



Schweizerische Eidgenossenschaft
Confédération suisse
Confederazione Svizzera
Confederaziun svizra

Swiss Confederation

Federal Department of the Environment,
Transport, Energy and Communications DETEC

Federal Office for the Environment FOEN
Division

Introducing SwissPRTR

Pollutant Release and Transfer Register 21. April 2010





Communication to stakeholders

1997-2001	Pilot Studies
2003	UNECE Protocol
2006	Swiss Ordinance
2008	SwissPRTR database

Meetings with the industry and with authorities

Public information days

Articles in Journals

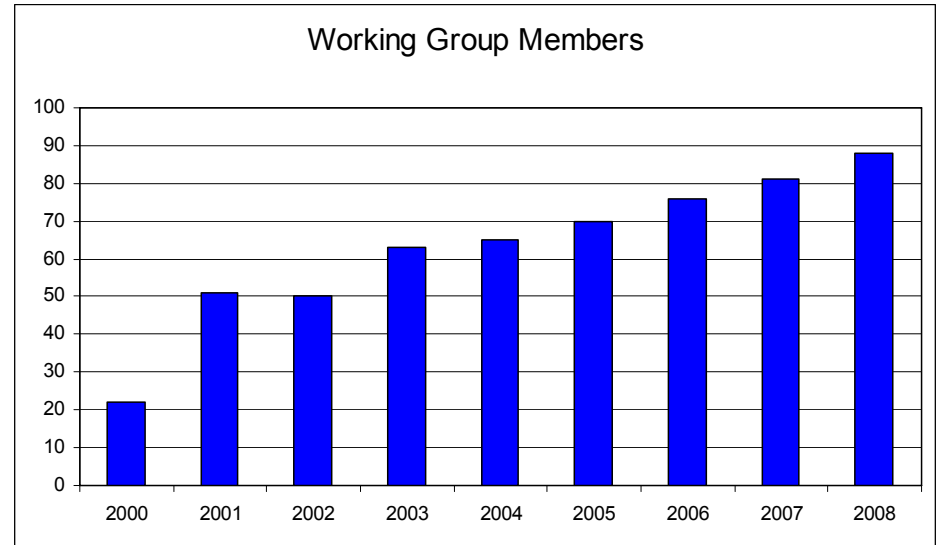
Homepage with general information

Data published with explanations



SwissPRTR Working Group

- Representatives from
 - Industry
 - Associations
 - NGOs
 - National and regional authorities
- Two meetings per year
- Contributed to ...
 - Ordinance on PRTR
 - Software and data handling
 - Training and documentation



Pilot Study



Kiev Protocol



Ordinance



Reporting



Access for the public

- Public database
- Explanations on internet site
- Printed material
- Articles in journals

Schweizerische Eidgenossenschaft
Confédération suisse
Confederazione Svizzera
Confederaziun svizra

Federal Administration admin.ch
Department of the Environment, Transport, Energy and Communications
Federal Office for the Environment FOEN

Deutsch | Français
Italiano | English

Home page | Site map | Contact | Print Selection

News Topics Environmental state Services Documentation The FOEN

Chemicals
Home page > Chemicals > SwissPRTR pollutant...

Themes
International Conventions
Basic legal sources
Implementation
SwissPRTR pollutant register
SwissPRTR databank
Map of pollutant sources
Comments to the most recent data
Questions about the SwissPRTR
Information for facilities
Glossary of pollutants SwissPRTR
Releases Chemicals

Search in the FOEN
[input] [search]

Advanced Search

Further information

- UNECE Protocol on Pollutant Release and Transfer Registers
- OECD
- National PRTRs all over the world
- European Union
- Germany
- France
- Italy - (in Italian)
- Austria - (in German)

SwissPRTR pollutant register
SwissPRTR is the publicly accessible Swiss Pollutant Release and Transfer Register. It provides information about releases of pollutants and transfers of wastes from facilities and diffuse sources.

Information for the public
You can search for facilities whose annual pollutant releases exceed a specific internationally defined threshold. You can limit your search to specific facility criteria, pollutants or waste treatment.

- SwissPRTR database
- Map of pollutant sources SwissPRTR

Data reporting by facilities
Facilities that are required to report their data can do so using a password-protected application:

- SwissPRTR

Legal bases
The legal basis for SwissPRTR is the Ordinance on the Register relating to Pollutant Release and

News Topics Environmental state Services Doc

Chemicals
Start page > Chemicals > PRTR >

Themes
International Conventions
Basic legal sources
Implementation
SwissPRTR pollutant register
SwissPRTR databank
Map of pollutant sources
Comments to the most recent data
Questions about the SwissPRTR
Information for facilities
Glossary of pollutants SwissPRTR
Releases Chemicals

Select facility
You can limit your search to specific facility criteria.

Tip: If you wish to search the data by facility type, you can use the following filters:

Time period: Year [dropdown]

Facility data: [dropdown]

The SwissPRTR encourages competitiveness
The identification of the potential to reduce costs acts as an incentive for finding innovative solutions that can improve environmental performance and lead to sustainable increases in productivity.

The SwissPRTR creates trust through improved communication
The data is verified, made available to the public and can be inspected at any time.
Participating facilities can publicise the improvements they have achieved proactively, thus furthering their good reputation and making themselves stand out in comparison with competitors.
Facilities can improve their relationship with the general public and the authorities through the open communication of results.

The SwissPRTR has a confidence-building effect and encourages communication
The clear presentation of the data encourages the informed discussion of the subject matter and permits greater understanding between the general public, industry and government.

The SwissPRTR provides reliable and comprehensive information
The data is recorded and verified each year in accordance with internationally standardised criteria. The data is publicly accessible for 10 years via the internet and can be inspected at any time.
The international comparability of the data creates a unique pool of data that can be exploited to make comprehensive comparisons.

For further information:
Federal Office for the Environment (FOEN)
CH-3000 Bern
Phone +41 31 323 03 34
Fax +41 31 322 70 54
info@bfbs.admin.ch (general information)
swissprtr@bfbs.admin.ch (specific information)
www.environment.switzerland.ch

Company Registration Number [input]
Owner: All

Localisation:
Canton: All | AG | AR | BE | BL | ZIP: All | 1005 | 1007 | 1020 | 1023

Coordinates:
Longitude [input] Latitude [input] Radius [input] km

Field of activity:
Main activity: All | Animal and vegetable products from the food- and beverage sector | Chemical industry | Energy industries | Mineral industry
NOGA Code: All NACE Code: All

Continue to: [Select pollutants] [Select waste treatment] or [Display facilities] [Reset filters]



Realizing the Benefits

- Benefits of the PRTR for the public, for facilities, for authorities are explained
- However, they are at the moment claimed based on experiences of other countries

Our task for the coming years:

- Identify model situations where PRTR data can be used
- Encourage and support good examples
- Promote them as lessons for all stakeholders
- Review our communication



The work goes on

- The introduction of the SwissPRTR was a good start
- As next step, we promote the use of the data for a fruitful dialogue

Thank you for your attention!

