



**PRTR Protocol to the Aarhus Convention  
3rd Meeting of the Working Group of the Parties  
(Geneva, 20-21 November 2013)  
- Position by the EU and its Member States -**

**Item 6. Implementation of the current work programme of the Protocol**

The EU and its Member States would like to thank the secretariat for the preparation of the report on the implementation of the work programme.

We would also like to thank the secretariat and the Bureau for the extensive work and serious efforts made to keep the implementation of the work programme on track, especially the organisation of workshops and other events to promote, and raise awareness of, the Convention and its Protocol at the international level.

We also welcome the development of technical assistance via electronic means and usage of more electronic tools including e-mail consultations, phone conferences, online databases, the clearinghouse mechanism and the PRTR.net global portal and we call on Parties and Signatories to further promote the use of these tools.

Funding of the Protocol on PRTRs will be discussed under a different agenda item.

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