

Information tools to foster PRTR capacity-building and awareness raising

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Welcome to PRTR.net

This website provides a global portal to Pollutant Release and Transfer Register (PRTR) information and activities from countries and organisations around the world. The website aims to assist countries in the development, implementation and improvement of PRTR programmes.

It has been developed and is maintained by the Task Force on Pollutant Release and Transfer Registers (PRTRs) of the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD), in cooperation with the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe (UNECE) and the United Nations Environment Programme / GRID-Arendal.

What is a PRTR?

A Pollutant Release and Transfer Register (PRTR) is a national or regional environmental database or inventory of potentially hazardous chemical substances and/or pollutants released to air, water and soil and transferred off-site for treatment or disposal.

- The industrial or business facilities quantify and report the amounts of substances released to each environmental medium (air, water, soil) or transferred off-site for waste management or wastewater treatment.
- Some PRTRs also include estimates of releases from diffuse sources, such as agriculture and transport and from the end use of products. These data are normally compiled by environmental authorities.

PRTRs provide public access to data via the Internet, CD-ROMs, publications and annual reports.

- PRTR data may be presented geographically, either in a fixed form or interactively on Internet;
- PRTR data may be presented by industry sectors, by facility, by a chemical substance or groups of substances;
- Additional information is often provided to help better understand the PRTR data;
- National PRTRs may vary in terms of the hazardous chemicals and pollutants reported, industry or business categories that must report and the destination of releases.

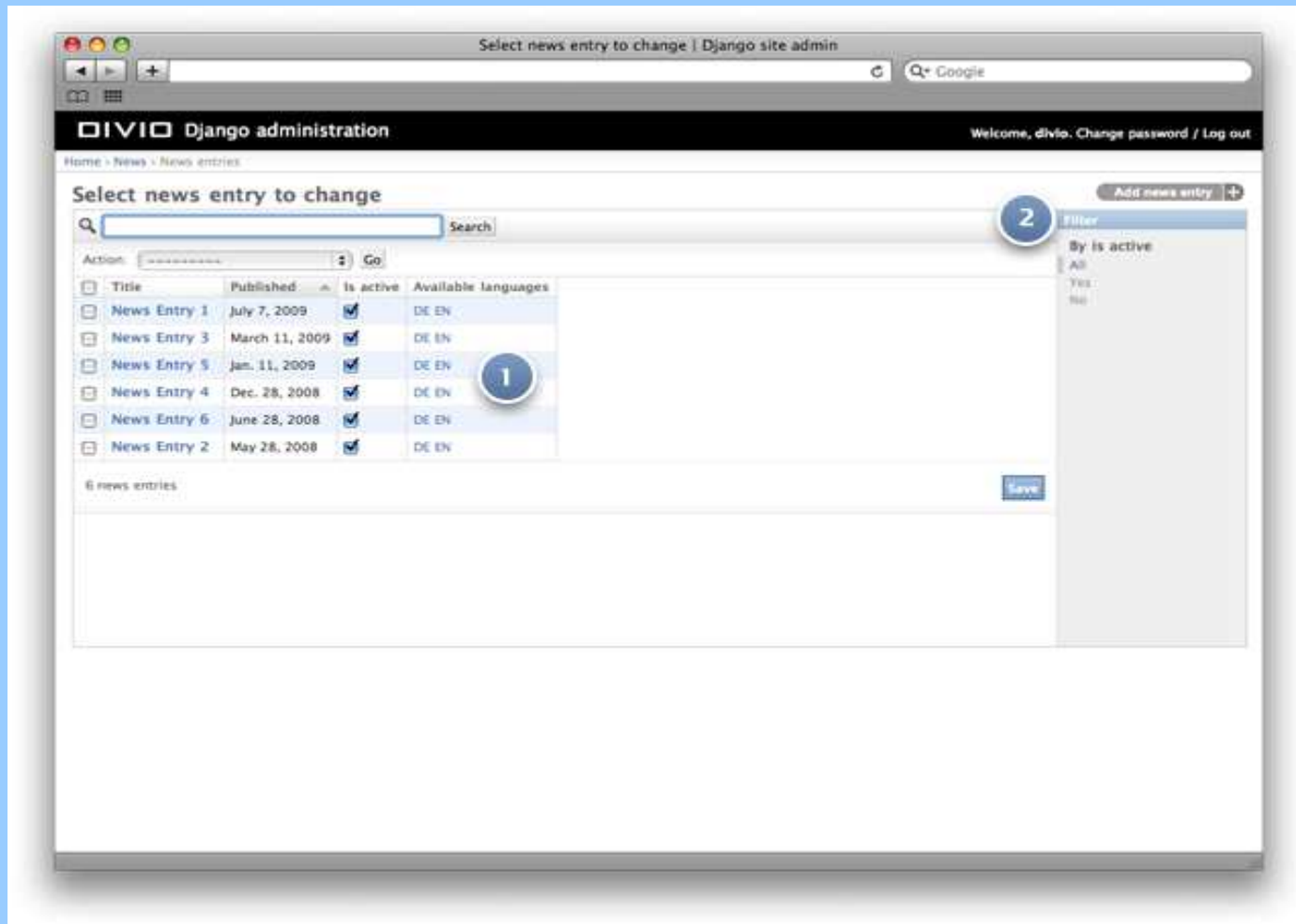
Information available on this website

- [Information about PRTRs developed by countries and by regions](#)
- [The benefits of implementing a PRTR](#)
- [Information from other agencies and organisations about PRTRs](#)
- [Technical information about the development of a PRTR, the Release Estimation Techniques that can be used and the guidance manuals available](#)
- [PRTR data from a number of countries at the OECD Centre for PRTR data](#)
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PRTR.net upgrades:

- Content management system
- Better handling of languages
- GIS mapping data





The Clearinghouse showcases information on laws and practices relevant to the public's right to:

- ▶ access environmental information
- ▶ participate in environmental decision-making
- ▶ achieve justice on environmental matters



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type of resource?

Events



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is the purpose?

Access to Information



Who
is the source?

Government



Where
in the world?

AFRICA



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Convention News

Nuclear power, mining and road disputes dominate Aarhus Compliance Committee hearings. 27 Mar 2010

Austria becomes 25th Party to the Kiev Protocol on Pollutant Release and Transfer Registers. 25 Mar 2010

New Resources

United States | National Broadband Plan: Connecting America
Federal Communications Commission (FCC), 2010

United States | Greening Justice: Creating and Improving Environmental Courts and Tribunals interactive book launch
World Resources Institute, 2010

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Sustain labour: Trade Union clearing house on POPs. Every day, millions of workers are exposed to chemical substances at the manufacturing stage, not only in the chemical industry but also in the downstream sectors where these substances are used: agriculture, building, trade and woodworking industry, automotive sector, textiles, information technology etc. Workers are among the most vulnerable sectors due to the fact that many are exposed to chemicals both in the production level and as consumers, suffering from poisoning, cancer, respiratory problems and skin allergies, among others. This website on Persistent Organic Pollutants (POPs) is a working tool, mainly for workers and Trade Unions, but also for other stakeholders and major groups. It has been designed to be user-friendly and seeks to inform you and to put you in contact. It increases your awareness about the need for urgent reduction and elimination of POPs; helps you to know what to do; exchanges information and trade union practices on POPs; informs about impacts on health and environment; tells you about alternatives to these dangerous hazards; and puts you in contact with other relevant projects. The clearing house is in English and Spanish; French will be added soon.

Publisher: International Labour Federation for Sustainable Development, 2010.

World Library of Toxicology (WLT). The World Library of Toxicology, Chemical Safety, and Environmental Health is a free global Web portal that provides the scientific community and public with links to major government agencies, non-governmental organizations, universities, professional societies, and other groups addressing issues related to toxicology, public health, and environmental health. It seeks to overcome barriers to the sharing of information between countries by creating a partnership of national and international organizations contributing high-quality scientific information resources in toxicology and environmental health to a borderless data depository. The World Library of Toxicology is a work in progress made possible by the efforts of our global network of Country Correspondents and users. With links to Toxipedia on general toxicology information and user guide.

ENGLISH

Publisher: Toxipedia, 2009.

SPECIAL FOCUS ON PRTRs

Learn more about the Aarhus Convention's special focus on PRTRs through its Protocol on Pollutant Release and Transfer Registers.

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- 82 provided by governments
- 22 provided by academia
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Aarhus clearinghouse upgrades:

- Design and integrate links to Aarhus Convention national reports database
- New features to host a jurisprudence database
- Add interactive flash map displaying Parties to the Aarhus Convention
- Improve site architecture for multilingual capabilities



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