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Compliance Committee to the Protocol on the PRTRs

## Letter to the Compliance Committee to the Protocol on the PRTRs

In the letter of 22 March 2022, the Chair of the Compliance Committee on the PRTRs referred to earlier correspondence between the Committee and the Ministry of the Environment of Finland (Ministry), noting that the work to further develop the FINPRTR service is under way. The Chair requested the Ministry to report on the implementation of the development actions that are still to be taken. The information is to be submitted by 1 February of 2023, 2024 and 2025. With respect to the development actions taken during year 2023, the Ministry informs the Committee of the following.

During years 2022 and 2023 the Finnish Environment Institute, commissioned by the Ministry, has taken measures to further develop the FINPRTR service ([www.prttr.fi](http://www.prttr.fi)). Functionalities have been added to the service, and now more data is available and the service is more user-friendly than before. The user can arrange the datasheet views according to the selected column, and for searches the user can select several years, sectors or locations. The user can also save the search results in CSV format, which enables use of a spreadsheet application to analyse the results. A link to the online service for permit applications and permit decisions concerning activities specified in annex I to the PRTR Protocol ([ylupa.avi.fi](http://ylupa.avi.fi)) has been added to Additional information as well as the link to the Industrial Emissions Portal by the European Environment Agency.

Recent developments in the FINPRTR-service focus on including data on diffuse emissions to air (non-point source emissions). Developments consist of methodological improvements of collecting data on diffuse emissions, collection and spatial division of data and technical implementation of the map view.

The Ministry is adumbrating a work plan for year 2024 in order to reach the public and relevant stakeholders in order to evaluate contents of the portal and development actions and to collect new ideas for the development. The Committee will be informed on the work plan during February 2024. The Ministry will also follow international discussions and will see that the functionalities that are considered the most important will be added to the service in due time. In January 2025 the Ministry will report to the Committee on the implementation of the development actions.

Yours faithfully,

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