

Information from the European Commission to the Parties to the Convention on Long-Range Transboundary Air Pollution:

Early warning about intention to propose a methodology for adjustment of the values of the EU as a party to the Convention in tables 2-6 of annex II to the amended Gothenburg Protocol, to account for Union membership changes.

In 2016, at its 36th session, the Executive Body of the Convention on Long-Range Transboundary Air Pollution invited the European Union to consider ways forward regarding possible procedures by which the emission ceilings set in annex I to the Gothenburg Protocol could be adjusted to reflect European Union membership changes.

In response, the EU submitted a draft proposal for the 37th session of the Executive Body. Subsequently, EB Decision 2017/3 on *Adjustments under the Protocol to Abate Acidification, Eutrophication and Ground-level Ozone to account for changes in the membership of the European Union* was adopted.

EB Decision 2017/3 only relates to the original Gothenburg Protocol and the values of the EU in the tables showing the emission ceilings up until 2019 (incl).

On 7 October 2019, the amended Gothenburg Protocol entered into force. The EU is therefore currently looking into a possible procedure by which the values of the EU, in tables 2-6 of annex II to the amended Gothenburg Protocol (emission reduction commitments), could be adjusted to reflect European Union membership changes.

A draft EB Decision to this effect may be tabled by the EU as a proposal in view of the 41st session of the Executive Body.