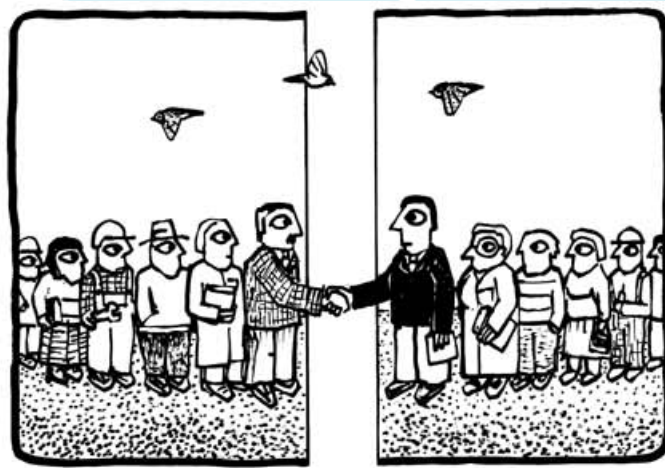


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- “Environment for Europe”

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UNECE any information on expected ratification? Status

State	Espoo	1 st amendment	2 nd amendment	SEA Protocol
Denmark	Party			Signatory
Estonia	Party			Signatory
Finland	Party			Party
Germany	Party	Party	Party	Party
Latvia	Party			Signatory
Lithuania	Party			Signatory
Norway	Party			Party
Poland	Party	Party		Signatory
Russian Federation	Signatory			
Sweden	Party	Party	Party	Party
European Community	Party	Party	Party	Party



Entry into force of SEA Protocol

- In Working Group meeting (May 2009) tentative indications of ratification
 - by end of 2009: **Croatia**, Hungary, Poland, Portugal, Romania
 - in first half of 2010: *Belgium*, Netherlands, Serbia, **Spain** , UK
- Next meeting of Signatories – May or November 2010?
- Bureau preparing drafts of decisions for “MOP/MOP1”

Bilateral & multilateral agreements

- Estonia and Latvia (1997)
- Estonia and Finland (2002)
- Germany and Poland (2006; in force 2007)
- Lithuania and Poland (2004)

- Belarus and Lithuania?
- Denmark and Germany?
- Latvia and Lithuania?

- Convention on the Protection of the Marine Environment of the Baltic Sea Area (Helsinki, 1992)

Workplan

- Compliance with & implementation of Convention
- Subregional cooperation & capacity-building
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Compliance & implementation

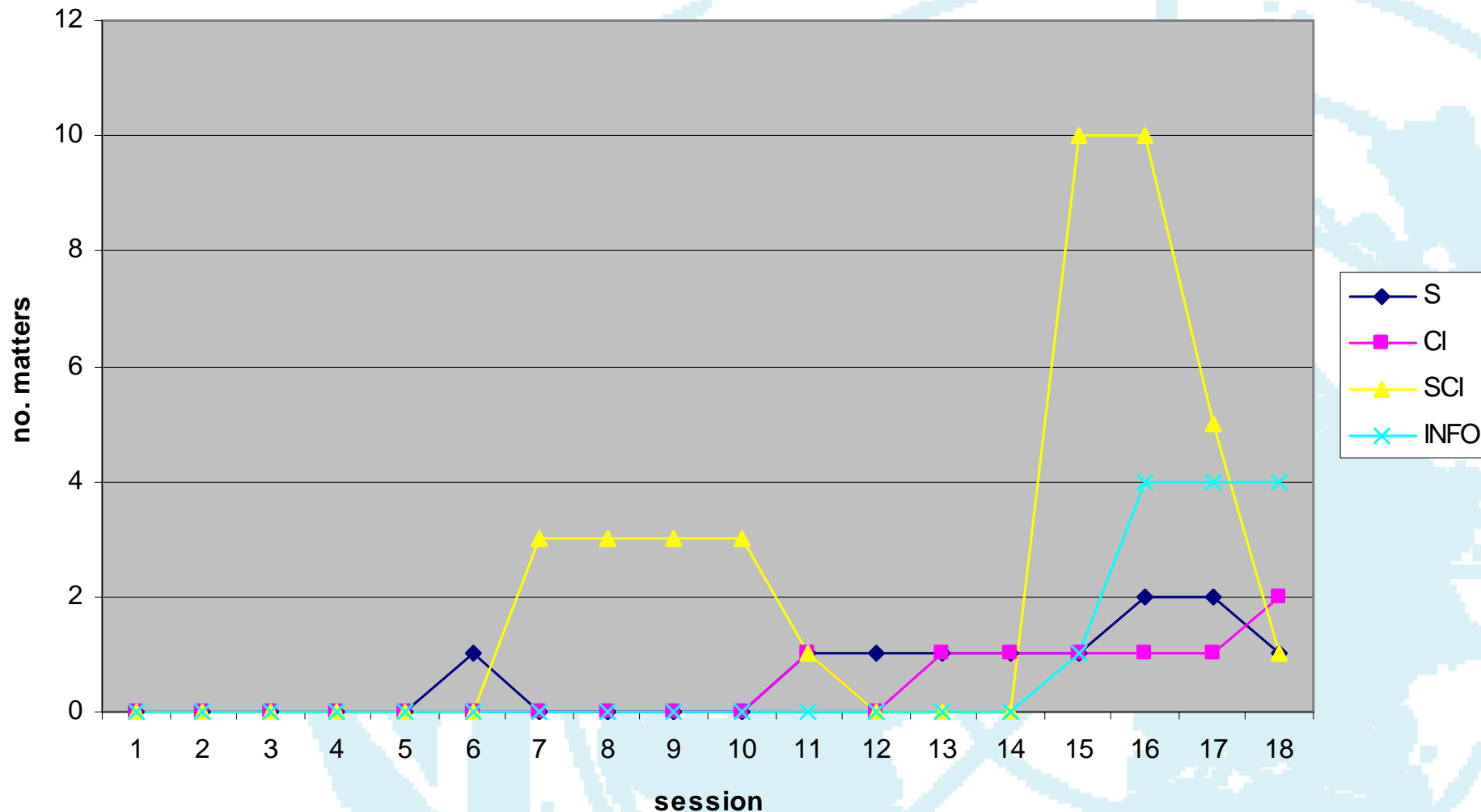
- Implementation Committee
 - Substantial issues
 - Procedural issues

Contrast November 2006

Compliance & implementation

- Implementation Committee sessions
 - Substantial
 - Submissions (Romania) Ukraine
 - Committee initiatives (Armenia) Azerbaijan
 - General compliance issues
 - Specific compliance issues Albania (8 closed)
 - Information 4 open (2 closed)
 - Procedural ?
 - Leaflet, website

Active matters

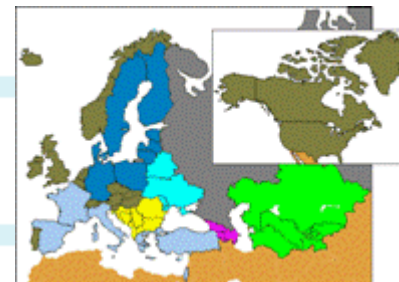




Compliance & implementation

- Performance reviews Armenia Ukraine Azerbaijan (Tajikistan)
- Questionnaire
 - Issue
 - Draft review of implementation
 - *Small editorial group?*

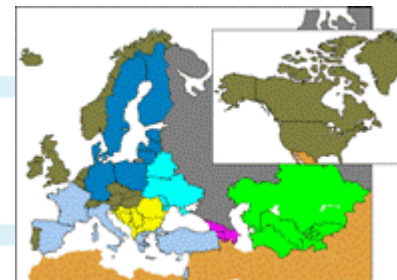
Subregional cooperation (1)



- Baltic Sea Lithuania (2009), ??? (2010)
- Eastern Europe Belarus pilot project* (2009-2010)
- SE Europe Bulgaria (2008), Montenegro (2010?)
 - Only Bulgaria has approved multilateral agreement
- Black Sea Romania (2010)
 - Seminar on EIA of large energy project in subregion

* Environment & Security Initiative:
UNDP, UNEP, OSCE, UNECE, REC (+NATO)

Subregional cooperation (2)



- Mediterranean Sea
 - Tunisia (2010?)
 - Follow-up workshop on a specific topic (2010)
- Caucasus
 - Georgia (cancelled)
- Central Asia
 - Kazakhstan-Kyrgyzstan pilot project (2009)
 - Turkmenistan (2010?)
 - Tajikistan (2010)



Exchange of good practices

- Seminar on large-scale projects
- Seminar on complex activities
- Task Force on Complex Activities
 - members, lead, when? (2010)
- Next
 - Climate change and EIA
 - Large-scale projects (again)
 - Legislation and procedures for implementation of the Convention

Geneva (2009)

Moscow (2010?)



Promoting ratification & application of SEA Protocol (1)

- Czech Republic through UNDP provided training for experts
 - from countries of West Balkans, September 2008
 - from Belarus, August 2009
- 2 national awareness workshops, training using Resource Manual & pilot projects to provide assistance to countries in ratification of Protocol: Slovenia & Kyrgyzstan, 2010
- Belgrade Initiative on SEA (Armenia, Belarus, Georgia, Republic of Moldova) stalled but being restarted

Promoting ratification & application of SEA Protocol (2)

- InWent (German capacity-building agency) provided national training on SEA and EIA in Armenia, Azerbaijan & Georgia, in late 2008 and early 2009
- UNDP pilot projects in Crimea (Ukraine) & Azerbaijan
- Possible Netherlands EIA Commission pilot project in Republic of Moldova
- WHO/Euro consultation meeting on health & SEA, June 2009

“Environment for Europe”

- Astana, 2011
- Themes
 - Integrated Water Resource Management
 - Working towards greening the economy in the UNECE region
 - *EU coordinated proposal – still being discussed*

