Report by the Chair of the Committee on Environmental Policy

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Chair

109th meeting of the Executive Committee
Geneva, 17 February 2020
25th session of the CEP

- Geneva, 13-15 November 2019
- Delegations from 41 UNECE member States
- Representatives from national, regional and international organizations and bodies
- Civil society
United Nations Economic Commission for Europe

Ninth Environment for Europe Ministerial Conference (Nicosia, Cyprus, 2021)
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Themes for the Conference:

(i) Greening the economy in the pan-European region: Working towards sustainable infrastructure;
(ii) Applying principles of circular economy to sustainable tourism.
Environmental Performance Reviews

- Published and launched:
  - 3rd EPR of Kazakhstan
  - 3rd EPR of North Macedonia

- Reviewed:
  - 3rd EPR of Uzbekistan

- Ongoing: 3rd EPRs of
  - Romania
  - Azerbaijan

- Requests received for:
  - 2nd EPR of Morocco
  - 2nd EPR of Armenia
  - 3rd EPR of Ukraine
Cross-cutting activities

Education for Sustainable Development:

- 14th meeting of the Steering Committee (Geneva, May 2019)
- Fourth mandatory reporting of national implementation of the UNECE Strategy for ESD
- Ad hoc group for Strategic Planning:
  - Second meeting (Nicosia, Cyprus, September 2019)
  - Third meeting (Nicosia, Cyprus, March 2020)
- Ad hoc group on Indicators:
  - First meeting (Utrecht, the Netherlands, October 2019)
  - Second meeting (Podgorica, Montenegro, December 2019)
  - Third meeting (Brussels, Belgium, February 2020)
  - Fourth meeting (tbc, June 2020)
- Ad hoc Group on youth:
  - First meeting (Vienna, Austria, February 2020)
- 15th meeting of the Steering Committee (Geneva, May 2020)
Cross-cutting activities

Transport, Health and Environment:

- Relay race workshop dedicated to “smart urban mobility” (September 2019, Kazan, Russian Federation)
- The seventeenth meeting of the Steering Committee of THE PEP (21-23 October 2019, Geneva)
- 5th Ministerial High-Level Meeting on Transport, Health and Environment (26-27 November 2020, Vienna)
UNECE multilateral environmental agreements

• MOPs in 2019:
  • Espoo Convention and the Protocol on SEA (February 2019, Geneva)
  • Protocol on Water and Health (November 2019, Belgrade)
  • Air Convention (December 2019, Geneva)

• MOPs in 2020:
  • Industrial Accidents Convention (Bonn, Germany, 1-3 December)
  • Espoo Convention and the Protocol on SEA (Vilnius, Lithuania, 8-11 December)
  • Air Convention (14-18 December 2020, Geneva)
Technical cooperation activities:

• Subregional workshops co-funded by the Regular Programme for Technical Cooperation for Environment:
  • Land-use planning and industrial safety for Eastern Europe and the Caucasus” (Chisinau, May 2019)
  • “Improving mining/tailing safety in Kazakhstan, Tajikistan and beyond in Central Asia” (Almaty, November 2019)
  • “Monitoring the implementation of EPR recommendations on energy policies and strengthening national capacities on applying sustainable energy policies and practices in the selected UN programme countries” (postponed)

• Transboundary water cooperation projects:
  • in Drin basin (South-Eastern Europe)
  • in the Dniester basin (Republic of Moldova and Ukraine)
  • in the Bug-Neman basin (Belarus and Ukraine)
Thank you for your attention

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