



REC Statement at MoP-05

Agenda item 7 (c) Work Programme for 2015–2017

The Regional Environmental Center for Central and Eastern Europe (REC) expresses gratitude for the development of the Work Programme for 2015-2017 and supports its implementation. We understand the financial constraints experienced by Parties in the difficult economic situation; nevertheless, we hope that this will not affect the implementation of the 2015-2017 Work Programme.

We agree that the general priority should be given to compliance and implementation of the Convention, however, the latter is closely linked with how the Convention's provisions will be implemented in practice regarding the three pillars. Therefore, we welcome the continuation of the Task Forces in these three areas. The work of the Task Forces, especially the Task Forces on Access to Justice and Public Participation in Decision-making are crucial for assisting the Parties and Signatories with the practical implementation, with how the provisions should be applied and also highlight the good practice solutions. The GMO amendment and Article 6 bis is an area that needs further attention and activities, once the amendment enters into force in the coming years.

The REC is ready to continue its activities in line with the Work Programme. We believe that in the next period it will be even more important to build synergies between the activities at the ECE level, sub-regional and national level and achieve results by joint efforts towards the same goals.