

Working Group on Environmental Monitoring and Assessment

Twenty-fourth session, Geneva & online, 11-12 April 2022

Agenda Item 4: Reporting on the Shared Environmental Information System (SEIS) to support a regular process of environmental assessment

Discussion on a possible side event during the Ninth Environment for Europe Ministerial Conference.



Background on side events



ECE/CEP/2021/7 - Organizational issues for the Ninth Environment for Europe Ministerial Conference

III. Side events and exhibitions

- An organizer of a side event may be a **Government, an intergovernmental, international or non-governmental organization, the private sector or other major group**. Organizers from the UNECE region should be given preference.
- Official delegates may not be invited to side events organized during the plenary sessions of the Conference or during official social events.
- **Theme and content of a side event should be subject of direct relevance to the Conference agenda**. Events should be conducted in at least one of the official UNECE languages (English, French or Russian).
- **Completed registration forms** for side events should be **submitted** to the host country secretariat **by 30 April 2022 (to be confirmed)**. All practical arrangements for side events are subject to the agreement made between the host country and the organizer.
- Materials for exhibitions and side events should be shipped to the venue by the delegations themselves by 20 September 2022. Organizers of side events should keep in mind that the Conference aims to be a paperless event.



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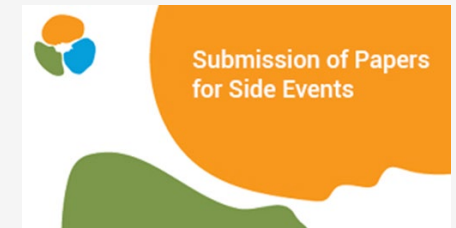


Plenary Discussion



Questions to guide a discussion on a possible side event by member States and international organization

- Would you be interested in contributing to a side event?
- How would you like to contribute (poster, presentation etc.)?
- Which topic would you suggest for a side event ? Examples:
 - Side event on SEIS to celebrate the milestone of SEIS establishment (from Astana to Nicosia, 2011-2021) and future directions
 - Side event on the pan-European assessment, policy recommendations and enabling factors (such as SEIS, technology and digitalization) for transition (panel discussion?)
 - Other?
- Would you be interested in leading the preparation & organization of the side event, for example, in cooperation with EEA, UNECE and UNEP?



Questions & Comments



Comments and/or questions?

Proposed Decisions



Proposed Decision:

The Working Group:

- a) Welcomes the proposal to organize a side event during the upcoming Ninth Environment for Europe Ministerial Conference with the topic of
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- b) Welcomes the offer of xxxx (member State or States) to take the lead in organizing the side event, in cooperation with EEA, UNECE and UNEP
- c) Requests the secretariat to inform the Committee on Environmental Policy on the outcomes of this agenda item

Thank you!

