	68 036	Additional contribution for the Aarhus Convention in 2020 to support work aimed at, e.g., strengthening capacities of experts from countries with economies in transition; and outreach and promotion of the Convention to non-ECE countries and international processes
Kazakhstan	1 000	1 000	For the Aarhus Convention 2020
	985	985	For the Protocol on PRTRs 2020
Latvia	2 000	2 000	For the Aarhus Convention 2020
	1 116	—	For the Protocol on PRTRs 2019, received in 2020
Lithuania	1 195	1 195	For the Protocol on PRTRs 2020
	—	2 323	For the Aarhus Convention and the Protocol on PRTRs 2020, received in 2017
	2 389	—	For the Aarhus Convention and the Protocol on PRTRs 2021, received in 2020
	2 389	—	For the Aarhus Convention and the Protocol on PRTRs 2022, received in 2020
	2 389	—	For the Aarhus Convention and the Protocol on PRTRs 2023, received in 2020
Luxembourg	—	6 120	For the Aarhus Convention 2020, received in 2021
	—	1 820	Additional contribution to the Aarhus Convention 2020, received in 2021
	—	1 213	For the Protocol on PRTRs 2020, received in 2021
Malta	496	—	For the Aarhus Convention 2015, received in 2020
	496	—	For the Aarhus Convention 2016, received in 2020
	991	—	For the Aarhus Convention 2019, received in 2020
	991	991	For the Aarhus Convention 2020
Montenegro	—	1 100	For the Aarhus Convention 2020, received in 2019
	1 227	—	For the Aarhus Convention 2021, received in 2020
	—	550	For the Protocol on PRTRs 2020, received in 2019

<i>Donor country</i>	<i>Actual contribution in 2020</i>	<i>Adjusted contribution for 2020</i>	<i>Remarks</i>
Netherlands	55 187	55 187	For the Aarhus Convention 2020
	22 075	22 075	For the Protocol on PRTRs 2020
North Macedonia	500	—	For the Aarhus Convention 2017, received in 2020
	500	—	For the Aarhus Convention 2018, received in 2020
	500	—	For the Protocol on PRTRs 2017, received in 2020
	500	—	For the Protocol on PRTRs 2018, received in 2020
Norway	44 985	44 985	For the Aarhus Convention and the Protocol on PRTRs 2020
	—	52 716	Additional contribution for the Aarhus Convention and the Protocol on PRTRs 2020, received in 2019
	34 454	34 454	Additional contribution for the Aarhus Convention 2020 to support work on, e.g., compliance mechanism and on interlinkages with bodies and processes dealing with human rights
Poland	5 974	5 974	For the Aarhus Convention 2020
	3 000	3 000	For the Protocol on PRTRs 2020
Portugal	500	500	For the Aarhus Convention 2020
	500	500	For the Protocol on PRTRs 2020
Rep. of Moldova	1 000	—	For the Aarhus Convention 2018, received in 2020
	1 000	—	For the Aarhus Convention 2019, received in 2020
	1 000	1 000	For the Aarhus Convention 2020
	500	—	For the Protocol on PRTRs 2018, received in 2020
	500	—	For the Protocol on PRTRs 2019, received in 2020
	500	500	For the Protocol on PRTRs 2020
Romania	500	500	For the Aarhus Convention 2020
	397	397	For the Protocol on PRTRs 2020
	—	103	For the Protocol on PRTRs 2020, received in 2021
Serbia	1 700	1 700	For the Aarhus Convention 2020
Slovakia	—	836	For the Aarhus Convention 2020, received in 2019
	1 175	—	For the Aarhus Convention 2021, received in 2020
	—	550	For the Protocol on PRTRs 2020, received in 2019
	588	—	For the Protocol on PRTRs 2021, received in 2020
Slovenia	4 123	—	For the Aarhus Convention 2018, received in 2020
	4 123	—	For the Aarhus Convention 2019, received in 2020
	4 123	4 123	For the Aarhus Convention 2020
	597	—	For the Protocol on PRTRs 2018, received in 2020
	597	—	For the Protocol on PRTRs 2019, received in 2020
	597	597	For the Protocol on PRTRs 2020
	588	—	For the Protocol on PRTRs 2021, received in 2020
Spain	6 135	6 135	For the Aarhus Convention 2020
Sweden	35 000	35 000	For the Aarhus Convention 2020
	18 000	18 000	For the Protocol on PRTRs 2020

<i>Donor country</i>	<i>Actual contribution in 2020</i>	<i>Adjusted contribution for 2020</i>	<i>Remarks</i>
Switzerland	42 149	42 149	For the Aarhus Convention 2020, of which 20,000 Swiss francs to support work aimed at, e.g., strengthening capacities of experts from countries with economies in transition
	73 761	73 761	For the Protocol on PRTRs 2020, of which 50,000 Swiss francs to support work aimed at, e.g., strengthening capacities of experts from countries with economies in transition
United Kingdom	—	46 512	For the Aarhus Convention and the Protocol on PRTRs 2020, received in 2019
	46 512	—	For the Aarhus Convention and the Protocol on PRTRs 2021, received in 2020
Total	1 148 957	1 128 534	
of which exclusively for Protocol on PRTRs	242 101	239 200	

Note: No financial contributions, in-kind contributions and/or pledges have been received from the following Parties to the Convention for 2020: Armenia, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Greece, North Macedonia, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan and Ukraine. No financial contributions, in-kind contributions and/or pledges have been received from the following Parties to the Protocol for 2020: Belgium, Israel, Malta, Serbia, Spain and Ukraine.

Table 4
Contributions received in 2021 and for 2021 for the Convention and the Protocol as of 31 August 2021

(United States dollars)

<i>Donor country</i>	<i>Actual contribution in 2021</i>	<i>Adjusted contribution for 2021</i>	<i>Remarks</i>
Albania	3 000	3 000	For the Aarhus Convention 2021
	3 000	3 000	For the Protocol on PRTRs 2021
Armenia	500	500	For the Aarhus Convention 2021, 2022, 2023, received in 2021 ^a
Austria	—	11 751	For the Aarhus Convention 2021, received in 2020
	—	5 875	For the Protocol on PRTRs 2021, received in 2020
Belgium (Brussels-Capital Region)	1 152	1 152	For the Aarhus Convention 2021
Belgium (Flemish Region)	8 499	8 499	For the Aarhus Convention 2021
Belgium (Walloon Region)	4 120	4 120	For the Aarhus Convention 2021
Bulgaria	1 674	1 674	For the Aarhus Convention 2021
	500	500	For the Protocol on PRTRs 2021
Croatia	3 000	3 000	For the Aarhus Convention 2021
	3 000	3 000	For the Protocol on PRTRs 2021
Cyprus	500	500	For the Aarhus Convention 2021
	500	500	For the Protocol on PRTRs 2021
Czechia	—	5 000	For the Aarhus Convention 2021, received in 2020

<i>Donor country</i>	<i>Actual contribution in 2021</i>	<i>Adjusted contribution for 2021</i>	<i>Remarks</i>
	—	10 000	For the Protocol on PRTRs 2021, received in 2020
Denmark	21 380	21 380	For the Aarhus Convention 2021
	10 380	10 380	For the Protocol on PRTRs 2021
Estonia	1 220	1 220	For the Aarhus Convention 2021
	610	610	For the Protocol on PRTRs 2021
European Union	118 906	118 906	For the Aarhus Convention 2021
	12 170	12 170	For the Protocol on PRTRs 2021
Finland	5 000	5 000	For the Aarhus Convention 2021
	5 000	5 000	For the Protocol on PRTRs 2021
France	—	70 575	For the Aarhus Convention 2021, received in 2020
	79 268	—	For the Aarhus Convention 2022, received in 2021
	23 781	23 781	For the Protocol on PRTRs 2021
Georgia	1 000	1 000	For the Aarhus Convention 2021
	500	500	For the Protocol on PRTRs 2021
Germany	—	60 000	For the Aarhus Convention 2021, received in 2020
	29 308	29 308	Additional contribution for the Protocol on PRTRs 2021 to support work aimed at, e.g., strengthening capacities of experts from countries with economies in transition, including in relation to their participation in the fourth session of the Meeting of the Parties; to support maintenance of the PRTR.net platform and work on promotion of the Protocol to non-Parties
Hungary	5 000	5 000	For the Aarhus Convention 2021
	500	500	For the Protocol on PRTRs 2021
Iceland	1 500	1 500	For the Aarhus Convention 2021
Ireland	—	8 813	For the Aarhus Convention 2021, received in 2020
	—	5 288	For the Protocol on PRTRs 2021, received in 2020
Kazakhstan	1 000	1 000	For the Aarhus Convention 2021
	985	985	For the Protocol on PRTRs 2021
Latvia	2 000	2 000	For the Aarhus Convention 2021
Lithuania	—	2 389	For the Aarhus Convention and the Protocol on PRTRs 2021, received in 2020
Luxembourg	6 120	—	For the Aarhus Convention 2020, received in 2021
	1 820	—	Additional contribution to the Aarhus Convention 2020, received in 2021
	1 213	—	For the Protocol on PRTRs 2020, received in 2021
Malta	477	477	For the Aarhus Convention 2021

<i>Donor country</i>	<i>Actual contribution in 2021</i>	<i>Adjusted contribution for 2021</i>	<i>Remarks</i>
Montenegro	—	1 227	For the Aarhus Convention 2021, received in 2020
	1 224	1 224	For the Protocol on PRTRs 2021
Netherlands	59 666	59 666	For the Aarhus Convention 2021
	23 866	23 866	For the Protocol on PRTRs 2021
Norway	22 500	22 500	For the Aarhus Convention 2021
	22 500	22 500	For the Protocol on PRTRs 2021
Portugal	500	500	For the Aarhus Convention 2021
	500	500	For the Protocol on PRTRs 2021
Romania	103	—	For the Protocol on PRTRs 2020, received in 2021
Slovakia	—	1 175	For the Aarhus Convention 2021, received in 2020
	—	588	For the Protocol on PRTRs 2021, received in 2020
Slovenia	—	588	For the Protocol on PRTRs 2021, received in 2020
	4 177	4 177	For the Aarhus Convention 2021
Spain	5 945	5 945	For the Aarhus Convention 2021
	11 891	11 891	For the Protocol on PRTRs 2021
Sweden	35 000	35 000	For the Aarhus Convention 2021
	18 000	18 000	For the Protocol on PRTRs 2021
Switzerland	43 908	43 908	For the Aarhus Convention 2021, of which 20,000 Swiss francs to support work aimed at, e.g., strengthening capacities of experts from countries with economies in transition
	77 864	77 864	For the Protocol on PRTRs 2021, of which 50,000 Swiss francs to support work aimed at, e.g., strengthening capacities of experts from countries with economies in transition
United Kingdom	—	46 512	For the Aarhus Convention and the Protocol on PRTRs 2021, received in 2020
Total	608 363	749 619	
of which exclusively for Protocol on PRTRs	169 531	190 554	

^a The sum is reflected in total calculations only in the table of the year the contribution was received (Table 4 for 2021).

Table 5
Pledges for 2018–2021 as of 31 August 2021

(Original currency)

<i>Donor country</i>	<i>Original currency</i>	<i>Amount</i>	<i>Remarks</i>
Belarus	\$	500	For the Aarhus Convention 2021
Belgium (Federal)	€	20 000	For the Aarhus Convention 2021
Kyrgyzstan	\$	500	For the Aarhus Convention 2020
Netherlands	€	35 000	Additional contribution for the Aarhus Convention 2021 to support the work areas on reporting and on compliance (e.g., preparation of synthesis report and advisory support to countries with economies in transition that are subject to compliance review)
North Macedonia	\$	500	For the Protocol on PRTRs 2019
	\$	500	For the Protocol on PRTRs 2020
	\$	500	For the Protocol on PRTRs 2021
Rep. of Moldova	\$	500	For the Protocol on PRTRs 2021
Romania	\$	500	For the Aarhus Convention 2021
	\$	500	For the Protocol on PRTRs 2021

B. In-kind contributions

5. The following in-kind contributions were made in the period 2018–2021:¹

(a) Support from the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe, support for travel of non-governmental and governmental delegates, representatives of the judiciary and a number of participants from Aarhus Centres to the meetings of subsidiary bodies under the Convention and the Protocol; as well as for relevant activities of the Aarhus Centres related to the Convention and the Protocol;

(b) From the Government of Spain, support for promotion of the Protocol on PRTRs in Latin American and Caribbean countries, in the countries of the Mediterranean region, in Turkey and in North Macedonia in 2017, 2018 and 2019;

(c) From the Government of Sweden, support for the hosting of the thirteenth meeting of the Bureau of the Protocol (Gothenburg, Sweden, 23 and 24 May 2018);

(d) From the Government of Germany, support for the establishment and advancement of PRTRs in South-Eastern Europe and the Republic of Moldova.

III. Estimated and projected expenditures

6. The costs shown in tables 6–9 below are estimated and projected. The costs are limited to those intended to be covered by voluntary contributions made under the Convention's and Protocol's schemes of financial arrangements through the trust fund. They do not include costs that are expected to be covered under the United Nations regular budget. Figures are rounded up and may change in accordance with United Nations administrative regulations. Expenditures reported are related to implementation of the Protocol's 2018–2021 work

¹ In-kind contributions to support activities for the Convention only are included in the report to the Convention's Meeting of the Parties (ECE/MP.PP/2021/4).

programme. Expenses related to the Aarhus Convention are reported to the Convention's bodies.

Table 6
January–December 2018 expenditures

(United States dollars)

<i>Item</i>	<i>Expenditures</i>	<i>Description</i>
1 P–3 staff post to support the work under the Protocol on PRTRs	122 000	P–3 staff costs (80 per cent full-time equivalent) for January–December 2018
Secretarial support	36 000	30 per cent of G–5 staff costs for January–December 2018 ^a
Travel of experts and participants	48 000	Working Group of the Parties, Global Round Table on PRTRs and Bureau meetings
Travel of staff	7 200	Travel of staff to service Bureau meeting in Sweden and to participate in PRTR expert meeting in Mongolia
Subtotal	213 200	
Programme support costs (13 per cent)	27 800	
Total	241 000	

^a The remaining 70 per cent of G–5 staff costs is dedicated to the work under the Aarhus Convention and costs are reported to the bodies of the Aarhus Convention.

Table 7
January–December 2019 expenditures

(in United States dollars)

<i>Item</i>	<i>Expenditures</i>	<i>Description</i>
One P–3 staff post to support the work under the Protocol on PRTRs	125 400	P–3 staff costs (80 per cent full-time equivalent) for January–December 2019
Secretarial support	37 700	30 per cent of G–5 staff costs for January–December 2019 ^a
Travel of experts and participants	49 000	Working Group of the Parties, Compliance Committee and Bureau meetings
Travel of staff	2 800	Travel of staff to service International PRTR Coordinating Group meeting and to participate in expert meetings
Horizontal support areas	3 700	Technical, other operational and support costs (including IT cost, financial administration, etc.)
Subtotal	218 500	
Programme support costs (13 per cent)	28 400	
Total	246 900	

Abbreviations: IT, information technology.

^a The remaining 70 per cent of G–5 staff costs is dedicated to the work under the Aarhus Convention and costs are reported to the bodies of the Aarhus Convention.

Table 8
January–December 2020 expenditures

(United States dollars)

<i>Item</i>	<i>Expenditures</i>	<i>Description</i>
One P–3 staff post to support the work under the Protocol on PRTRs	127 400	P–3 staff costs (80 per cent full-time equivalent) for January–December 2020
Secretarial support	41 900	30 per cent of G–5 staff costs for January–December 2020 ^a
Capacity-building	4 100	Advisory support for establishing a national PRTR in Tajikistan
Coordination and oversight of intersessional activities	9 000	Costs to cover organization of online meeting of the Working Group of the Parties, including interpretation for remote participants
Horizontal support areas	8 400	Costs related to, e.g., computers, licences, equipment, maintenance of PRTR.net web portal, financial, travel and office administration
Subtotal	190 600	
Programme support costs (13 per cent)	24 800	
Total	215 300	

^a The remaining 70 per cent of G–5 staff costs is dedicated to the work under the Aarhus Convention and costs are reported to the bodies of the Aarhus Convention.

Table 9
January–December 2021 projected expenditures

(United States dollars)

<i>Activity</i>	<i>Item</i>	<i>Core expenditures</i>	<i>Other expenditures</i>
A. Compliance mechanism	Travel of experts and participants	20 000	—
B. Technical assistance	Travel of experts and participants, organizational costs (including capacity-building workshops)	—	5 000
	Subcontracts (e.g., advisory support for establishing a national PRTR in Tajikistan)	3 030	7 000
C. Information exchange on a technical level	Subcontracts (including maintenance and improvement of PRTR.net and the PRTR online tool on national implementation reports)	5 000	—
D. Reporting mechanism	Subcontracts (translation of synthesis report)	4 000	—
E. Awareness-raising and promotion of the Protocol and its interlinkages with other treaties and processes	Travel of experts and the secretariat	5 000	—
	Subcontracts	—	5 000
F. Coordination and oversight of intersessional activities	Travel of participants (including MOPP-4, Bureau)	40 000	—
G. Technical assessment of the provisions of the Protocol	Subcontracts	5 000	—

<i>Activity</i>	<i>Item</i>	<i>Core expenditures</i>	<i>Other expenditures</i>
H. Horizontal support areas	Technical, other operational support costs (including IT cost, financial administration, training etc.)	13 500	
Subtotal (activities)		95 800	17 000
Staff requirements	One P-3 staff member to support the work under the Protocol on PRTRs	180 000	—
	Secretarial support (G-staff)	42 000 ^a	—
Subtotal (staff requirements)		222 000	—
Programme support costs (13 per cent)		41 400	2 300
Total		359 200	19 300

Abbreviation: MOPP-4, fourth session of the Meeting of the Parties to the Protocol.

^a G-5 staff member is required in order to provide administrative support for activities under the Aarhus Convention and its Protocol. The staff costs for January–December 2021 are shared with the Convention as follows: 70 per cent of costs are covered by the contributions for the Convention and 30 per cent by the contributions for the Protocol.