

**Agenda item 13:**  
Workplan and resource  
requirements for the Convention for  
2023–2024

**Twelfth meeting of the Conference of the Parties**

Geneva, Switzerland and online, 29 November-1 December 2022

WORKPLAN 2023-2024:  
**FINANCING OF THE INDUSTRIAL ACCIDENTS  
CONVENTION**

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# OVERVIEW

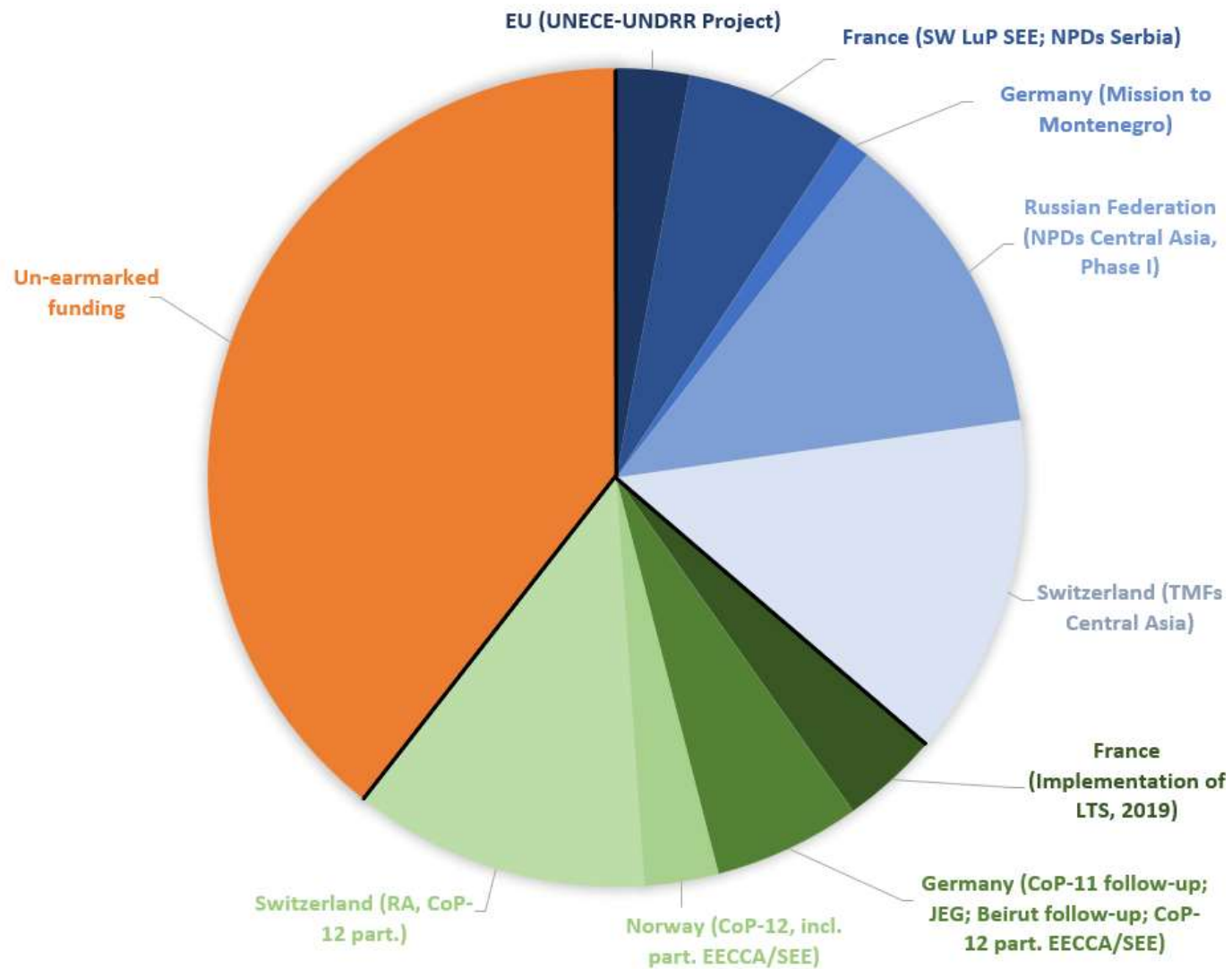
1. Financing from the UN regular budget
2. Financing by extrabudgetary contributions
3. Earmarked vs. unearmarked funding
4. Sustainable financial mechanisms and Decision 2018/2 fostering its implementation
5. Future workplan 2023-24

# FINANCING FROM THE REGULAR BUDGET

- Staffing: 1 RB P-4 (secretary), 1 GS-5 (Programme assistant)
- Intergovernmental meetings: Interpretation, until 2022: remote simultaneous interpretation (RSI)
- Up to 30 min for each 3-hour session
- Official documents: Issuance, translation into 3 official languages
- Publications (when forecasted)
- Travel of secretariat and participants from EECCA or SEE countries, upon budget availability
- Consultancy, upon budget availability (max. USD 10,000) (e.g. NPDs Serbia)
- UN programme budget, Part V. Regional cooperation for development. Section 20 Economic development in Europe (A/77/6 (Sect.20) for 2023)
- Draft programme of work of the Environment sub-programme for 2023 (ECE/CEP/S/2022/10)
- Governed by UN financial rules and regulations (ST/SGB/2013/4)

# FINANCING FROM THE EXTRA BUDGETARY CONTRIBUTIONS

- All other costs needed to implement the workplan:
  - ✓ Staff
  - ✓ Consultancy and contractors
  - ✓ Travel
  - ✓ Operational and other costs
  - ✓ Grants to implementing partners
- Voluntary contributions vary (earmarked and non-earmarked, some require reporting, others not)
- They are administrated according to UN rules and donors' agreements /requirements



**EARMARKED VS. UNEARMARKED FUNDING AVAILABLE (2021-22)**

## SUSTAINABLE FINANCIAL MECHANISM (COP-7)

- **Sustainable Financial mechanism adopted at CoP-7 (Stockholm, Nov. 2012, ECE/CP.TEIA/24, annex I):**
  - ✓ Places primary responsibility for financing workplan on Parties
  - ✓ “All Parties are encouraged to provide resources for the implementation of the workplan activities and they are invited to consider contributions that reflect their economic strength, or higher. “ (para. 14)
  - ✓ Determination of economic strength based on United Nations scale of assessment (UN Resolution 76/238 for 2022-2024), applied to the Convention’s workplan budget and number to Parties
  - ✓ Respective amount recommended indicated to Parties upon request
  - ✓ Majority of Parties provide contributions below levels of economic scale

## DECISION 2018/2 FOSTERING IMPLEMENTATION OF THE SUSTAINABLE FINANCIAL MECHANISM (COP-10)

- Urges **all** Parties to contribute to the sustainable funding of activities and to share the financial burden equitably and proportionately
- Encourages the Parties to consider making **predictable, and preferably multiyear, sustainable funding pledges**, in accordance with the sustainable financial mechanism
- **Encourages Parties that have previously made financial or in-kind contributions to continue to do so and to consider increasing** them, particularly where the contributions made are at a level below the economic strength of the Party concerned
- **Strongly urges Parties that have not yet made any financial or in-kind contributions to do so**
- Encourages Parties to consider making financial contributions for implementation of the Convention **from various financial sources within the national budgets**



## DECISION 2018/2 FOSTERING IMPLEMENTATION OF THE SUSTAINABLE FINANCIAL MECHANISM (CONT.)

- Places priority on **funding staff as a prerequisite for activities**
- Requests that Parties make their **contributions as early as possible in their budget year** and that, to the extent possible, contributions for a given calendar year be made by the end of the preceding year
- Recommends that, where this is not an option, **contributions be made during the first quarter of the calendar year** in order to ensure the coverage of staff costs with a view to the smooth functioning of the secretariat, as a priority, and to the timely and effective implementation of priority activities under the respective workplan

## FUTURE WORKPLAN 2023-24

- Workplan implementation is driven by activities funded by donors  
→ you as Parties set priorities!
- Un-earmarked extra budgetary contributions provide a minimum resource base
- Additional (project-related, earmarked) extra budgetary contributions are essential to implement workplan and sustain activities at current scale, and progress in implementing the long-term strategy
- Invitation to the ½ of the Parties not yet contributing financially to do so
- Invitation to contributing Parties to consider enhancing contributions to reflect economic strength



THANK YOU FOR YOUR ATTENTION!