

ANNUAL IMPLEMENTATION REPORT

GENERAL INFORMATION	
Project title	Strengthening the implementation of the UNECE Convention on Long-range Transboundary Air Pollution in Eastern Europe, the Caucasus and Central Asia
Project duration	Mid 2015 – mid 2018
Reporting period covered	1 January – 31 December 2016
Financial implementation rate (in % of 2015-2018 budget)	32%
Summary of impact/outcomes	<p>The implementation of the project activities in 2016 resulted in enhanced skills of emission experts of Armenia and Kyrgyzstan in developing and improving the national emission inventories in accordance with the requirements of the Convention and in preparing related reports.</p> <p>Through support to the work of the dedicated Coordinating Group, the project also facilitated the exchange of information and views among countries in Eastern Europe, the Caucasus and Central Asia on various aspects of the Convention's implementation and raising their awareness of existing guidance materials, tools and networks.</p>
REVIEW OF EXPECTED ACCOMPLISHMENTS AND ACTIVITIES AS PER PROJECT DOCUMENT	
<p><i>(Please make sure the review (i) includes all EAs and activities as per the project document implemented during the review period, (ii) provide information on the venue of workshops/seminars, their dates and the number of participants, including gender-disaggregated, and (iii) state if the activities have been completed or are still incomplete)</i></p>	
Expected Accomplishment 1 (EA1)	Emission inventories developed in countries of Eastern Europe, the Caucasus and Central Asia in accordance with the Guidelines for estimating and reporting emission data under the Convention and the EMEP/EEA Air pollutant emission inventory guidebook
Main Activity A 1.1. Six missions involving Russian-speaking experts for the purpose of training and providing assistance to national teams of experts in development of national emission inventories, including the development of activity database, preparation of Informative Inventory Report, estimating base year emission levels, and future projections in accordance with the guidance documents adopted under the Convention	<p>In accordance with the workplan for the implementation of the Convention for 2016-2017 and the project implementation plan there were missions organized to Kyrgyzstan (13-15 April 2016) and Armenia (10-14 October 2016).</p> <p>In Kyrgyzstan, there was a consultation held with national experts from the State Agency for Nature Protection and Forestry responsible for the development of the national inventory (a team of four experts, of them three female experts). The consultations took place in Bishkek in the office of the State Agency. As a result, the national experts learnt about the main reporting requirements under the Air Convention and improved their skills in filling in emission data tables.</p> <p>In Armenia, the consultation was focused more on further improvement of the existing inventory (including calculating emissions from mobile sources), preparing data gridding and preparation of the Informative Inventory Report. The consultation was held in Yerevan in the office of the Ministry of Nature Protection with three national experts (all female) of the Ministry responsible for the compilation of the national air pollutant emission inventory.</p> <p>A mission to Uzbekistan was preliminarily planned for November 2016; however was later postponed to 2017, as there was no official confirmation issued by the Cabinet of Ministers of Uzbekistan in the course of 2016.</p>
Expected Accomplishment 2 (EA2)	Promotion of collecting, processing and reporting of air pollutant atmospheric monitoring data in accordance with the EMEP monitoring strategy

Main Activity A 2.1. Two sub-regional workshops for air quality experts on collecting, processing and reporting of monitoring data	<i>This activity has not been yet started; its implementation is foreseen for 2017- first half of 2018</i>
Expected Accomplishment 3 (EA3)	Enhanced outcomes of the work of the Coordinating Group on the promotion of actions towards implementation of the Convention in Eastern Europe, the Caucasus and Central Asia
Main Activity A 3.1. Support to the activities of the Coordinating Group aimed at capacity-building or information exchange among its participating countries.	The organization of meetings of the Coordinating Group was supported throughout the year. This includes support in organizing the meetings on the margins of regular sessions of the Convention's Executive Body and the Working Group on Strategies and Review and a meeting of the Group in St-Petersburg held back-to-back with a workshop co-organized with the Task Force on Techno-Economic Issues (19-20 October, Park Inn Radisson Hotel, for both events). The meeting and the workshop were attended by 23 participants, of them 13 were female). During both events the participants exchanged information on the progress towards implementation and ratification of the protocols, introduction of best available techniques, new guidance documents, synergies between the Protocol on Heavy Metals and Minamata Convention, and other issues.
COMMENTS <i>(Please indicate if there were any problems with the execution of the project, changes to the implementation plan, or any other relevant information)</i>	
The mission to Uzbekistan (EA1, A1.1) to consult national emission experts on inventory improvement is postponed to 2017, given that the Cabinet of Ministers of Uzbekistan had not officially approved the organization of the consultation meetings by the end of December 2016.	