EPRs: towards a sustainable transport sector

Workshop “Sustainable urban transport and mobility: Policies and practices on the basis of UNECE Environmental Performance Reviews”

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Environmental Performance Reviews

What is an EPR?

- Review of progress made by the country in improving its environmental policy
  - Voluntary exercise
  - Comprehensive approach
  - By experts from UNECE member States & international organizations
  - Strong involvement of the country under review

- Recommendations
  - Addressed to the country under review
  - Agreed by UNECE member States (Committee on Environmental Policy)
  - The reviewed country commits to implementation
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Objectives

- Facilitates the strengthening of environmental policies through concrete recommendations to the country
- Promotes integration of environmental policies into sectoral policies
- Facilitates exchange of experience between countries
- Strengthens cooperation with international community
- Contribute to achievement of SDGs
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Cycles

- 1st cycle (1994 – 2004 (2011); 20 countries)
- 2nd cycle (2000 – 2013; 18 countries)
- 3rd cycle (2012 – ongoing; 13 countries)

Morocco, 2012
Mongolia, 2017
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Transport & environment: structure

- Overview of transport sector & transport infrastructure
- Pressures from different modes of transport & from transport infrastructure
- Road safety
- Impact from & adaptation to climate change
- Legal, policy & institutional framework
- Participation in international agreements & processes
- Assessment, conclusions & recommendations
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SDGs in the EPRs

- 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development
- EPR looks at:
  - Enabling framework and resources
  - Progress in the nationalization of SDGs
  - SDGs and targets relevant for EPR chapters
  - Possible recommendations for the achievement of SDGs relevant for EPR chapters
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SDGs in the EPRs: four options

- **Option 1**: Including the review of EPR-relevant SDGs and/or targets into the contents of the chapters
- **Option 2**: Chapter on the assessment of progress towards achieving EPR-relevant SDGs and/or targets
- **Option 3**: Integrating EPR-relevant SDGs and/or targets into the contents of the chapters and covering in an additional chapter the SDGs and/or targets not addressed by other chapters but requested by the country
- **Option 4**: A general review of the 2030 Agenda implementation in the chapter on legal and policy framework + the review of EPR-relevant SDGs and/or targets in other chapters – chosen for 2017-2019 EPRs
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Transport & environment: SDG targets

EPR recommendations (working document) relate to:

- Air emissions, GHG emissions (~32 recommendations)
- Vehicle fleet (~18)
- Fuel (~13)
- Public transport (~10)
- Sustainable transport policy (~10)
- Information, data and awareness (~8)
- Freight transport (~4), Financing transport sector (~4)
- Road safety (~3), walking / cycling (~3)
- Urban transport (~2), ITS (~2)
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Transport & environment: key outcomes of Tbilisi workshop

- Ensure an adequate, safe, accessible and environmentally-friendly transportation for all
- Reconcile the development needed in the transport sector with impact on the environment & public health
- Push & pull measures and incentives to change people’s mindset
- Establish & enforce standards for retrofitting cars to gas
- Improve transport infrastructure & the quality of fuel used while gradually moving towards electric vehicles
- Road safety
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