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 Status of contributions to the trust fund *(as at 10 Dec 2023)*

 Note by the secretariat

1. Overleaf are presented updates to the tables A.1, A.2 and A.3 on income to the trust fund under the Convention and the Protocol included in annex to the Draft financial report in the intersessional period 2021–2023 (ECE/MP.EIA/2023/2– ECE/MP.EIA/SEA/2023/2) that covers the period from the eighth session of the Meeting of the Parties to the Convention and the fourth session of the Meeting of the Parties to the Protocol (Vilnius (online), 8–11 December 2020) to 10 December 2023:

* Table A.1 Income to the Convention’s and the Protocol’s trust fund
* Table A.2 Income to the Convention's and the Protocol’s trust fund by date
* Table A.3 Income to the trust fund earmarked for specific activities/cost items.

2. To date, the income to the Convention’s and the Protocol’s trust fund in the intersessional period 2021–2023 was US$ 1,421,423, as indicated in tables A.1 and A.2.

3. The income in the period was supplemented by carried over funds from the previous period (of $83,872: namely: $71,684 from Italy earmarked for supporting the secretariat’s functioning and $12,188 from Luxembourg). The income, together with the carried over funds, totalled US$ 1,505,295.

4. The budgeted resource requirements for the implementation of the workplan 2021–2023 were US$ 1,589,910.

5. As at 10 December, the outstanding pledged contributions to the Convention and the Protocol trust fund (from Austria, Croatia, Romania and Ukraine) of $29,000 and some $21,000 of lost revenue due to exchange rate fluctuations totalled $49,937.

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| Table A.1 |  |  |  |
| **Income to the Convention's trust fund (for the period 2021–2023)** |  |  |
| (in United States dollars) |  |  |
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| *Party*\* | *Description of pledges in ECE/MP.EIA/30-ECE/MP.EIA/SEA/13, annex I, plus additional contributions* | *Pledge\*\** | *Amount received* |
| Albania  | (None). Unpledged contribution of $2,000 for 2021-2123 |  | 2,000 |
| Armenia  | (None). Unpledged contributions of $1,000 and $300 for 2021-2023 |  | 1,300 |
| Austria1  | $21,000 for the intersessional period 2021–2023, to be paid in three instalments of $7,000 each in 2021, 2022 and 2023. | **21,000** | **14,000** |
| Azerbaijan  | (None). Unpledged contribution of $ 2,000 for the years 2022 and 2023. |  | 2,000 |
| **Belarus** | **(None)** |  |  |
| Belgium  | $33,954 for the intersessional period 2021–2023, as follows: Flemish Region: $13,785.96; Federal Government: $10,186.66 (both paid in December 2020); Walloon Region: $7,843 (paid in May 2021); Brussels Capital Region: $2,131 (to be paid in 2021). | 33,954 | 33,946 |
| **Bosnia and Herzegovina** | **(None)** |  |   |
| Bulgaria  | $5,000 to the Convention and $3,000 to the Protocol for the intersessional period 2021–2023. | 8,000 | 8,000 |
| Canada  | Can $15,000 for the intersessional period 2021–2023 to support the implementation of the work plan for 2021–2023 under the Convention, to be paid in three instalments of Can$ 5,000 each (2021 contribution before March 2021; 2022 contribution any time after May 2021; and 2023 contribution after April 2022). | 11,445 | 11,537 |
| Croatia  | $9,000 for the intersessional period 2021–2023, to be paid in three instalments of $3,000 each in 2021, 2022 and 2023. | **9,000** | **3,000** |
| Cyprus  | (None). Unpledged contribution of $ 1,000 for the year 2021 and $ 1,000 for the year 2022. |  | 2,000 |
| Czechia  | $15,000 for the intersessional period 2021–2023, to be paid in three instalments of $5,000 each in 2021, 2022 and 2023. | 15,000 | 15,000 |
| Denmark | $13,500 for the intersessional period 2021–2023 | 13,500 | 13,500 |
| Estonia  | €3,000 for the intersessional period 2021–2023, to be paid in three instalments of €1,000 each in 2021, 2022 and 2023. | 3,500 | 3,299 |
| European Union | Total of €210,000 for the intersessional period 2021–2023, to be paid in three instalments of €70,000 each in 2021, 2022 and 2023, consisting of an unearmarked contribution of €65,000/year and of €5,000/year earmarked to cover travel- and subsistence-related costs of the Bureau Chair's participation at meetings under the Convention and the Protocol. | 227,909 | 233,949 |
| Finland  | $30,000 for the intersessional period 2021–2023, to be paid in three instalments: $10,000 each in 2021, 2022 and 2023 (subject to the availability of funding in the national budget). | 30,000 | 30,000 |
| France  | €90,000 for the intersessional period 2021–2023, to be paid in three instalments of €30,000 each in 2021, 2022 and 2023. | 105,189 | 100,307 |
| Germany  | $60,000 for the intersessional period 2021–2023, to be paid in three instalments of $20,000 each in 2021, 2022 and 2023.  | 60,000 | 60,000 |
| Greece | €3,000 for the intersessional period 2021–2023, to be paid in three instalments of €1,000 each in 2021, 2022 and 2023 (subject to confirmation). | 3,500 | 3,181 |
| Hungary  | $12,000 for the intersessional period 2021–2023, to be paid in three instalments of $4,000 each in 2021, 2022 and 2023. An additional/extra contribution of USD 10,000 for the budget and workplan in the next intersessional period 2024-2026. | 12,000 | 22,000 |
| Ireland  | $19,500 for the intersessional period 2021–2023, to be paid in three instalments of $6,500 each in 2021, 2022 and 2023. | 19,500 | 23,000 |
| Italy  | €60,000 for the intersessional period 2021–2023 (€20,000/year to be paid in 2021, 2022 and 2023). In addition, earmarked contributions of, in total, €180,000 (€60,000/year to be paid in 2021, 2022 and 2023) for two workplan activities: €120,000 (or €40,000/year) for subregional cooperation activities for marine regions; and €60,000 (or €20,000/year) for a thematic seminar. | 280,504 | 265,313 |
| **Kazakhstan**  | **(None)** |  |  |
| **Kyrgyzstan**  | **(None)** |  |  |
| Latvia  | €3,000 for the intersessional period 2021–2023, to be paid in three instalments of €1,000 each in 2021, 2022 and 2023. | 3,506 | 3,228 |
| **Liechtenstein**  | **(None)** |  |  |
| Lithuania  | $10,000 for the intersessional period 2021–2023, (to be paid by the end of 2020). | 10,000 | 10,000 |
| Luxembourg  | (None). Unpledged contributions of €10,000 for the year 2021, €10,000 and € 15,000 for the year 2022 and € 20,000 for the year 2023. |  | 59,370 |
| Malta | (None). Unpledged contribution of €3,000 for the period 2021-2023. |  | 3,378 |
| Montenegro | €3,000 in 2020 and € 3,000 in 2023 for the intersessional period 2021–2023 | 3,506 |  6,788 |
| Netherlands  | €60,000 for the intersessional period 2021–2023 (paid in 2021)  | 70,126 | 73,170 |
| North Macedonia | (None). Unpledged contribution of $ 2,000. |  | 2,000  |
| Norway  | NKr 360,000 for the intersessional period 2021–2023, to be paid in three instalments of NKr 120,000 each in 2021, 2022 and 2023. In addition, for 2021, a one-off payment of NKr 366,666 (around $40,000) to strengthen secretariat resources for supporting the workplan implementation. | 85,610 | 112,880 |
| Poland  | $21,000 for the intersessional period 2021–2023, to be paid in three instalments of $7,000 each in 2021, 2022 and 2023. | 21,000 | 21,000 |
| Portugal  | (None). Unpledged contribution of €15,000 for the year 2021 and €15,000 for the year 2023. |  | 32,661 |
| Republic of Moldova | $1,500 for the next intersessional period 2021–2023, to be paid in three instalments of $500 each in 2021, 2022 and 2023. | 1,500 | 1,500 |
| Romania2  | $15,000 for the intersessional period 2021–2023, to be paid in three instalments of $5,000 each in 2021, 2022 and 2023. | **15,000** | **5,000** |
| Serbia3 | (None). **$1,600 for the year 2023**  |  |   |
| Slovakia | €15,000 for the intersessional period 2021–2023, to be paid in three instalments of €5,000 each in 2021, 2022 and 2023, subject to approval by the Slovakian authorities within each year’s budget proposal. | 16,195 | 16,137 |
| Slovenia  | $9,000 for the intersessional period 2021–2023, to be paid in three instalments of $3,000 each for 2021 (already paid in December 2020), 2022 and 2023. | 9,000 | 12,000 |
| Spain  | (None)**.** Unpledged contribution of €10,000 for the year 2021, €10,000 for the year 2022 and €10,000 for the year 2023. |  | 32,292 |
| Sweden  | At least $8,300 per year for the intersessional period 2021–2023, to be paid in 2021, 2022 and 2023 (subject to confirmation). | 24,900 | 24,900 |
| Switzerland  | Subject to annual budgetary approval by the Parliament, CHF 42,000/year for 2021–2023, to be paid in 2021, 2022 and 2023, including an annual contribution of CHF 20,000 and an additional contribution of CHF 22,000 earmarked for capacity-building activities in Central Asia and Azerbaijan that are to be specified subsequently. In 2022, an extraordinary unpledged contribution for the secretariat's preparation of the MOP sessions. | 130,260 | 157,787 |
| Ukraine4  | $6,000 for the intersessional period 2021–2023, to be paid in three instalments of $2,000 each in 2021, 2022 and 2023. | 6,000 |   |
| **United Kingdom**  | **(None)** |  |   |
|  | **Total** | **1,247,605** | **1,421,423** |
|  | \* All Parties to the Convention are listed |  |  |
|  | \*\* Pledges in original currencies were converted into USD using an exchange rate of December 2020.  |  |
|  | **Notes 1–4: Invoiced. Contributions not yet received** |  |

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| **Table A.2** |  |  |  |
| **Income to the Convention's trust fund by date for 2021-2023** |  |
| (in United States dollars) |  |  |
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| *Date* | *Party* | *Amount received in original currency* | *Income in USD* |
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| **2020** |  |  |  |
| 14 October | Montenegro | EUR 3,000 | 3,521 |
| 4 December | Czechia |  | 5,000 |
| 8 December | Slovenia | USD 3,000 | 3,000 |
| 8 December | Germany |  | 20,000 |
| 16 December | Belgium (Flemish Region) | 13,786 |
| 16 December | Belgium (Federal Government) |  | 10,186 |
| 28 December | Norway |  | 42,110 |
| 30 December | Lithuania |  | 10,000 |
| **2021** |  |  |  |
| 19 January | Ireland |  | 6,500 |
| 3 February | Belgium (Brussels Capital Region) |  | 2,131 |
| 24 February | Canada | Can$ 5,000 | 4,024 |
| 10 March | Denmark |  | 13,500 |
| 11 March | Luxembourg | EUR 10,000 | 12,188 |
| 1 April | Armenia |  | 1,000 |
| 20 May | Albania |  | 2,000 |
| 28 May | Sweden |  | 8,300 |
| 3 June | Estonia |  | 1,219 |
| 11 June | Netherlands | EUR 60,000 | 73,170 |
| 24 June | France | EUR 30,000 | 36,585 |
| 20 July | Cyprus |  | 1,000 |
| 28 July | Switzerland | CHF 42,000 | 45,701 |
| 11 August | Belgium (Walloon region) | 7,843 |
| 16 August | European Union | EUR 70,000 | 83,234 |
| 10 September | Hungary |  | 4,000 |
| 14 September | Italy | EUR 80,000 | 94,339 |
| 1 October | Poland |  | 7,000 |
| 5 November | Latvia | EUR 1,000 | 1,166 |
| 8 November  | Canada | Can$ 5,000 | 3,949 |
| 12 November | Finland | USD 10,000 | 10,000 |
| 23 November | Slovenia | USD 3,000 | 3,000 |
| 8 December | Germany | USD 20,000 | 20,000 |
| 10 December | Czechia | USD 5,000 | 5,000 |
| 15 December | Malta | EUR 3,000 | 3,378 |
| 17 December | Austria | USD 7,000 | 7,000 |
| 22 December | Spain | EUR 10,000 | 11,261 |
| 27 December | Norway | NOK 402,915 | 44,531 |
| 27 December | Norway | NOK 121,550 | 14,014 |
| 30 December | Slovakia | EUR 5,000 | 5,631 |
| **2022** |  |  |  |
| 27 January | European Union | EUR 70,000 | 79,909 |
| 28 February | Ireland |  | 6,500 |
| 4 March | Luxembourg | EUR 10,000 | 11,235 |
| 4 April | Poland | PLN 29,246 | 7,000 |
| 25 April | Portugal | EUR 15,000 | 16,304 |
| 1 June  | France | EUR 30,000 | 32,858 |
| 6 June | Italy | EUR 20,000 | 21,505 |
| 6 June | Italy | EUR 60,000 | 64,516 |
| 30 June  | Moldova | USD 500 | 500 |
| 1 September  | Estonia | EUR 1,000 | 1,002 |
| 15 September  | Sweden | USD 8,300 | 8,300 |
| 16 September | Latvia | EUR 1,000 | 1,003 |
| 28 September | Spain | EUR 10,000 | 10,030 |
| 12 October | Cyprus | USD 1,000 | 1,000 |
| 19 October | Canada | Can$ 5,000 | 3,564 |
| 21 October  | Luxembourg | EUR 15,000 | 14,534 |
| 27 October | Finland | USD 10,000 | 10,000 |
| 27 October  | Armenia | USD 300 | 300 |
| 15 November | Austria | USD 7,000 | 7,000 |
| 17 November | France | EUR 30,000 | 30,864 |
| 18 November | Norway | NOK 121,580 | 12,225 |
| 24 November | Italy | EUR 20,000 | 20,576 |
| 28 November | Switzerland | CHF 62,000 | 65,263 |
| 7 December | Czechia | USD 5,000 | 5,000 |
| 8 December | Hungary | USD 8,000 | 8,000 |
| 14 December | Slovakia | EUR 5,000 | 5,170 |
| 19 December | Bulgaria | USD 8,000 | 8,000 |
| 23 December | Slovenia | USD 3,000 | 3,000 |
| 27 December | Azerbaijan | USD 2,000 | 2,000 |
| **2023** |  |  |  |
| 3 January | Germany | USD 20,000 | 20,000 |
| 1 February | European Union | EUR 65,000 | 70,806 |
| 10 February | Romania | USD 5,000 | 5,000 |
| 21 March  | Slovenia | USD 3,000 | 3,000 |
| 21 March  | Hungary  | USD 10,000 | 10,000 |
| 28 March | Luxembourg | EUR 20,000 | 21,413 |
| 3 April | Sweden | USD 8,300 | 8,300 |
| 4 April  | Ireland | USD 10,000 | 10,000 |
| 7 April | North Macedonia | USD 2000 | 2,000 |
| 18 April | Montenegro | EUR 3,000 | 3,267 |
| 1 May | Switzerland  | CHF 42,000 | 46,823 |
| 10 May  | Spain | EUR 10,000 | 11,001 |
| 23 May | Portugal | EUR 15,000 | 16,357 |
| 14 June | Italy | EUR 60,000 | 64,377 |
| 28 June | Estonia | EUR 1,000 | 1,079 |
| 30 June | Croatia | USD 3,000 | 3,000 |
| 5 July | Poland | USD 7,000 | 7,000 |
| **6 November** | **Latvia** | **EUR 1,000** | **1,060** |
| **7 November** | **Greece**  | **EUR 3,000** | **3,181** |
| **7 November** | **Finland** | **USD 10,000** | **10,000** |
|  **29 November**  | **Slovakia** | **EUR 5,000**  | **5,336** |
|  **30 November**  | **Republic of Moldova** | **USD 1,000** | **1,000** |
|  | **Total** |  |  **1,421,423**  |

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| Table A.3 |
| **Summary of the earmarked contributions to the Convention's trust fund**  |
| (in United States dollars) |

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| ***Party*** | *Earmarked activities* | *Amount received in original currency*  | *Amount received in USD* |
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| **2020** |
| **Italy** | Carried over funding for supporting the secretariat’s functioning | EUR 60,000 | **71,445** |
| **2021** |
| **Italy**  | Exchange of good practices: Thematic seminar + background paper (initially on promoting the application of SEA in development cooperation) | EUR 20,000 |  *23,400*  |  |
| Subregional cooperation activities in marine regions | EUR 40,000 |  *46,800*  |  |
| **Switzerland** | Capacity-building activities in Central Asia and Azerbaijan | CHF 22,000 |  *23,760*  |  |
| **European Union**  | Travel- and subsistence-related costs of the Bureau Chair's participation at meetings under the Convention and the Protocol | EUR 5,000 |  *5,950*  |  |
|  |  |  | **Total**  |  **99,910**  |  |
| **2022** |
| **Italy**  | Exchange of good practices: Thematic seminar + background paper (initially on promoting the application of SEA in development cooperation) | EUR 20,000 |  21,505  |  |
| Subregional cooperation activities in marine regions | EUR 40,000 |  *43,010*  |  |
| **European Union**  | Travel- and subsistence-related costs of the Bureau Chair's participation at meetings under the Convention and the Protocol | EUR 5,000 |  *5,700*  |  |
| **Switzerland** | Capacity building/support to meeting participation for Central Asia and Azerbaijan | CHF 22,000 | *23,159* |  |
| Preparation by the secretariat of the 9th session of the Meeting of the Parties to the Convention (12–15 December 2023) | CHF 20,000 | *21,054* |  |
|  | **Total**  |  **114,428**  |  |
| **2023** |
| **European Union**  | Travel- and subsistence-related costs of the Bureau Chair's participation at meetings under the Convention and the Protocol | EUR 0 |  *0* |
| **Switzerland** | Activities of the Convention on capacity building in Central Asia countries and Azerbaijan, and to cover travel expenses of the delegations of these countries participating in the Convention bodies meetings, in particular at the December 2023 MOP sessions  | CHF 22,000 | $ *24,526* |
| **Italy** | EUR 40,000 re-allocated from subregional cooperation activities in marine regions to reinforcing the secretariat resources. | EUR 40,000 | $ 42,918 |
| Exchange of good practices (Thematic seminar + background paper)  | EUR 20,000 | $ 21,459 |
|  | **Total**  |  **88,903**  |  |
|  | **Total funding for earmarked activities**  |  **374,925**  |  |

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| Table A.4 |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| **In-kind contributions made** |  |  |  |  |  |
| (in United States dollars) |  |  |  |  |  |  |
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| ***Activity*** | ***Priority*** | ***Sub-activity*** | ***Date*** | ***Source*** | ***Valuea*** | ***Notes*** |
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| Subregional cooperation and capacity-building  | 2 | 11th Baltic Sea subregional meeting under the Espoo Convention and its Protocol on SEA | 3 November 2021, online | Estonia | unknown | Subregional meeting on cooperation on the Espoo Convention and its Protocol on SEA in the Baltic sea subregion, organized by Estonia |
|  | 2 | 12th Baltic Sea Subregional Meeting under the Espoo Convention and its Protocol on SEA | 14-15 June 2022,Warsaw | Poland | unknown | Subregional meeting on cooperation on the Espoo Convention and its Protocol on SEA in the Baltic sea subregion, organized by Poland  |
|  | 2 | Seminar on sustainable infrastructure  | 2 December 2021, Geneva | Switzerland | unknown | The seminar on sustainable infrastructure held during the 10th meeting of the Working Group on EIA and SEA, co-organized by Switzerland and the secretariat |
| Reporting under the Convention and the Protocol | 2 | Informal translation by Canada of Parties’ responses to the questionnaire on the implementation of the Convention and the Protocol during the period 2021-2023 from original French into English. |  | Canada | unknown |  |
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| **Total** |   |   |   |   |  |   |