

EXECUTIVE BODY FOR THE CONVENTION ON
LONG-RANGE TRANSBOUNDARY AIR POLLUTION

THE 2000 REVIEW ON STRATEGIES AND POLICIES
FOR AIR POLLUTION ABATEMENT

WEBSITES

REPLIES TO QUESTION 65 OF THE 2000 QUESTIONNAIRE

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Introduction

1. This document is the basis for part of the 2000 Review of Policies and Strategies requested by the Executive Body at its seventeenth session in December 1999. It provides the answers as received from Parties in response to the questionnaire circulated in January 2000. It is in English only, non-English submissions were passed to the UN translation services, and are incorporated as translated. Answers have been reformatted for the document but have been subjected to minimal editing. Indication is given where responses have been altered, e.g. moved where an answer appears to be for a different question.

2. The document is intended as a reference for the summary to be found in the 2000 Review of Strategies and Policies (EB.AIR/2000/1/Add.3) and will be provided to the Executive Body, the Implementation Committee and will be made available through the Executive Body document Web site. The document is one section of the questionnaire.

3. This section summarizes the answers received to question 65 of the questionnaire. The question in this section is of a general nature and optional. Its purpose is to provide further information that will enable the secretariat to analyse the current situation regarding air pollution abatement in the region, and provide information that the Executive Body would like the Parties to the Convention to share to identify air pollution abatement. Parties may wish to recall that under article 4 of the Convention they have committed to exchanging information on their policies aimed at abating air pollution.

4. **Q.65** If your country has a website with information on air pollution abatement policies and activities (including research and monitoring), please give the addresses.

5. **Armenia.** The Web site of the Ministry for the Protection of Nature of the Republic of Armenia can be found at this address: <http://www.nature.am>.

6. **Austria.** Information on policy related issues: <http://www.bmu.gv.at>
Information on air quality monitoring: <http://www.ubavie.gv.at>
Information on R&D and technology: <http://www.forschungsforum.at> , <http://www.ecodesign.at> ,
<http://www.umwelttechnik.at> and <http://www.municipia.at> .

7. **Belgium.** Flemish region:
(a) Ministry of the Flemish Region:

- (i) Environmental Administration AMINAL: <http://www.vlaanderen.be/ned/sites/overheid/mvg/>
 - (ii) Flemish Environmental Agency: <http://www.vmm.be>
 - (iii) Flemish Waste Agency: <http://www.ovam.be>
 - (b) Energy and Environment Information System:
 - (iv) EMIS: <http://www.emis.vito.be>
8. Walloon region: Directorate-General for Natural Resources and the Environment of the Ministry of Walloon Region: <http://mrw.wallonie.be/dgrne>
Interregional Environment Unit CELINE: <http://www.irceline.be>
9. Brussels capital region: IBGE: <http://www.ibgebim.be>
10. **Bulgaria.** <http://www.moew.government.bg> and <http://www.online.bg/NCESD>
11. **Canada.** The Environment Canada website, which contains information about air pollution abatement policies and activities is: <http://www.ece.gc.ca>
12. **Croatia.** <http://www.duzpo.hr>
13. **Czech Republic.** Addresses: <http://www.env.cebin.cz> , www.chmi.cz , www.emise.cz and www.recetox.chemi.muni.cz
14. **Denmark.** <http://www.ens.dk> , www.dmu.dk
15. **Finland.** <http://www.vyh.fi/eng/fei/fei.html>
And <http://www.fmi.fi/ENG/ILA/regional.html> for research and monitoring and environmental policies <http://www.vyh.fi/eng/moe/moe.html>
16. **Georgia.** <http://www.bsrec.bg/> and <http://www.parliament.ge>
17. **Germany.** <http://www.bmu.de> and <http://www.umweltbundesamt.de>
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19. **Greece.** <http://www.minenv.gr>
20. **Hungary.** Information is available on the website of the Ministry for Environment: www.ktm.hu
21. **Italy.** www.minambiente.it
22. **Latvia.** General information on all activities of the ministry: <http://www.varam.gov.lv>
23. **Lithuania.** <http://www.gamta.lt>
24. **Netherlands.** Concerning the topic acidification please consult the following homepage (in Dutch): <http://www.minvrom.nl/minvrom/pagina.html?id=499>

Concerning climate change policies on energy reductions please consult the following homepage (in English): <http://www.minvrom.nl/minvrom/pagina.html?=1314>

25. **Poland.** A separate website limited only to air pollution abatement policies and activities or air pollution is not available in Poland. Different research institutes or institutions maintain their own databases on air pollution (such a database on air emission inventories for EMEP purposes is at the Institute of Environmental Protection). For example, a report on the state of the environment in Poland can be found at the website operated by UNEP/GRID Warsaw Environmental Information Centre <http://www.gridw.pl>. Its role is to assist and support the national environmental monitoring system in the field of processing data on environment to make it available to the public. The Ministry of Environment also provides information at <http://www.mos.gov.pl> on, inter alia, air pollution abatement policies and activities, offering access to existing and draft environmental legislation, policies, strategies, programmes and reports. Information, mainly on legislation and legislation processes, as well as parliamentary activities related to environmental protection can be obtained at <http://www.sejm.gov.pl> and <http://orka.sejm.gov.pl> the websites of the Polish Chamber of the Parliament.

26. **Republic of Moldova.** The ministry's web site is under development actually.

27. **Slovakia.** There is the official website of the Ministry of the Environment of the Slovak Republic is: <http://www.lifeenv.gov> Information on air pollution is on official website of the Slovak Hydrometeorological Institute: <http://www.shmu.sk>

28. **Sweden.** <http://www.environ.se>

29. **Switzerland.** Homepage addresses in Switzerland: Swiss Agency for the Environment, Forest and Landscape: <http://www.buwal.ch/e/index.htm>
State of the Environment report (full text): <http://www.buwal.ch/e/themen/index.htm>
State of the Environment report (chapter air):
<http://www.buwal.ch/e/themen/umwelt/luft/index.htm>
Air Pollution Control in Switzerland: <http://www.buwal.ch/luft/f/index.htm>
Various information relating to air pollution and legislation: <http://www.cerclair.ch/en/index.html>

30. **Turkey.** See answer to question 63. (given as an answer to question 65 but appears to be an answer to question 67): Turkey has not ratified the 1988 Nitrogen Oxides Protocol yet.

31. Common explanation for questions 65-69 [given as answers to questions 65-69 but appear to be answers to question 67-71]: Although Turkey fully associates herself with the objectives of the Protocols, because of the limitations in technological transformation, bottlenecks in financing such transformation as well as the inadequacy of its environmental monitoring infrastructure and lack of proper emission inventories, she will not be able to sign the Protocols in the very near future.

32. **Ukraine.** See answer to question 63. (given as an answer to question 65 but appears to be an answer to question 67): Ukraine has not ratified the 1988 Nitrogen Oxides Protocol, and has no plans to do so for economic and technical reasons.

33. **United Kingdom.** The following link for air pollution issues is on the website of the UK Department of the Environment, Transport and the Regions:
<http://www.environment.detr.gov.uk/airq/aqinfo.htm>

34. **United States.** The United States has a large amount of information available on the internet. Parties can refer to the following address for the EPA=s main website:
www.epa.gov/air