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Meeting of the Parties to the Convention
on Environmental Impact Assessment
in a Transboundary Context

Meeting of the Parties to the Convention
on Environmental Impact Assessment in
a Transboundary Context serving as the
Meeting of the Parties to the Protocol on
Strategic Environmental Assessment

Bureau

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Financial arrangements

Status of the trust fund: Contributions and expenditures

Note by the secretariat

1. The tables A.1 and A.2 overleaf present income until 30 May 2022 to the trust fund under the Espoo Convention and its Protocol to support the workplan 2021–2023 adopted by the Meetings of the Parties to the Convention and the Protocol at their last sessions (Vilnius, (online) 8–11 December 2020) (decision VIII/2–IV/2).
2. The table A.1 presents: The income to trust fund (in US dollars) by Parties listed in alphabetical order; the Parties' pledges for the period 2021–2023 (as recorded in the report on the Meetings of the Parties sessions (ECE/MP.EIA/30-ECE/MP.EIA/SEA/13, annex I) and any additional/unpledged contributions or pledges made; as well as an US dollar value of the pledges (as converted with an exchange rate from December 2020).
3. The table A.2 presents the income to the trust fund by date.
4. In addition, two countries invited the secretariat to record the following additional (unpledged) contributions to the trust fund as funding the year 2020 to be listed under the financial report 2017–2020, while authorizing these funds to be carried over for use in the present period:
 - (a) \$71,684 (€60,000) from Italy earmarked for supporting the secretariat's functioning (received on 18 December 2020);
 - (b) \$12,188 (€10,000) from Luxembourg (received on 3 February 2021).

5. The Bureau may recall that in December 2020, the Meetings of the Parties decided on a financial scheme “whereby all Parties have a duty to contribute to the sharing of the workplan costs that are not covered by the United Nations regular budget” (decision VIII/1–IV/1, para.1). 28 of the 45 Parties to the Convention made pledges to the budget, which were recorded in the session report (see annex I of ECE/MP.EIA/30–ECE/MP.EIA/SEA/13). As 17 Parties had not pledged funds by then, and as the total value of the pledges remained largely insufficient to cover the resource requirements for the implementation of the workplan for 2021–2023 (\$ 1,589 910), the Meetings of the Parties urged all Parties that had not yet made pledges to do so, and to make additional contributions during the period.

6. Until to date, at mid-term:

(a) the following **14 Parties have not yet contributed** funds in the period 2021–2023: **Azerbaijan, Belarus, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Bulgaria, Croatia, Greece, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Liechtenstein, North Macedonia, Republic of Moldova, Romania, Serbia, Ukraine and the United Kingdom.**

(b) the following **7 Parties have not contributed nor pledged funds** for the period 2021–2023: **Belarus, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Liechtenstein, Serbia, the United Kingdom.**

7. As requested by the Meetings of the Parties, the secretariat has written to Parties whose contributions had not been received by 31 December 2021 “to impress upon them the importance of contributing”, and also sent several other reminders on their duty to report.

Table A.1

Income to the Convention's trust fund

(in United States dollars)

<i>Party^a</i>	<i>Description of pledge in ECE/MP.EIA/30-ECE/MP.EIA/SEA/13 plus additional contributions</i>	<i>Pledge*</i>	<i>Amount received</i>
Albania	(None). Unpledged contribution of \$2,000 for 2021-2123		2,000
Armenia	(None). Unpledged contribution of \$1,000 for 2021-2123		1,000
Austria	\$21,000 for the intersessional period 2021–2023, to be paid in three instalments of \$7,000 each in 2021, 2022 and 2023.	21,000	7,000
Azerbaijan	(None). [Unpledged contribution of \$ 4,000 expected]		
Belarus	(None)		
Belgium	\$33,954 for the intersessional period 2021–2023, as follows: Flemish Region: \$13,785.96; Federal Government: \$10,186.66 (both paid in December 2020); Walloon Region: \$7,843 (paid in May 2021); Brussels Capital Region: \$2,131 (to be paid in 2021).	33,954	33,946
Bosnia and Herzegovina	(None)		
Bulgaria	\$5,000 to the Convention and \$3,000 to the Protocol for the intersessional period 2021–2023.		
Canada	Can \$15,000 for the intersessional period 2021–2023 to support the implementation of the work plan for 2021–2023 under the Convention, to be paid in three instalments of Can\$ 5,000 each (2021 contribution before March 2021; 2022 contribution any time after May 2021; and 2023 contribution after April 2022).	11,445	7,973
Croatia	\$9,000 for the intersessional period 2021–2023, to be paid in three instalments of \$3,000 each in 2021, 2022 and 2023.	9,000	
Cyprus	(None). Unpledged contribution of \$ 1,000 for the year 2021.		1,000
Czechia	\$15,000 for the intersessional period 2021–2023, to be paid in three instalments of \$5,000 each in 2021, 2022 and 2023.	15,000	10,000
Denmark	\$13,500 for the intersessional period 2021–2023	13,500	13,500
Estonia	€3,000 for the intersessional period 2021–2023, to be paid in three instalments of €1,000 each in 2021, 2022 and 2023.	3,500	1,219
European Union	Total of €210,000 for the intersessional period 2021–2023, to be paid in three instalments of €70,000 each in 2021, 2022 and 2023, consisting of an unearmarked contribution of €65,000/year and of €5,000/year earmarked to cover travel- and subsistence-related costs of the Bureau Chair's participation at meetings under the Convention and the Protocol.	227,909	163,143
Finland	\$30,000 for the intersessional period 2021–2023, to be paid in three instalments: \$10,000 each in 2021, 2022 and 2023 (subject to the availability of funding in the national budget).	30,000	10,000
France	€90,000 for the intersessional period 2021–2023, to be paid in three instalments of €30,000 each in 2021, 2022 and 2023.	105,189	36,585
Germany	\$60,000 for the intersessional period 2021–2023, to be paid in three instalments of \$20,000 each in 2021, 2022 and 2023.	60,000	40,000
Greece	€3,000 for the intersessional period 2021–2023, to be paid in three instalments of €1,000 each in 2021, 2022 and 2023 (subject to confirmation).	3,500	
Hungary	\$12,000 for the intersessional period 2021–2023, to be paid in three instalments of \$4,000 each in 2021, 2022 and 2023.	12,000	4,000
Ireland	\$19,500 for the intersessional period 2021–2023, to be paid in three instalments of \$6,500 each in 2021, 2022 and 2023.	19,500	13,000
Italy	€60,000 for the intersessional period 2021–2023 (€20,000/year to be paid in 2021, 2022 and 2023). In addition, earmarked contributions of, in total, €180,000 for the period 2021–2023 (€60,000/year to be paid in 2021, 2022 and 2023) for two proposed workplan activities: €120,000 (or €40,000/year) for subregional cooperation activities for marine regions; and €60,000 (or €20,000/year) for a thematic seminar on promoting the application of strategic environmental assessment in development cooperation.	280,504	94,339

<i>Party^a</i>	<i>Description of pledge in ECE/MP.EIA/30-ECE/MP.EIA/SEA/13 plus additional contributions</i>	<i>Pledge*</i>	<i>Amount received</i>
Kazakhstan	(None)		
Kyrgyzstan	(None)		
Latvia	€3,000 for the intersessional period 2021–2023, to be paid in three instalments of €1,000 each in 2021, 2022 and 2023.	3,506	1,165.50
Liechtenstein	(None)		
Lithuania	\$10,000 for the intersessional period 2021–2023, (to be paid by the end of 2020).	10,000	10,000
Luxembourg	(None). Unpledged contribution of €10,000		23,423
Malta	(None). Unpledged contribution of €3,000 for the period 2021-2023.		3,378
Montenegro	€3,000 for the intersessional period 2021–2023	3,506	3,521
Netherlands	€60,000 for the intersessional period 2017–2020 to be paid in three instalments of €20,000 each in 2021, 2022 and 2023 (payment schedule subject to confirmation).	70,126	73,170
North Macedonia	(None). Unpledged contribution of \$ 2,000 [expected].		
Norway	NKr 360,000 for the intersessional period 2021–2023, to be paid in three instalments of NKr 120,000 each in 2021, 2022 and 2023. In addition, for 2021, a one-off payment of NKr 366,666 (around \$40,000) to strengthen secretariat resources for supporting the workplan implementation.	85,610	100,655
Poland	\$21,000 for the intersessional period 2021–2023, to be paid in three instalments of \$7,000 each in 2021, 2022 and 2023.	21,000	14,000
Portugal	(None). Unpledged contribution of €15,000 for the year 2021		16,304
Republic of Moldova	\$1,500 for the next intersessional period 2021–2023, to be paid in three instalments of \$500 each in 2021, 2022 and 2023.		
Romania	\$15,000 for the intersessional period 2021–2023, to be paid in three instalments of \$5,000 each in 2021, 2022 and 2023.		
Serbia	(None)		
Slovakia	€15,000 for the intersessional period 2021–2023, to be paid in three instalments of €5,000 each in 2021, 2022 and 2023, subject to approval by the Slovakian authorities within each year's budget proposal.		5,631
Slovenia	\$9,000 for the intersessional period 2021–2023, to be paid in three instalments of \$3,000 each for 2021 (already paid in December 2020), 2022 and 2023.		3,000
Spain	(None). Unpledged contribution of €10,000.		11,261
Sweden	At least \$8,300 per year for the intersessional period 2021–2023, to be paid in 2021, 2022 and 2023 (subject to confirmation).	24,900	8,300
Switzerland	Subject to annual budgetary approval by the Parliament, CHF 42,000 per year for the intersessional period 2021–2023, to be paid in 2021, 2022 and 2023, including an annual contribution of CHF 20,000 and an additional contribution of CHF 22,000 earmarked for capacity-building activities in Central Asia and Azerbaijan that are to be specified subsequently.	130,260	45,701
Ukraine	\$6,000 for the intersessional period 2021–2023, to be paid in three instalments of \$2,000 each in 2021, 2022 and 2023.		
United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland	(None)		
	Total	1,194,910	758,214

^a All Parties to the Convention are listed, whether or not contributing to the trust fund.

* Pledges in original currencies were converted into USD using an exchange rate of December 2020.

Table A.2

Income to the Convention's trust fund by date for 2021-2023

(in United States dollars)

<i>Date</i>	<i>Party</i>	<i>Amount received in</i>	<i>Income in USD</i>
2020			
14 October	Montenegro	EUR 3,000	3,521
4 December	Czechia		5,000
8 December	Germany		20,000
16 December	Belgium (Flemish Region)		13,786
16 December	Belgium (Federal Government)		10,186
28 December	Norway		42,110
30 December	Lithuania		10,000
2021			
19 January	Ireland		6,500
3 February	Belgium (Brussels Capital Region)		2,131
24 February	Canada	Can\$ 5,000	4,024
10 March	Denmark		13,500
11 March	Luxembourg	EUR 10,000	12,188
1 April	Armenia		1,000
20 May	Albania		2,000
28 May	Sweden		8,300
3 June	Estonia		1,219
11 June	Netherlands	EUR 60,000	73,170
24 June	France	EUR 30,000	36,585
20 July	Cyprus		1,000
28 July	Switzerland	CHF 42,000	45,701
11 August	Belgium (Walloon region)		7,843
16 August	European Union	EUR 70,000	83,234
10 September	Hungary		4,000
14 September	Italy	EUR 80,000	94,339
1 October	Poland		7,000
5 November	Latvia	EUR 1,000	1,166
8 November	Canada	Can\$ 5,000	3,949
12 November	Finland	USD 10,000	10,000
23 November	Slovenia	USD 3,000	3,000
8 December	Germany	USD 20,000	20,000
10 December	Czechia	USD 5,000	5,000
15 December	Malta	EUR 3,000	3,378
17 December	Austria	USD 7,000	7,000
22 December	Spain	EUR 10,000	11,261
27 December	Norway	NOK 402,915	44,531
27 December	Norway	NOK 121,550	14,014
30 December	Slovakia	EUR 5,000	5,631
2022			
27 January	European Union	EUR 70,000	79,909
28 February	Ireland		6,500
4 March	Luxembourg	EUR 10,000	11,235
4 April	Poland	PLN 29,246	7,000
25 April	Portugal	EUR 15,000	16,304
Total			758,214