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**Progress in activities of the Cooperative Programme for Monitoring and Evaluation of the Long-range
Transmission of Air Pollutants in Europe and its workplan for 2024–2025**

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Progress in activities and workplan for 2024–2025 of effects-oriented activities

2023 Joint progress report on policy-relevant scientific findings

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Programme for Monitoring and Evaluation of the Long-range
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Group on Effects, in cooperation with the secretariat

Corrigendum

1. Paragraph 47, fourth sentence

For Hg read CH₄

2. Paragraph 48, third sentence

For Hg read CH₄

3. Paragraph 52

For the existing text *substitute*

CH₄ is a tropospheric O₃ precursor and a short-lived climate pollutant that is often co-emitted with NH₃ emissions from agriculture. The discussions of the Saltsjöbaden VII Workshop (Gothenburg, Sweden, 13–15 March 2023) indicated that high priority should be given to understanding the CH₄/O₃ problem and to finding national strategies for CH₄ emission reductions. As a first step, national positions on how to best achieve emission reductions and a better understanding of the practicalities and processes required for including CH₄ emissions in annual emissions inventory reporting are required in the coming years.



4. Paragraph 53, first and second sentences

For the existing text *substitute*

According to a survey conducted by the Task Force on Emission Inventories and Projections (TFEIP) in 2023 among inventory compilers and modellers, many experts believe that CH₄ is a priority issue to be addressed by the EMEP Steering Body. Initial indications from modellers are that, if CH₄ emissions were included in the Air Convention, then they would not need gridded CH₄ emissions data for their modelling purposes.

5. Paragraph 54, first sentence

For the existing text *substitute*

A multi-model experiment downscaling global CH₄ mitigation scenarios over Europe was conducted in collaboration with the Copernicus Atmosphere Monitoring Service, and further discussed with TFHTAP in order to derive a consensus diagnostic on the benefit of CH₄ mitigation, not only for background hemispheric O₃ as widely documented through global scale modelling work, but also for peaks in high exposure areas of Europe.
