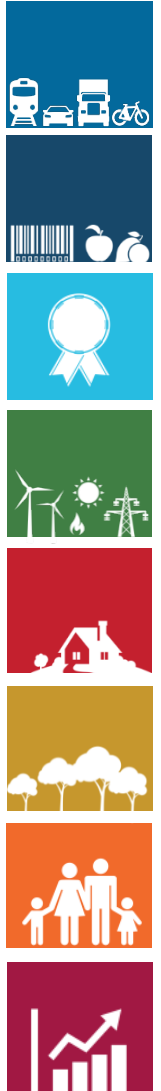




# Report by the Chair of the Committee on Environmental Policy

*Gordana Petkovic*  
*Vice-Chair*

*99<sup>th</sup> meeting of the  
Executive Committee  
Geneva, 4 July 2018*



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## 23rd session of the CEP

- Geneva, 14-17 November 2017
- Delegations from 43 UNECE member States + Mongolia
- Representatives from national, regional and international organizations and bodies
- Civil society



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### Sustainable development

- Exchange on the CEP role in supporting the implementation of the 2030 Agenda; praised as a practical way to disseminate knowledge
- Discussion with the UNECE Committees on 2030 agenda
- Regional Forum on SD for the UNECE region: Two round tables organized
- EXCOM might recommend to sectoral committees to map their activities in support of SDGs (for Environment – document ECE/CEP/S/2016/5)
- The programme of work of the Env.subprogramme for 2018–2019:
  - adopted by CEP, **hereby submitted for EXCOM approval**
- Joint Task Force on Env. Statistics and Indicators:
  - mandate and ToR for 2018–2021 adopted, **hereby submitted for EXCOM approval**
- CEP ToR:
  - New draft reviewed & approved. Will be submitted to the UNECE 68<sup>th</sup> session for adoption

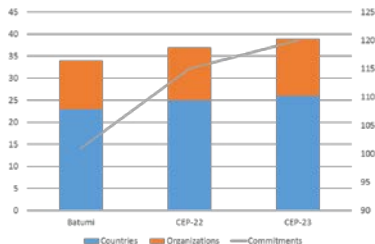
Overview of the Environmental subprogramme's relative bearing for each SDG<sup>1</sup>



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## Follow up activities to the 8th Environment for Europe Ministerial Conference (Batumi, Georgia, 2016)



### Two years after:

- the Pan-European Strategic Framework for Greening the Economy *and* Batumi Initiative on Green Economy (BIG-E):
  - 122 commitments from 27 countries and 13 organizations on BIG- E
- the Batumi Action for Cleaner Air (BACA):
  - 109 commitments by 27 countries and 4 organizations
- Both initiatives got 21 new commitments each since the Conference

### Mid-term review of the Batumi main outcomes:

- January 2019 (CEP-24)
- Online reporting ongoing

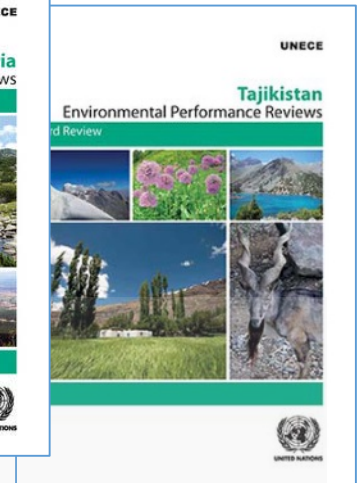
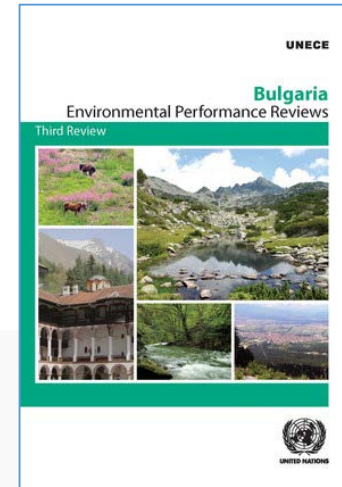
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### Environmental Performance Reviews

- Published:
  - *3<sup>rd</sup> EPR of Bulgaria*
  - *3<sup>rd</sup> EPR of Tajikistan*
- Launched:
  - *3<sup>rd</sup> EPR of Tajikistan*



- Reviewed:
  - *1<sup>st</sup> EPR of Mongolia*
  - *3<sup>rd</sup> EPR of Albania*
  - *3<sup>rd</sup> EPR of Bosnia and Herzegovina*
- Ongoing: *3<sup>rd</sup> EPRs of*
  - *Kazakhstan*
  - *The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia*
- In the pipeline: *3<sup>rd</sup> EPRs of*
  - *Romania*
  - *Ukraine*
  - *Uzbekistan*





### UNECE multilateral environmental agreements



- MEAs role in the implementation of the 2030 Agenda
- **Chad** - accession to the Water Convention
- 5 MOPs in 2017: Espoo; SEA; Aarhus; PRTR; Air
- Espoo Convention:
  - 20th anniversary of the entry into force
  - Second amendment (2004) entered into force on 23 October 2017
- Budva Declaration on Environmental Democracy for Our Sustainable Future (Montenegro, 14 September 2017)
- 3 forthcoming MOPs: Water; Industrial Accidents; Espoo





### Cross-cutting activities

- **ESD:**
  - 13th meeting of the Steering Committee (May 2018, Geneva)
  - Informal reporting: 15 member States and one organisation
  - Formal mandatory reporting cycle for 2017-2019
- **THE PEP:**
  - Preparation of the Fifth High-level Meeting (Vienna, October 2019)
  - Relay Race workshop (Mannheim, Germany, 21 September 2017)
  - 200th anniversary of the antecedent to a modern bike
- **Environment and Health:**
  - Sixth Ministerial Conference (Ostrava, Czechia, 13-15 June 2017)
  - Continuing cooperation with WHO secretariat





The Executive Committee is invited to

- **Approve** the Programme of work of the Environment subprogramme for 2018–2019
- **Approve** the renewal of mandate and terms of reference of the Joint Task Force on Environmental Statistics and Indicators for 2018–2021





**Thank you for your attention**

More information is available on the UNECE website:

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