



**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 7(b)(iv). Programme of work for 2015-2017

The EU and its Member States welcome preparation of the draft work programme by the Bureau and wish to thank the secretariat for the opportunity to comment on this draft.

We support the prioritisation of activities and inclusion of their costs in the draft work programme 2015-2017.

On the other hand, noting the request that funding should be provided prior to 1 October of the preceding year, the EU and its Member States, while recognising the reason behind this request, wish to reiterate that not all Parties may be in a position to provide funding in the preceding calendar year due to internal budgetary procedures.

We welcome the suggestion that recommendations be prepared on technical issues. The results of various workshops on the PRTR Protocol confirmed the existence of disparities in the implementation of the Protocol and challenges faced by the Parties and Signatories. We believe that, by sharing experiences, we will be creating a valuable source of resources which could inform the general implementation experience.
