



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 !

