THIRD ENVIRONMENTAL PERFORMANCE REVIEW OF BULGARIA

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• Progress evaluated since 2\textsuperscript{nd} EPR (2000)
• 10 chapters, 49 recommendations
• Strong focus on integration of environment into selected sectors/issues (5 chapters)
# EPR structure overview

| ENVIRONMENTAL GOVERNANCE AND FINANCING | 1. Legal and policy making framework  
2. Economic instruments and financing of environmental expenditures  
3. Monitoring, information, education |
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| DOMESTIC–INTERNATIONAL INTERFACE       | 4. Implementation of international agreements and commitments  
5. Climate change                       |
| INTEGRATION OF ENVIRONMENT INTO SELECTED SECTORS/ISSUES | 6. Water management  
7. Air protection  
8. Waste management  
9. Biodiversity and national ecological network  
10. Energy |
Major achievements (1/2)

• Progress in environmental policy framework development (ch.1)
• Air quality monitoring modernized (ch.3)
• National system for noise monitoring operationalized (ch.3)
• Successful participation in the Joint Implementation mechanism (ch.5)
Major achievements (2/2)

• Wastewater treatment modernized (ch.6)
• Air emissions significantly reduced (ch.7 and 10)
• Protected areas network increased (ch.9)
• Remarkable progress in use of renewables (ch.10)
Areas to improve (1/3)

• Promote the application of the Community eco-management and audit scheme (Rec.1.5)
• Establish municipal waste collection fees based on volume of waste generated (Rec.2.3)
• Introduce cost-reflective tariffs for use of water resources (Rec.2.5)
Areas to improve (2/3)

• Bring the legislation into line with the Aarhus Convention regarding access to justice (Rec. 4.4)

• Adopt and implement a national adaptation strategy to climate change (Rec. 5.1)

• Establish the National Centre for Real-Time Water Management (Rec. 6.4)
Areas to improve (3/3)

• Reduce air pollution by PM in urban areas (Rec.7.1)
• Finalize the new National Biodiversity Strategy and Action Plan (Rec. 9.1)
• Further reduce emissions of the main pollutants into atmospheric air from thermal power stations (Rec. 10.1)