

Economic Commission for Europe

Committee on Environmental Policy

Working Group on Environmental Monitoring and Assessment

Twenty-second session
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Meeting room: XVII

Provisional timetable

Time (CET/Geneva time)	Wednesday, 27 October 2020
09:00-09:15	<p>1. Adoption of the agenda</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Opening statements.- Adoption of the agenda (ECE/CEP/AC.10/2020/1/Rev.1).
09:15-09:30	<p>2. Adoption of the report of the twenty-first session</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Presentation of the outcomes of the twenty-first session, Christine Kitzler, UNECE.- Adoption of the report of the twenty-first session.- Presentation of the status of implementation of the decisions and recommendations, Christine Kitzler, UNECE.
09:30-10:30	<p>3. Implementing the mandate and terms of reference</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Approval of the timetable of activities for 2021.- Presentation on the financial resources available, Nicholas Bonvoisin, UNECE.- Identification of other international projects that relate to the Working Group's activities<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Environmental Information in Central Asia: Lessons Learned from UNEP's capacity building in support of SEIS, Tomas Marques, UNEP, and Nickolai Denisov, ZOI.- Presentation of the draft terms of reference for the period 2022–2026 (ECE/CEP/AC.10/2020/4/Rev.1), Christine Kitzler, UNECE.- Discussion and reflections on the draft terms of reference for the period 2022–2026 including on possible lead countries for respective programme areas, by member States and international partners.

10:30-11:00	<p>4. Reporting on the Shared Environmental Information System (SEIS) to support a regular process of environmental assessment</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Approval of the outline for the SEIS final progress review report - Presentation on the status and use of the SEIS online reporting tool, Matthew Billot, UNEP. - Questions and answers - Presentation of the draft final review report on the establishment of the Shared Environmental Information System based on the final report outline (ECE/CEP/AC.10/2020/5/Rev.1), Christine Kitzler, UNECE.
11:00-12:30	Lunch break
12:30-12:45	<p>Continuation of agenda item 4:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Presentation of the tentative timeline for the finalization of the review of the establishment of the Shared Environmental Information System by 2021, Christine Kitzler, UNECE. - Reflections on the draft final review report on the establishment of the Shared Environmental Information System, by member States (Georgia, Serbia, Kazakhstan tbc). - Discussion. - Presenting recent developments in finalizing the "Guidelines on the SEIS reporting mechanism", Nicholas Bonvoisin, UNECE. - Discussion, questions and answers.
12:45-13:45	<p>5. Regular pan-European environmental assessment supported by the Shared Environmental Information System</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Presentation of the final outline of the pan-European assessment (ECE/CEP/AC.10/2020/6/Rev.1) and consideration by the members of the Working Group, Nicholas Bonvoisin, UNECE. - Presentation of the status and timeline for producing the next pan-European environmental assessment, Nicholas Bonvoisin, UNECE. - Presentation of preliminary findings related to the biodiversity chapter, by Mr. Tobias Garstecki, UNECE consultant. - Plenary discussion and identification of partners, institutions, experts that could contribute to the development and review of specific chapters of the next pan-European assessment, identification of relevant indicators and case studies, information on the next steps, including in regard to how to mobilize further financial and in-kind support, for the seventh pan-European environmental assessment, by member States and international organizations.

13:45-13:50	<p>6. Sharing and integration of economic, social and environmental data with regard to the implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Due to time limitations, members of the Working Group will be invited to submit proposals in written form to the Secretariat on: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - How the work on environmental information, data, indicators including green growth indicators of international partners (OECD, UNEP, etc.), and national reports on green growth will support the development of the pan-European environmental assessment, including for the selected themes of the next Environment for Europe Ministerial Conference. - How the Working Group could continue its work on integrating economic, social and environmental data into the Shared Environmental Information System. - Topics to consider for the 23rd session of the Working Group.
13:50-14:15	<p>7. Progress in environmental monitoring and assessment, including institutional and regulatory mechanisms and infrastructure at the national level.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Countries will be invited to report in written form on major actions taken nationally to strengthen environmental monitoring and assessment since the twenty-first session of the Working Group which can be uploaded to the website of the Environmental Monitoring and Assessment programme. - Presentation on the results of the ENI SEIS II East project, by EEA. - Questions and answers.
14:15-14:20	<p>8. Other business</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - <i>Please inform the secretariat of items of other business as soon as possible.</i>
14:20- 14:30	<p>9. Closure of the meeting</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Oral summary of conclusions and decisions of the Working Group, by the Chair of the meeting. <p>The UNECE Executive Committee has adopted special procedures on decision-making for formal meetings with remote participation, including this meeting of the Working Group. The decisions of the Working Group will therefore be considered as having been agreed <i>ad referendum</i>, meaning that they are subject to agreement by the Permanent Missions in Geneva. This agreement will be sought through a silence procedure that will conclude on 6 November 2020. The secretariat will inform members of the Working Group if the silence is broken.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Date of next meeting. - Closing of the meeting.