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Sustainable extrabudgetary financing:

Actions by the small group on financing and deliberations by the representatives of the governing bodies of MEAs

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Sustainable Financial Mechanism: Recap

- Adopted by the Conference of the Parties at its seventh meeting in 2012
- **Sharing responsibility among all Parties:**
 - Encouraged to provide resources for the implementation of workplan activities, invited to consider contributions at their economic strength or higher
 - Pledge and indicate, prior to the adoption of a biennial workplan, the level of annual voluntary and in-kind contributions
 - Take an active part in ensuring additional contributions
- **Bureau:**
 - Actively encourages Parties to support at least at a level reflecting their economic strength and, in case of non-contributing Parties, arranges meetings to foster their support and build awareness on the need for sustainable financing





Sustainable Financial Mechanism: Recap

- Contributions by **stakeholders other than Parties:**
 - Important part of funding workplan activities, particularly under the Assistance Programme.
 - **ECE member countries, the European Commission, international organizations and industry** are encouraged to provide their support. Information is to be exchanged with them on mutual needs and interests, as well as reciprocal benefits from organizing joint activities. Where possible, **long-term partnerships in areas of mutual interest with co-funding schemes for joint activities** should be concluded.
- **Beneficiary countries**
 - A crucial role in ensuring additional contributions, especially coming from the **European Commission's dedicated funds**, can be played by Parties or ECE member countries **according to the rules on application eligibility**





Sustainable Financial Mechanism: Impact for 2013-2014 biennium

- Broadening base of contributions
- Numerous new contributions in line with economic strength (Albania, Azerbaijan, Croatia, Czech Republic, Lithuania, Romania)
- Maintenance of level of significant contributions by majority of Parties
- One new donor country contributing significantly (Finland)

Parties contributing for 2013-2014

Albania
Austria
Azerbaijan
Croatia
Czech Republic
Germany
Finland
France
Italy
Lithuania
Netherlands
Norway
Serbia
Slovenia
Switzerland
Romania
European Union





Small group on financing

- **Sub-group of the Bureau**, established in biennium 2013-2014
- Composed of representatives of Parties contributing financially and in-kind, donor and beneficiary countries: S. Ashcroft (UK), G. Hem (Norway), C. Dijkens (Netherlands), S. Stirbu (Republic of Moldova)
- Actions taken:
 - **Message by Chair of the Convention to all Parties to consider pledges in advance of CoP-8 in light of SFM**
 - Considered **financing possibilities by EU, other programmes incl. national development cooperation**
 - **Webpage on financing for Assistance Programme** created by secretariat
 - **Consideration of enhancing partnerships** incl. with commercial firms (e.g. GCE, Russian Federation)





Sustainable Extrabudgetary Financing: Cooperation among MEAs

- Considered by **representatives of governing bodies of ECE MEAs** (at meetings in Feb. and Oct. 2013, Oct. 2014)
- Secretariat background document describing financial arrangements under MEAs
- Representatives of governing bodies of MEAs:
 - Considered **regular exchange of experiences on funding issues** between the Conventions very important
 - Discussed how to ensure adequate and predictable financing of activities under the MEAs and staff required for implementing them
 - Suggested **greater cooperation between MEAs representatives on the national level**
 - Stressed **need to cooperate among MEA Chairs/Bureaux in encouraging Parties to provide predictable, long-term sustainable financing**





Your views...

- ...on **how to bring about sustainable predictable financing** for the ECE Industrial Accidents Convention?
- ...on **additional financing sources with potential to be tapped into?**
- on **good practices** on financing, incl.
 - cooperation amongst different authorities at the national level
 - the identification of national funds (incl. development cooperation) beyond your respective departments/unit?
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