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Working Group of the Parties

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POLLUTANT RELEASE AND TRANSFER REGISTERS: MATCHING NEEDS WITH AVAILABLE EXPERTISE

Note by the secretariat

This summary document is based on ‘Results of surveys on Protocol on Pollutant Release and Transfer Registers’ (*ECE/MR.PRTR/WG.1/2012/5*)¹ and provides a potential matching of countries’ PRTR needs with available expertise. A bilateral session on matching countries PRTR needs with available expertise is being held at the Second meeting of the Working Group of the Parties to the Protocol on Pollutant Release and Transfer Registers in 2012. Countries participating in this session can use this document to overview the initial situation. The session will consist of three themes as outlined below, and there will be three meeting points in the Salle VII, i.e., one meeting point for each theme, marked as follows: Theme I: Blue; Theme II: Red and Theme III: Green. The countries with available PRTR expertise can decide which meeting points to attend depending on their available expertise as listed in the ‘Responses to questionnaire on pollutant monitoring, diffuse releases and bilateral cooperation’².

Please note the potential matchings listed below are suggestions only based on analysis of the survey results and countries are free to attend all meetings points if they wish to do so.

¹ Available at <http://www.unece.org/environmental-policy/treaties/public-participation/meetings-and-events/public-participation/public-participation/2012/second-meeting-of-the-working-group-of-the-parties-to-the-protocol-on-prtrs/second-meeting-of-the-working-group-of-the-parties-to-the-protocol-on-prtrs.html>

² Available at <http://www.unece.org/environmental-policy/treaties/public-participation/protocol-on-prtrs/areas-of-work/envpprtrcb/surveys.html>

Theme one: Setting up a PRTR	Specific assistance offered	Non-specific assistance offered
<p>Azerbaijan requests assistance with training on the set-up of pollutant register and expertise of other countries.</p> <p>Kazakhstan stated a need for series of workshops with enterprises, NGOs and Government agencies to be held; for international experts from the countries that had successfully implemented PRTRs to attend national seminars in Kazakhstan; for the expert assessment of a model PRTR system developed in Kazakhstan; for assistance with measures in order to prepare for the ratification of the PRTR Protocol; for expert advice on the creation and promotion of a PRTR in Kazakhstan; and for advice and technical support for the upcoming integration into the European PRTR.</p>	<p>Czech Republic offers assistance with PRTR legislative framework, electronic reporting tools, public access and data dissemination.</p> <p>Germany states “For countries of the EECCA-region, we envisage a workshop in 2014 on the common use and development of an open source tool for creating an electronic emission register and for setting up an electronic reporting chain.”</p> <p>Ireland offers assistance in preparing to implement a PRTR system i.e., what data needs to be collected, timelines, types of electronic forms; preparation of Guidance documents and Training sessions for Operators; highlighting common errors so as these can be avoided; what the PRTR data storage system needs to be capable of i.e. it's ability to present the data in a format that you can use it – validation reports, top emitters; and development of National Websites for PRTR systems.</p> <p>Italy offers assistance with PRTR legislation.</p> <p>Poland offers assistance on how to establish a PRTR database</p> <p>Slovak Republic would like to share experience on establishing PRTR Registry on the national level, which is closely related to creating relevant national legislation.</p> <p>Spain offers assistance with designing/ implementation e-tool for reporting/ revision/ management/ publishing PRTR data; legislation; website development; diffusion/awareness activities to industry and the public; training for trainers.</p> <p>The Netherlands offers advice and technical assistance in setting up and organising a national system for emission registration / PRTR, provided that financing for the assistance is available and that the responsible ministry gives it's permission.</p> <p>The United Kingdom offers advice (not financial support) on setting up and implementing PRTR systems and possibly, some documentation.</p>	<p>Albania offers an experience exchange.</p> <p>Norway can provide assistance in all relevant areas depending on the specific need.</p> <p>Sweden can provide assistance if human and monetary resources are available.</p> <p>Israel offers to discuss their beginners experience with other beginners.</p>

Theme two : Calculation and measurement	Specific assistance offered	Non-specific assistance offered
Armenia requests assistance with <u>methodology, institution and legislation for calculation and measure of release from diffuse resources</u> and would like to organize a study tour or workshop with Norway, UK or another European country, which has a PRTRs system.	Czech Republic, Spain, and Italy offer support in the area of developing the legislative framework. Germany states “For countries of the EECCA-region, we envisage a workshop in 2014 on the common use and development of an open source tool for creating an electronic emission register and for setting up an electronic reporting chain.”	Albania offers an experience exchange. Norway can provide assistance in all relevant areas depending on the specific need. Sweden can provide assistance if human and monetary resources are available.
Bulgaria requests assistance with <u>measurement and calculation of emissions</u> from diffuse sources in air and water; and deciding on emissions reporting (which result to report under E-PRTR) in cases of vast discrepancies in atmospheric emissions values obtained by measurement and calculation methods.		
Israel requests assistance with <u>release estimation techniques</u> .		
Slovak Republic cannot say that does not need bilateral assistance, but rather than assistance, would appreciate cooperation in the form of projects, bilateral or multilateral. Slovak Republic would appreciate having opportunities to cooperate, or to be trained <u>in developing methodologies on emissions from diffuse sources calculation/estimation related to diffuse sources emissions to all environment components</u> . Special focus is given to landfills as diffuse sources and its emissions into air and water.		Switzerland indicated a preference for multilateral activities.

Theme three: PRTR database, reporting, computerising the system	Specific assistance offered	Non-specific assistance offered
<p>Ireland requests assistance with <u>capturing, storing, validating, manipulating and using PRTR data</u>; guidance documents; timelines; numbers of PRTRs received; and manpower.</p>	<p>Austria can provide technical assistance to implement the PRTR reporting obligations, analysis and recommendations on the reporting cycle; assistance on preparation of guidelines and information for facilities and regional and federal authorities; recommendations for quality checks for the PRTR reports; preparation of PRTR reports in accordance with the reporting obligations of the European Commission.</p>	<p>Albania offers an experience exchange.</p>
<p>The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia requests assistance with <u>development of the PRTR database and user web application, training for authorities on the reporting process and obligations regarding a PRTR Protocol, and training for operators of facilities on the reporting process and obligations in different regions and/or for specific sectors.</u></p>	<p>Czech Republic offers assistance with electronic reporting tools.</p> <p>Latvia offers assistance with elaboration, maintenance and updating of PRTR register. Reporting to E-PRTR register. Work with emission data regarding emissions to water, air and regarding waste, maintenance of data bases.</p> <p>Poland offers assistance on how to establish a PRTR database</p> <p>Slovak Republic can offer assistance and training on procedures of collecting, verifying and processing of emissions data</p> <p>Spain offers assistance with designing/ implementation e-tool for reporting/ revision/ management/ publishing PRTR data, website development, diffusion/awareness activities to industry, public. Training for trainers.</p>	<p>Norway can provide assistance in all relevant areas depending on the specific need.</p> <p>Sweden can provide assistance if human and monetary resources are available.</p>
<p>Israel requests assistance with <u>computerizing the system, and QA70 methodology</u></p>	<p>Possible assistance from the Czech Republic and Spain.</p>	