



Report by the Chair of the Committee on Environmental Policy

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Chair

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Executive Committee
Geneva, 13 January 2023*



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Special sessions of the Committee on Environmental Policy

- Geneva, 9–12 May 2022 - delegations from 39 UNECE member States
- Nicosia, 3-4 October 2022 - delegations from 39 UNECE member States
- Representatives from national, regional and international organizations and bodies
- Civil society

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Ninth Environment for Europe Ministerial Conference (1/4)



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Ninth Environment for Europe Ministerial Conference (2/4)

Themes:

1. Greening the economy in the pan-European region: working towards sustainable infrastructure
2. Applying principles of circular economy to sustainable tourism

Third High-level Meeting of Education and Environment Ministries

Key outcomes

- ✓ Ministerial Declaration
- ✓ ECE Environmental Performance Review Programme: fourth cycle of reviews
- ✓ Ministerial Statement on ESD
- ✓ Framework for the future implementation of the UNECE Strategy for ESD
- ✓ Co-Chairs' Summary

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Keeping the pan-European environment under review



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Ninth Environment for Europe Ministerial Conference (4/4)



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UNECE multilateral environmental agreements

- COPs/MOPs in 2022:
 - Aarhus Convention (Geneva, 23-24 June 2022)
 - Convention on the Transboundary Effects of Industrial Accidents (Geneva and online, 29 November–1 December 2022)
 - Air Convention (Geneva, 12-16 December 2022)
- COPs/MOPs in 2023:
 - Air Convention (11-14 December 2023, tentatively)



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Environmental Performance Reviews

- Published:
 - *2nd EPR of Morocco*
- Reviewed:
 - *2nd EPR of Armenia*
 - *3rd EPR of Azerbaijan*
- Ongoing:
 - *3rd EPR of Kyrgyzstan*
 - *EPR of Mauritania*
 - *4th EPR of Tajikistan*
- In the pipeline:
 - *4th EPR of Montenegro*
 - *4th EPR of the Republic of Moldova*

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Environmental Performance Reviews



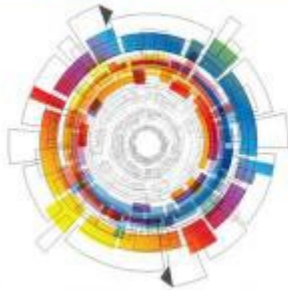
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Follow-up to



69TH SESSION OF THE COMMISSION

PROMOTING CIRCULAR ECONOMY AND SUSTAINABLE USE
OF NATURAL RESOURCES IN THE UNECE REGION

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Technical cooperation activities:

- Support Kazakhstan in ratification of the GMO amendment to the Aarhus Convention
- Assist member States in integration of green transition in and implementation of the UNSDCF
- Strengthen environmental dimension of the RPTC funded project “UN4Kharkiv: Plan for the integrated rehabilitation of settlements in Ukraine with a pilot project in the city of Kharkiv”
- Strengthen the capacity of the Ministry of Environmental Protection of Serbia to implement the provisions of the Industrial Accidents Convention
- Support to the development of a National State of the Environment Report, development of a methodology for NSoERs and for strengthening national capacities for its regular production based on international good practices and guidelines.

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The Executive Committee is invited to approve

- the programme of work of the Environment subprogramme for 2023, as contained in document ECE/CEP/S/2022/6;
- the extension of the mandate and terms of reference of the Working Group on Environmental Monitoring and Assessment, as contained in document ECE/EX/2017/L.2, until 31 December 2023;
- the extension of the mandate and terms of reference of the Joint Task Force on Environmental Statistics and Indicators, as contained in the annex to document ECE/CEP-CES/GE.1/2021/3, until 31 December 2023;
- the revised mandate and terms of reference of the Expert Group on Environmental Performance Reviews for 2023–2026, as contained in document ECE/CEP/S/2022/9, annex.



Thank you for your attention

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<https://unece.org/environment-policy>

