

Ninth meeting of the Working Group of the Protocol on PRTRs (Geneva, 24-25 November 2022) – Item 7 Subregional and national activities: achievements, needs and challenges for capacity-building

Environment-People-Law

Environment-People-Law welcomes the adoption of the Law of Ukraine on National PRTR. We wished however that that would have happened before we submitted a communication to the PRTR Compliance Committee in 2020. Following the ratification of the Protocol in 2016, Ukraine had to launch a fully operational PRTR in 2019, yet failed to do so.

The adoption of the Law on National PRTR is a big step forward. That law however needs to be assessed for its compliance with the Protocol. Furthermore, a mere adoption of a legal framework even, if perfectly in line with the international standards, does not amount to fulfilling the commitments of Ukraine under the Protocol. The implementing regulations have to be developed and adopted. The appropriate technical solutions - decided upon and implemented. All with respective public involvement as prescribed by the Protocol and the Law on National PRTR. Environment-People-Law as always remains in full disposal to the government of Ukraine on this issue. We hope that despite the war Ukraine will be able to launch the National PRTR as prescribed by the respective law by the end of 2024.