

# **The online matrix of PRTR capacity-building activities**

First Session of the Meeting of the Parties to the Protocol  
on Pollutant Release and Transfer Registers  
to the Aarhus Convention



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## **Online PRTR capacity-building activities matrix**

Launch of online tool through the Aarhus Clearinghouse for Environmental Democracy

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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

**Which**  
type of resource?  
Events

**What**  
is the purpose?  
Access to Information

**Who**  
is the source?  
Government

**Where**  
in the world?  
AFRICA

**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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**Aarhus Convention**  
Convention on Access to Information,  
Public Participation in Decision-making and Access to Justice  
in Environmental Matters

Main **PRTR reports** Aarhus Convention Aarhus Clearinghouse

### National Implementation Reports

**Select language**

- English
- French
- Russian

**Select Questionnaire**

National Implementation Reports

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The screenshot shows the Aarhus Convention website. At the top left is the Aarhus Convention logo, which consists of three interlocking circles labeled 'PARTICIPATION', 'INFORMATION', and 'ACCESS'. To the right of the logo, the text reads 'Aarhus Convention' followed by 'Convention on Access to Information, Public Participation in Decision-making and Access to Justice in Environmental Matters'. Below this is a navigation menu with four items: 'PRTR reports', 'National Implementation Reports', 'Aarhus Convention', and 'Aarhus Clearinghouse'. The 'Aarhus Convention' item is currently selected. Below the navigation menu, the text 'PRTR capacity-building activities reports' is displayed. Underneath this text is a search box with the placeholder text 'Select report'. A red arrow points from the top of the page down to a red oval that encircles the text 'List of PRTR capacity-building activities' within the search box. At the bottom of the page, there is a footer containing contact information for the Environment, Housing and Land Management Division, including the address 'Palais des Nations, 8-14, avenue de la Paix - 1211 Geneva 10', phone number '+41 22 917 01 07', email 'public.participation@unece.org', and copyright notice '2006-2009 © United Nations Economic Commission for Europe'.



**Different criteria**

**By text**  
Input text:

**Treaties and Processes**  
Select:

- Basel Convention
- ICCM / SAICM
- Montreal Protocol
- Rotterdam Convention
- Stockholm Convention
- Aarhus Convention
- Kyoto Protocol
- UNFCC
- Kiev Protocol

**By SAICM activities**  
Select activities:

- 124.  Develop a national PRTR design process
- 125.  Use PRTRs to stimulate reductions in emissions
- 126.  Develop implementation guides
- 177.  Establish national PRTRs framework
- 178.  Promote a political consensus
- 179.  Manage information dissemination from PRTRs
- 180.  Promote harmonization of environmental performance requirements

**Category**  
By select category:

- 1.  Preliminary or related activities
- 2.  National workshop to identify PRTR goals
- 3.  Feasibility study to assess existing capacity for a PRTR
- 4.  Design of the main PRTR characteristics
- 5.  Pilot trial
- 6.  Development of the national proposal
- 7.  National PRTR workshop
- 8.  National PRTR implementation
- 9.  Regional and international PRTR activities

**By countries and/or geographical regions/sub-regions**  
Countries and geographical regions/sub-regions:

**Please make a selection**

Whole World

**Countries list (Africa)**

- Algeria
- Angola
- Benin
- Botswana
- Burkina Faso
- Burundi

**By period**  
Activity period (format: DD/MM/YYYY or MM/YYYY or YYYY):

Start:  End:

**By activity status**  
Select status:

- Proposed
- Ongoing
- Finished

**By Organization submitted reports**  
Organizations list:

- European ECO-Forum
- European Free Trade Association
- Government of Norway
- Journalism to Raise Environmental Awareness
- Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development

**By periodical report**  
Report title:

- Pollutant release and transfer registers capacity-building activities



**Alphabetical order**

Treaties and Processes	SAICM activities	Category	Title	Period	Activity status	Outcomes / Proposed outcomes	Countries and/or Organizations	Supported by
<b>European ECO-Forum (<a href="http://www.eco-forum.org/">http://www.eco-forum.org/</a>)</b>								
	124	2	Project for Ratification of PRTR Protocol in Kazakhstan and Tajikistan	From: 01/01/2005 To: 31/12/2015	Ongoing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Round tables with participation of governmental experts, local authorities, NGOs and business to discuss possibilities and constraints for PRTR development and its benefits for different stakeholders</li> <li>Disseminate relevant information materials on PRTR development in different countries and regions using electronic information tools</li> <li>Start broad outreach campaign on the need to ratify PRTR Protocol and start PRTR development in the targeted countries</li> </ul>	Kazakhstan Tajikistan	European ECO-Forum
	124	9	Workshop "Pollutant Release and Transfer Registers/PRTRs: perspectives for their development in EECCA countries" – Public Participation Campaign Work Programme on the Aarhus Convention 2005	From: 16/11/2005 To: 17/11/2005	Finished	<p>The workshop addressed priorities for the continuation of the work related to PRTR in Eastern Europe, Caucasus and Central Asia (EECCA)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Text available in English and Russian, through the support of the European ECO Forum Public-Participation Campaign Work Programme on the Aarhus Convention 2005</li> </ul>	Armenia Azerbaijan Georgia Kazakhstan Kyrgyzstan Tajikistan Turkmenistan Uzbekistan Belarus Republic of Moldova Russian Federation Ukraine	Norway's Ministry of Foreign Affairs
	124	9	PRTR training workshops – Public Participation Campaign Work Programme on the Aarhus Convention 2005	From: 01/01/2006 To: 31/12/2015	Ongoing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Two training workshops in EECCA countries (either one workshop per country or in two different regions)</li> <li>Support for NGO activities at the national level (mini-campaigns)</li> <li>Publication on NGOs' experiences with PRTRs in different countries</li> </ul>	Armenia Azerbaijan Georgia Kazakhstan Kyrgyzstan Tajikistan Turkmenistan Uzbekistan Belarus Republic of Moldova Russian Federation Ukraine	Norway's Ministry of Foreign Affairs



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**UNECE-  
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United Nations Economic Commission for Europe ( <a href="http://www.unece.org/">http://www.unece.org/</a> )				issues to Czech Republic				
	126	9	Analysis of Costs and Benefits of Pollutant Release and Transfer Registers (CEP/WG.5/AC.2/2002/4)	From: 01/01/2001 To: 31/12/2002	Finished	Analysis of Costs and Benefits of Pollutant Release and Transfer Registers (CEP/WG.5/AC.2/2002/4)	UNECE Region	
	124	3	Development of a Pollutant Release and Transfer Register	From: 01/01/2003 To: 31/12/2003	Finished	Definition of the National Goals; Analysis of the situation and Feasibility Study for the implementation of a Pollutant Release and Transfer Register in Ecuador.	Ecuador	UNITAR, Canada
	124	2, 3, 4, 5	PRTR national workshop and pilot project	From: 01/01/2004 To: 31/12/2006	Finished	Support for a National PRTR pilot requested in 2006	Kazakhstan	
 ICCM / SAICM	124, 125	9	Guidance for implementation of the Protocol on PRTRs	From: 01/01/2004 To: 31/12/2007	Finished	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• First draft of guidance document prepared by TNO-MEP/Milieu consortium in Dec. 2004; second draft January 2005; edited and presented as 10 papers at the second meeting of the PRTR Working Group (WG), April 2005</li> <li>• PRTR Protocol Guidance Discussion Forum and Guidance Review Group established through Virtual Classroom, December 2004 –February 2005</li> <li>• Review of "beta" draft by PRTR WG May 2006</li> <li>• Final draft of guidance document pending 31 July 2006</li> <li>• Revised final draft December 2006, scheduled for publication in English, French and Russian in 2007</li> </ul>	UNECE Region	European Commission; UNECE (Aarhus Convention Trust Fund)
	124	9	International PRTR Coordinating Group; PRTR capacity-building coordination meetings	From: 01/01/2004 To: 31/12/2006	Finished	<p>Initiated as complement to Aarhus Convention capacity-building coordination meetings in March 2004; ongoing with participation of UNEP Chemicals, UNITAR and REC. Activity merged with International PRTR Coordinating Group meeting in 2006.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• First meeting held in Ghent, Belgium, in March 2006</li> <li>• Terms of Reference drafted and bureau elected</li> <li>• Outreach to Strategic Approach to International Chemicals Management (SAICM) and Intergovernmental Forum on Chemical Safety (IFCS) secretariats</li> <li>• UNECE provides secretariat through 2007</li> </ul>	UNECE Region	UNECE, UNEP, UNITAR
	126	9	Needs and prospects for capacity-building, technical support and information exchange in PRTR development	From: 01/02/2004 To: 31/03/2004	Finished	Informal paper presented to first meeting of PRTR WG; revised with input from UNEP, UNITAR and REC on 22 March 2005	UNECE Region	
	126	9	Modelling costs of implementation	From:	Finished	UNECE secretariat provided draft cost estimates	UNECE Region	UNECE and



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**UNECE-  
related most  
recent ones**

		Special Session of International PRTR Coordinating Group	From: 22/04/2010 To: 22/04/2010	Proposed	The primary purpose of this special session is to provide an opportunity for members of the Coordination Group to discuss with governments and other stakeholders of States with economies in transition on their needs for capacity-building and technical assistance to develop their PRTR systems. Such participants are generally not able to attend the regular meetings of the International PRTR Coordinating Group held back-to-back with the OECD PRTR Task Force in Paris, and thus the session will provide an excellent opportunity to hear directly about the needs of countries at an early stage in PRTR development. The participants from countries with economies in transition will also benefit from the opportunity to learn, in more detail than is possible during MoPP-1, about the activities of international organizations and donor governments in the field of PRTR.		
		PRTR Workshop	From: 05/05/2010 To: 05/05/2010	Proposed	PRTR experts are meeting to discuss developments and achievements of PRTR systems.		OSCE Centre Astana.
		Fifth Meeting of the International PRTR Coordinating Group	From: 18/05/2010 To: 18/05/2010	Proposed	The overall objective of the International PRTR Coordinating Group is to improve coordination between international organizations, governments and other interested parties on their ongoing and planned efforts related to the further development and implementation of PRTR systems in developing countries or countries with economies in transition. The fifth meeting is expected to discuss the role of PRTRs in implementation of Multilateral Environmental Agreements, opportunities for technical cooperation and capacity-building for national PRTR development, and PRTR awareness-raising activities, among other topics.		Secretariat at UNECE. Hosted at OECD.
		GEF Project "POPs monitoring, reporting and information dissemination using Pollutant Release and Transfer Registers (PRTRs)"	From: 01/06/2010 To: 30/06/2010	Proposed	The Second Meeting of the existing GEF PRTR Project Steering Committee will be held via teleconference.	            	UNEP, UNITAR
	1, 2, 3, 4	National PRTR	From: 01/01/2011 To: 31/12/2015	Proposed	PRTR regulatory framework designed. Industry/government partnership developed. Countries' stakeholders trained. Prototype PRTR		Ministry of Environment, Aarhus Centre



**Thank you**