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

**Working Group on Environmental Impact Assessment**

**and Strategic Environmental Assessment**

 **Eleventh meeting**

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**Item 7 of the provisional agenda**

**Preparations for the next sessions of the Meetings of the Parties**

**A list of vacancies (chairs and members) in the treaty bodies
for 2024–2026**

Note by the Bureau

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| *Summary*The present note outlines information regarding the officers (chairs and members) to be elected to the treaty bodies for the intersessional period 2024–2026.Delegations will be invited to come forward with nominations for officers to be elected for the next intersessional period i.e.: a Chair and Vice-Chairs of the Working Group, a Chair and members of the Bureau and four permanent and four alternate members of the Implementation Committee. (Additional new members of the Implementation Committee may need to be nominated depending on whether Committee members are Parties to the Protocol). The Working Group is invited to consider the outcomes of the Bureau’s related deliberations, including that it:(a) Identified Parties that have never or not recently been represented in the treaty bodies, and recommended also that, if required, and on an exceptional basis, travel expenses of officers from such countries be funded from the trust fund, although not formally eligible for financial support;(b) Welcomed the initial expression of interest by the current Chairs of the Bureau, the Implementation Committee and the Working Group to put forward their candidacy for continuing their respective mandates in the next period;(c) Agreed that Parties should be mindful of possible conflicts of interest when electing members to the Implementation Committee. |
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**I. Vacant positions (chairs and members) in the treaty bodies
 for 2024-2026**

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| *Position* | *Nominee (for Convention)[[1]](#footnote-2)* | *Nominee (alternate for Protocol)[[2]](#footnote-3)* |
| **Bureau members**  |  |  |
| **1. Chair** |  | *Not required if Party to both* |
| **2. Vice-Chair** | = Chair of the Working Group | *Not required as must be Party to both* |
| 3. Vice-Chair | = Chair of the Implementation Committee | *Not required as must be Party to both* |
| 4. Vice-Chair | = 1st Vice-Chair of the Implementation Committee |  *Not required if Party to both* |
| 5. Vice-Chair | **Country** (Person) | *Not required if Party to both* |
| 6. Vice-Chair | **Country** (Person) | *Not required if Party to both* |
| **Working Group officers**  |  |  |
| **1. Chair** | **Country** (Person) | *Must be Party to both* |
| 2. Vice-Chair | **Country** (Person) | *Not required according to the rules* |
| 3. Vice-Chair | **Country** (Person) | *Not required according to the rules* |
| **Implementation Committee members**[[3]](#footnote-4) |  | **Alternates for Protocol matters** |
| **Chair[[4]](#footnote-5)** | To be elected by the Committee |  |
| **1st Vice-Chair3** | To be elected by the Committee |  |
| **Continuing members*and their alternates***  | **Austria** (Christian Baumgartner) *(Ursula Platzer-Schneider)* |  |
|  | **Germany** (Ralph Bodle)*(Christof Sangenstedt)* |  |
|  | **Luxembourg** (Joe Ducomble)*(Judith Scheer)* |  |
|  | **Slovakia** (Barbora Pavlačič Donevová*)(Roman Skorka – to be replaced)* |  |
| **Nominations needed** | ***Nominee (Permanent + alternate members)*** | ***Nominee (Alternate for Protocol required if not Party to both)*** |
|  | **Country** (Person)*(Person)* |  |
|  | **Country** (Person)*(Person)* |  |
|  | **Country** (Person)*(Person)* |  |
|  | **Country** (Person)*(Person)* |  |
| **Outgoing members and their alternates** | **Azerbaijan** (A. Rzayeva)*(Leyla Aliyeva)* | **Finland** (L. Tallskog)*(Charlotta von Troil)* |
|  | **Hungary** (Z. Pocsai)*(Evelyn Fábián-Mayer)* |  |
|  | **Portugal** (M. do Carmo Figueira) (1st Vice-Chair) *(Águeda Silva)* |  |
|  | **Sweden** (A. Bengtsson)*(Christina Olson Lundh)* |  |

**II. A record of Parties that have nominated officers (2001–2023)**

**A. Membership of the Implementation Committee[[5]](#footnote-6)**

| *Party* ***(in bold if also Party to Protocol)*** | *MOP2-MOP3 (2001–2004)* | *MOP3–MOP4 (2004–2008)* | *MOP4–MOP5 (2008–2011)* | *MOP5–MOP6(2011–2014)*  | *MOP6–MOP7(2014–2017)* | *MOP7-MOP8(2017-2020)* | *MOP8-MOP9**(2021-2023)* |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **Albania** |  |  |  |  | Yes |  |  |
| **Armenia** | Yes | Yes |  | Yes  | Yes |  |  |
| **Austria** |  |  |  |  |  |  | Yes |
| Azerbaijan |  |  | Yes | Yes  |  | Yes |  |
| Belarus |  |  |  |  | Yes | Yes |  |
| Belgium |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| **Bosnia & Herzegovina** |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| **Bulgaria** |  |  | Yes | Yes |  |  |  |
| Canada | Yes |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| **Croatia** |  | Yes | Yes |  |  |  |  |
| **Cyprus** |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| **Czechia** |  |  |  |  |  | Yes (Protocol) |  |
| **Denmark** |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| **Estonia** |  |  |  |  | Yes (Protocol) | Yes |  |
| **Finland** | Yes | Yes |  |  |  | Yes (Protocol) | Yes(Protocol) |
| France |  |  |  | Yes | Yes (Convention) |  |  |
| **Germany** |  | Yes | Yes |  |  |  | Yes |
| Greece |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| **Hungary** |  |  |  |  | Yes | Yes | Yes |
| Ireland |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| **Italy** |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Kazakhstan |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Kyrgyzstan |  | Yes | Yes |  |  |  |  |
| **Latvia** |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Liechtenstein |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| **Lithuania** |  |  |  |  | Yes | Yes |  |
| **Luxembourg** |  |  |  |  |  |  | Yes |
| Malta |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| **Montenegro** |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| **Netherlands** | Yes |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| **North Macedonia** | Yes | Yes |  |  |  |  |  |
| **Norway** |  |  |  | Yes(Protocol) |  |  |  |
| **Poland** |  | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes (Protocol) |  |  |
| **Portugal** |  |  |  |  |  | Yes | Yes |
| **Republic of Moldova** | Yes |  | Yes | Yes |  |  |  |
| **Romania** |  |  |  | Yes | Yes |  |  |
| **Serbia** |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| **Slovakia** | Yes | Yes |  | Yes |  |  | Yes |
| **Slovenia** |  |  | Yes | Yes |  |  |  |
| **Spain** |  |  |  | Yes | Yes |  |  |
| **Sweden** |  |  |  |  |  | Yes | Yes |
| Switzerland |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| **Ukraine** |  |  |  |  | Yes | Yes |  |
| United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland | Yes | Yes |  |  |  |  |  |
| **European Union** |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |

**B. Membership of the Bureau[[6]](#footnote-7) (including Chair and Vice Chairs of the Working Group; and Chair and First Vice-Chair of the Implementation Committee)**

| *Party (in* ***bold*** *if Protocol too)* | *MOP2-MOP3 (2001–2004)* | *MOP3-MOP4 (2004–2008)* | *MOP4-MOP5 (2008–2011)* | *MOP5-MOP6(2011–2014)*  | *MOP6-MOP7(2014-2017)* | *MOP7-MOP8(2017-2020)* | *MOP7- MOP8(2021-2023)* |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **Albania** |  |  | Yes |  | Yes |  |  |
| **Armenia** |  |  |  |  | Yes | Yes |  |
| **Austria** |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Azerbaijan |  |  |  |  | Yes | Yes |  |
| Belarus |  |  |  | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes |
| Belgium | Yes | Yes |  |  |  |  |  |
| **Bosnia and Herzegovina** |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| **Bulgaria** | Yes | Yes |  |  |  |  |  |
| Canada |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| **Croatia** | Yes |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Cyprus |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| **Czechia** |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| **Denmark** |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| **Estonia** |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| **Finland** |  | Yes |  |  |  | Yes |  |
| France |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| **Germany** |  |  |  | Yes |  |  |  |
| *Georgia* | Yes | Yes | Yes |  |  |  |  |
| Greece |  |  |  |  |  |  | Yes |
| **Hungary** |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Ireland |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| **Italy** |  |  |  |  |  |  | Yes |
| Kazakhstan |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Kyrgyzstan |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| **Latvia** |  | Yes |  |  |  |  |  |
| Liechtenstein |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| **Lithuania** | Yes |  |  | Yes | Yes | Yes |  |
| **Luxembourg** |  |  |  |  |  |  | Yes |
| **Malta** |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| **Montenegro** |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| **Netherlands** |  |  | Yes |  |  |  |  |
| **North Macedonia** |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| **Norway** | Yes |  | Yes |  |  | Yes |  |
| **Poland** | Yes |  |  | Yes | Yes |  | Yes |
| **Portugal** |  |  | Yes |  |  | Yes | Yes |
| Republic of Moldova |  |  |  |  | Yes (Convention) |  |  |
| **Romania** |  | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes  |  |  |
| **Serbia** |  |  | Yes | Yes | Yes |  |  |
| **Slovakia** |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| **Slovenia** |  |  |  | Yes  |  | Yes | Yes |
| **Spain** |  |  |  |  | Yes | Yes |  |
| **Sweden** | Yes |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Switzerland | Yes |  |  |  | Yes (Convention) |  | Yes(Convention) |
| **Ukraine** |  |  |  | Yes | Yes (Convention) | Yes | Yes |
| United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland | Yes | Yes |  |  |  |  |  |
| **European Union** | Yes | Yes |  | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes |

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1. Necessarily a Party to the Convention. [↑](#footnote-ref-2)
2. Necessarily a Party to the Protocol. In the end of May 2022 the Parties to the Protocol were: Albania, Armenia, Austria, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Bulgaria, Croatia, Cyprus, Czechia, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, Germany, Hungary, Italy, Latvia, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Malta, Montenegro, Netherlands, North Macedonia, Norway, Poland, Portugal, the Republic of Moldova, Romania, Serbia, Slovakia, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden, Ukraine and the European Union. [↑](#footnote-ref-3)
3. In accordance with the Committee’s operating rules, each elected Party should nominate a permanent member and an alternate member for the same term of office. [↑](#footnote-ref-4)
4. To be from a Party to both the Convention and the Protocol. [↑](#footnote-ref-5)
5. Parties that have never (or not recently) served in the Committee are highlighted in yellow [↑](#footnote-ref-6)
6. In accordance with the rules regarding the Bureau adopted by the Meetings of the Parties in 2020 (ECE/MP.EIA/30–ECE/MP.EIA/SEA/13, annex II)

 (a) To maximise the effectiveness of its deliberations, the Bureau should consist of a maximum of 11 members, including five ex-officio members: the Chair and the first Vice-Chair of the Implementation Committee; the Chair and Vice-Chairs of the Working Group; and, as relevant, a representative of the host country for the forthcoming sessions of the Meetings of the Parties;

 (b) The three basic (minimum) criteria for the Bureau membership are: (i) Adequate representation of the UNECE subregions; (ii) Equal representation of the Convention and the Protocol; (iii) Fluency in English, the working language of the Bureau (Bureau meetings are held in English only).

 (c) To better ensure a rotation/turnover among the Bureau members, the length of the mandate/terms of service should be limited to a maximum of two consecutive terms (or intersessional periods) for each Party to the Convention and the Protocol (with the exception of the European Commission, which represents a regional economic integration organization). Parties that have never or not recently nominated officers to the Bureau or other treaty bodies should be encouraged to do so. [↑](#footnote-ref-7)