



# Mainstreaming a gender perspective in environmental activities

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# Contributing to Policy Objectives of UNECE Policy for Gender Equality and the Empowerment of Women



## Contribute to reducing gender inequalities in its member States

- experience-sharing workshop on the integration of gender aspects into environmental policies in the Western Balkans
- training session on designing, implementing and developing gender-responsive environmental policies
- guidance document: Gender Mainstreaming in Environmental Policy

Toolbox:  
How to Mainstream Gender  
in Environmental Policy



## Strengthen women's equal participation with men as decision makers in the Organization

- gender balance promoted in the governing bodies of the multilateral environmental processes

## Mainstream a gender perspective in the substantive work of the Sectoral Committees

# Policy Objective: Mainstream a gender perspective in the substantive work of the Sectoral Committees: highlights



## **THE PEP:**

- Workshop on Transport, Health and Environment: including a gender perspective

## **Environmental Monitoring and Assessment Programme:**

- Working Group on Environmental Monitoring and Assessment - discussions on integrating gender aspects in the new mandate and terms of reference of the Group

## **Environmental performance reviews:**

- Third EPR of Azerbaijan and second EPR of Armenia integrated gender aspects

## **Water Convention:**

- Women, Water and Peace at the 9th session of the MOP to the Convention
- Collection of data on gender aspects in transboundary water cooperation

## **Protocol on Water and Health:**

- Gender perspective mainstreamed in the activities on equitable access to water and sanitation
- Gender disparities addressed in policy and guidance documents

## **Aarhus Convention:**

- Working Group of the Parties, at its 27th meeting, addressed systemic obstacles countries face in effective public participation in decision-making
- Self-evaluation resulted in recommendation to continue to encourage a participatory and human rights-based approach, synergy and gender considerations



## Issues for consideration by the CEP



The Committee may wish to



- Take note of the information provided
- Recognize the importance of gender mainstreaming in environmental activities, particularly in the light of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and the SDGs, and to emphasize that gender equality is both a goal in itself and a means of contributing to the achievement of sustainable development
- Support international initiatives to promote gender equality and welcome continued cooperation and coordination with the UN bodies and other relevant international forums and actors to that end
- Agree to continue to mainstream a gender perspective in its activities