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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   
on Environmental Impact Assessment in   
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**

**Twelfth meeting**

Geneva, 13–15 June 2023

Item 4 (f) of the provisional agenda

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

**Officers for the next intersessional period**

**A list of vacancies in the treaty bodies for 2024–2026**

Note from the secretariat

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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, i.e.: one or more Vice-Chairs of the Working Group, one or more members of the Bureau and four (permanent and 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. Parties that have never or not recently been represented in the treaty bodies will be encouraged to consider taking on that role.  This note also presents a record of officers nominated by Parties from 2001 until to date, highlighting Parties that have never or not recently been represented in the treaty bodies, as the Bureau and the Working Group have considered it important that also those Parties consider nominating officers.  Delegations, that had not yet done so, will be invited to come forward with nominations for officers to be elected for the next intersessional period. The Working Group will be invited to consider and comment the document and to take note of any information on the planned nominations. |

**I. Vacant positions 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** | **Greece** (George Kremlis) | ***If Greece has not ratified the Protocol, alternate for Protocol matters is required***  **Slovenia** (Vesna Kolar-Planinšič) |
| **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[[3]](#footnote-4)** | **Poland** (Dorota Toryfter-Szumańska) | *Not required as must be Party to both* |
| 2. Vice-Chair | **Italy** (Anna-Maria Maggiore) | *Not required according to the rules* |
| 3. Vice-Chair | **Country** (Person) | *Not required according to the rules* |
| **Implementation Committee members**[[4]](#footnote-5) |  | **Alternates for Protocol matters** |
| **Chair3** | To be elected by the Committee | *Must be Party to both.* |
| **1st Vice-Chair3** | To be elected by the Committee | *Must be Party to both* |
| **Continuing members *and their alternates*** | **Austria** (Christian Baumgartner)  *(Ursula Platzer-Schneider)* |  |
|  | **Germany** (Ralph Bodle) *(Christof Sangenstedt)* |  |
|  | **Luxembourg** (Joe Ducomble) *(Tom Uri)* |  |
|  | **Slovakia** (Barbora Pavlačič Donevová*) (****Replacement to be nominated****)* |  |
| **Nominations** | ***Nominee (Permanent + alternate members)*** | ***Nominee (Alternate for Protocol required if not Party to both)*** |
|  | **Canada** (Yordanka Stoimenova) *(Nana Kwamena; Lee Casterton)* |  |
|  | **Montenegro** (Brankica Cmiljanovic) *(Maja Raicevic)* |  |
|  | **Netherlands** (Susan Vernij)  *(Pascale van Duijse)* |  |
|  | **Country** (Person)  *(Person)* |  |
| Outgoing members and their alternates | Azerbaijan (Aysel Rzayeva) *(Leyla Aliyeva)* | Finland (Lasse Tallskog) *(Charlotta von Troil)* |
|  | Hungary (Zsuzsanna Pocsai) *(Evelyn Fábián-Mayer)* |  |
|  | Portugal (Maria do Carmo Figueira) (1st Vice-Chair) *(Águeda Silva)* |  |
|  | Sweden (Anders 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)* |
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| **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)* | *MOP8- MOP9 (2021-2023)* |
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| **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. As at 20 May 2023, the 33 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. To be from a Party to both the Convention and the Protocol. [↑](#footnote-ref-4)
4. 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-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)