Strategic partnerships

Informal meetings between chairs and vice-chairs five MEA’s and the CEP

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Five MEAs

• Air Convention
• Espoo Convention
• Water Convention (and protocols)
• Industrial Accidents Convention
• Aarhus Convention (and protocols)
• Protocol on Civil Liability (not yet in force)
Reasons for an enhanced cooperation between five MEAs

• Strong interdependency between the subjects covered by the MEAs
• Current environmental challenges can be more effectively addressed in an integrated manner
• Same target groups
• Supporting activities
• Finances
• Coordination and cooperation
• Practical use of synergies among the five MEAs, CEP and other environmental programs
Informal guidance

• Conditions for cooperation, synergy and harmonization

• Opportunities for enhanced cooperation
  – MEAs mutual support and assistance
  – MEAs organization
  – MEAs joint activities
  – MEAs resources

• Further steps for enhanced cooperation
Meetings held

• 22 November 2011
• 16 April 2012
• 27 February 2013
• 21 October 2013
• 27 October 2014

Documents:
• chair’s summaries (except 27 October 2014)
• Informal guidance ‘Towards enhanced cooperation of UNECE’s MEAs’
• Sustainable extrabudgetary financial arrangements for the ECE environmental conventions
Results and way forward (1)

• Follow up on the endorsed paper on possible synergies among the MEAs and to joint activities
• Several activities were identified for existing, possible future and other synergies
• Possible involvement of the MEAs in the 8th Environment for Europe (EfE) ministerial Conference
Results and way forward (2)

• Awareness raising of MEAs to other regions, including opening to non-ECE countries
• Implementation of the MEAs in countries with economies in transition
• MEAs role in sustainable development/green economy
• Continuation of the discussion on financial arrangements under MEAs
• Contribution to the meeting of the CEP20
Thank you for your attention !