



PRTR Protocol
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EU and its Member States contribution

Agenda item 10: Closure of the meeting

Ms. Chair, dear delegates, ladies and gentlemen, I am speaking on behalf of the EU and its Member States.

The EU and its Member States would like to thank the Montenegro for hosting the Aarhus Convention MOP 6, the Joint High-Level Segment and the MOP 3 of the PRTR Protocol, as well as for the great organisation and logistics provided and the social events organised in the margins. We have very much enjoyed the meetings, the discussions and the opportunities to exchange views and share experiences with all delegates and stakeholders, including the civil society organisations and the private sector.

We acknowledge that the financing of the work programme of the Protocol continuously faces serious challenges, and we hope that during the next meetings of the Parties we will be able to consider innovative ways and means to ensure the necessary stability and predictability of financing.

We are convinced that best practices of the implementation of the Protocol, as identified in the national implementation reports, will benefit all those affected by the Protocol. We also believe that adopted guidance for reporting on implementation of the Protocol and Pollutant Release and Transfer Registers will contribute to improve the quality of national implementation reports.

We would like to thank all the participants and congratulate the Representatives of the Parties for the adoption of the Budva Declaration and the very important decisions that will allow continuity of the work done so far and further promote the PRTR Protocol at global level. We are convinced that efficient user-friendly pollutant release and transfer registers ensure that people everywhere have convenient and digital access to relevant information on environmental pollutants.

Finally, we would like to thank the organisers of shared experience on key topics for the implementation of the PRTR Protocol.

We are looking forward to meeting you all again in the near future.

Thank you for your attention.
