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5. Environmental monitoring, assessment and reporting

Working Group on Environmental Monitoring and Assessment

- Revised outline of activities leading up to 2021
- Annual timetable of activities for 2019





Revised outline of activities leading up to 2021

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New mandate and terms of reference of Working Group for 2017–2021 (ECE/CEP/2017/2, annex II). Working Group is to develop a more detailed outline of activities leading up to 2021, taking into consideration the financial and human resources available

Working Group approved the draft outline of its activities leading up to 2021 (ECE/CEP/AC.10/2017/4) and an annual timetable of activities for 2018 (ECE/CEP/AC.10/2017/3)

Finalization of the revised draft outline of activities leading up to 2021 during 20th session of the Working Group

January 2017

2017

June 2017

November 2017

September-
October 2018

2019

Secretariat, in consultation with EEA and UNEP, drafted an outline of the activities to be carried out by the Working Group and the Joint Task Force in the period leading up to 2021


CEP, during its 23rd session, requested the Working Group to revise and streamline the outline of its activities in the period leading up to 2021 (ECE/CEP/2017/13)

Consideration and approval of the revised draft outline of activities leading up to 2021 by the CEP during its 24th session



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Draft revised outline of activities leading up to 2021

Note by the secretariat


Summary

At its twenty-second session (Geneva, 25–27 January 2017), the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe (ECE) Committee on Environmental Policy renewed the mandate and terms of reference of the Working Group on Environmental Monitoring and Assessment for a five-year period (2017–2021) (ECE/CEP/2017/2, annex II). The terms of reference require the Working Group to prepare annual timetables of its activities. In addition, the Committee requested a more detailed outline of its activities leading up to 2021.


At its nineteenth session (Geneva, 27–28 June 2017), the Working Group considered and approved a draft outline of its activities leading up to 2021 (ECE/CEP/AC.10/2017/4). However, the Committee on Environmental Policy, at its twenty-third session (Geneva, 14–17 November 2017), requested the Working Group to revise and streamline the outline, as presented in document ECE/CEP/2017/13, by including measurable outcomes and giving priority to its core activities in accordance with the financial resources available.


The Working Group will therefore be invited to consider the draft revised outline of activities leading up to 2021, as set out in the present document, with a view to approval and forwarding to the Committee on Environmental Policy for consideration at its twenty-fourth session (Geneva, 29–31 January 2019).

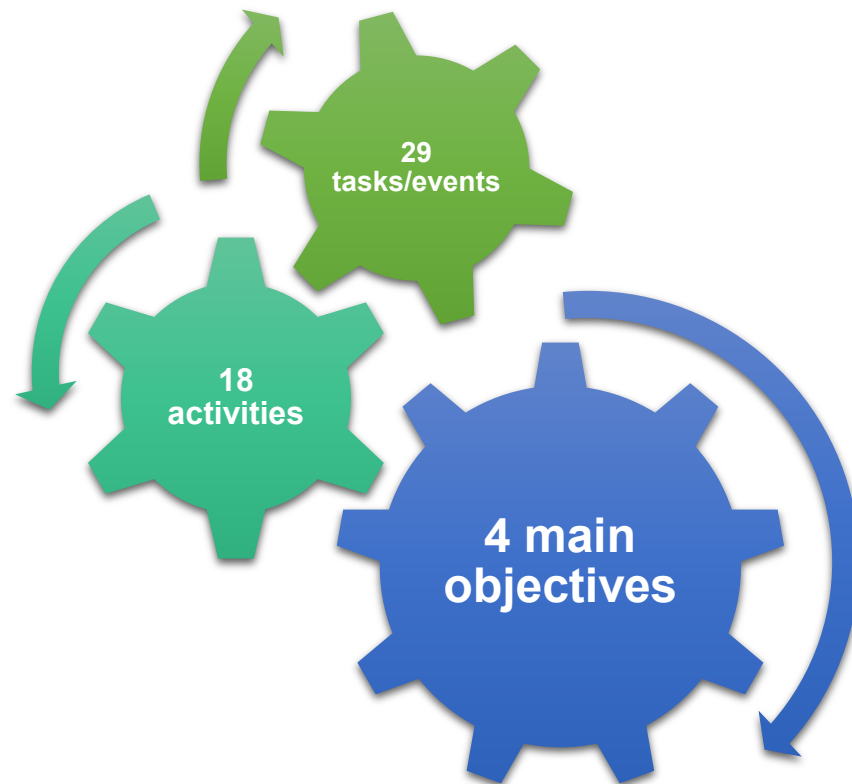
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Annual timetable of activities for 2019



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Summary

At its twenty-second session (Geneva, 25–27 January 2017), the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe (ECE) Committee on Environmental Policy renewed the mandate and terms of reference of the Working Group on Environmental Monitoring and Assessment for a five-year period (2017–2021). The terms of reference require the preparation of annual timetables of activities, taking into account the financial and human resources available. At its nineteenth session, while considering the approval of the annual timetable of activities for 2018 (ECE/CEP/AC.10/2017/3), the Working Group agreed that the secretariat would develop indicators of achievement to be included in the next annual timetable of activities.

The present document provides a draft annual timetable of activities for 2019 for consideration by the Working Group at its twentieth session. It complements the draft revised outline of activities leading up to 2021 (ECE/CEP/AC.10/2018/3). The annual timetable of activities for 2019 will be submitted to the Committee on Environmental Policy for consideration at its twenty-fourth session (Geneva, 29–31 January 2019).

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- The timetable is based on the renewed mandate and terms of reference of the Working Group (ECE/CEP/2017/2, annex II) and the draft revised outline of activities leading up to 2021 (ECE/CEP/AC.10/2018/3)
- Working Group will cooperate with national and international governmental and non-governmental stakeholders and the Joint Task Force to implement its activities
- Working Group will support the secretariat to mobilize resources and assistance from regional and international organizations and member States

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Continue supporting the establishment of SEIS

Regularly evaluate the performance of UNECE countries in establishing and implementing SEIS

Bring together experts involved in the UNEP GEO process and the EEA Eionet to discuss and oversee the regular pan-European environmental assessment

Detail regional and national capacity gaps in information and data needed for producing environmental indicators

Implement capacity-building activities

Continue cooperating with the Joint Task Force

Prepare mid-term report for the CEP

Publish outcomes from the Working Group's collaborative activities

Support countries to develop indicator frameworks to monitor the Goals and targets of the 2030 Agenda

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Thank you!

