5. Environmental monitoring, assessment and reporting

Working Group on Environmental Monitoring and Assessment

Progress of work of the Working Group
Progress of work resulting from the 20th session of the Working Group (September 2019).

Working Group re-elected Ms. Katerina Nikolovska (the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia) as its Chair.

Continued cooperation with UNEP and EEA as part of the Common Approach.

Strong concerns regarding the availability of funds for the financial support of meeting participants, especially from South-Eastern Europe but also from other subregions.
Implementing the renewed mandate and terms of reference:
- Outline of activities leading up to 2021
- Annual timetable of activities for 2019

Reviewing progress made by countries in Europe and Central Asia in establishing a Shared Environmental Information System by 2021:
- SEIS Mid-term Review report
- SEIS Assessment Framework

Pan-European Assessment:
- Working Group requested the secretariat to inform the Committee on the suggestions made for the pan-European assessment
The Working Group has invited the secretariat to:

- explore further possibilities to establishing a web-based portal through which users could seek guidance and information on environmental statistics and indicators.
- start preparation of a publication on the Shared Environmental Information System (in English and Russian).
- raise awareness and attract the attention of other countries to participate in the activities of the Working Group.
Other relevant developments:

- 12 country factsheets have been prepared under the project “Support to the Working Group on Environmental Monitoring and Assessment”, funded by the Russian Federation.

- Analytical report on the status of production and sharing of core environmental indicators by the Eastern Partnership countries is being finalized, as funded by the European Environment Agency.
Thank you!