



PRTR Protocol
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EU and its Member States contribution

Agenda item 3: Promotion and capacity-building

The EU and its Member States would like to thank the Bureau of the Meeting of the Parties to the Protocol and the Secretariat for their efforts in promoting and implementing the Protocol, providing technical assistance, as well as preparing related documents.

We acknowledge the progress made in providing technical assistance through existing mechanisms and particularly the effort put into strengthening synergies with other instruments, bodies and organizations. We encourage the Secretariat to continue its efforts in this respect.

(a) Coordination mechanisms and synergies

The EU and its Member States believe that synergies with other organizations and parties are important, as they enhance public access to information on global environmental issues and facilitate public participation in environmental decision-making.

In this respect we strongly support PRTR related coordination activities carried out in particular with the Organization for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD), and the United Nations Institute for Training and Research (UNITAR) and other organizations, as these provides great opportunities to share both successes and challenges in implementing the PRTR Protocol, as well as opportunity to identify problematic areas and to set guidelines for future actions towards the implementation and improvement of PRTRs.

The EU and its Member States would like to thank the Secretariat and OECD for the Report of the Second Global Round Table on Protocol on Pollutant Release and Transfer Register. We believe that the report is very important and useful not only for participating countries and stakeholders, but also for the countries that are in the process of establishing PRTRs.

The EU and its Member States also wish to express that they really appreciated the organisation and format of this second global round table that gave Parties and other stakeholders opportunities to discuss concretely, experiences, challenges and issues related to the establishment and implementation of PRTRs.

(b) Technical resources and subregional and national activities

The EU and its Member States strongly believe in capacity building activities related to pollutant release and transfer registers. We are committed to work together with Representatives of Parties, Signatories, other interested States and different stakeholders in identifying outstanding possibilities and priorities for capacity-building related to pollutant release and transfer registers and to discuss possible solutions for the identified issues.

We support bilateral and multilateral cooperation as a way forward and we look forward to discuss possible opportunities for future mutual cooperation. We believe that the results of those activities are a relevant basis for improvements in certain areas of work and for further improvement of pollutant release and transfer registers.

We also encourage the use of all available electronic tools and materials and we also encourage to actively participate in developing such tools and materials.
