



Report by the Chair of the Committee on Environmental Policy

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28th session of the Committee on Environmental Policy (Geneva, 1– 3.11.2023)

33 UNECE member States and Mauritania, representatives from national, regional and international organizations and bodies, & civil society

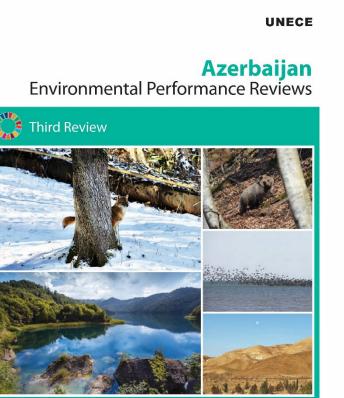
Follow-up to the Ninth Environment for Europe Ministerial Conference

- Assessment of the environmental consequences of the Russian invasion of Ukraine
- Regionwide approach to sustainable infrastructure
- Fourth cycle of EPRs



Environmental Performance Reviews

- Submitted for publication: Azerbaijan
- Reviewed: Mauritania and Kyrgyzstan
- Ongoing: Armenia, Azerbaijan, Kyrgyzstan, Mauritania, Tajikistan
- In the pipeline: Montenegro and Moldova







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UNECE multilateral environmental agreements

- <u>Air Convention (EB, Geneva, 11-14.12.2023)</u>:
 - Launched: the revision of the Protocol to Abate Acidification Eutrophication and Ground-level Ozone
 - Ljubljana new host of the Meteorological Synthesizing Centre-East
 - New ratifications to the protocols: Greece, Hungary, Ireland, Latvia
- Espoo Convention & its Protocol on SEA (MoPs, Geneva, 12-15.12.2023):
 - 12 country specific compliance decisions
 - Remaining 2 agenda items to be addressed by intermediate session to be organized in 2024
- <u>Water Convention & Protocol on Water and Health</u> new parties: Convention: Nigeria, Iraq, Namibia, Panama and Gambia; Protocol: North Macedonia



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- Industrial Accidents Convention
 - An update to the Guidelines to facilitate the identification of hazardous activities for the purposes of the Convention
 - National implementation reports (tenth round of reporting)
 - MoP in 2024 (Geneva, 27–29 November 2024)
- <u>Aarhus Convention and its Protocol on PRTRs</u>
 - Convention new Party: Guinea-Bissau
 - Twenty-seventh meeting of the Working Group of the Parties to the Aarhus Convention (Geneva, 26–28.06.2023)
 - Tenth meeting of the Working Group of the Parties to the Protocol on PRTRs (Geneva, 27–28.11.2023)



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Follow-up to the UNECE 70th Session at



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- CEP-28:
 - better complementarity with other activities within the ECE
 - strategic foresight at the subprogramme level

Technical cooperation activities

- National SoER of Uzbekistan
- Effective public participation in Uzbekistan
- National Programme for Industrial Safety and Stakeholders Consultation under the NPD for Industrial Safety in Serbia
- Supporting the accession to the Protocol on Water and Health
- Mine tailings safety and the prevention of accidental water pollution in Central Asia



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The Executive Committee is invited to approve

- the programme of work of the Environment subprogramme for 2024, as contained in document ECE/CEP/2023/5;
- the mandate and terms of reference of the Working Group on Environmental Monitoring and Assessment for the period 2024–2028, as contained in document ECE/CEP/AC.10/2023/2/Add.1
- the extension of the mandate and terms of reference of the Joint Task Force on Environmental Statistics and Indicators, as contained in the annex to document ECE/CEP-CES/GE.1/2021/3, until 31 December 2025







Thank you for your attention

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