



EPRs: towards a sustainable transport sector

Workshop “Sustainable urban transport and mobility:
Policies and practices on the basis of UNECE
Environmental Performance Reviews”

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What is an EPR?



ENVIRONMENT

- **Review of progress made by the country in improving its environmental policy**
 - Voluntary exercise
 - Comprehensive approach
 - By experts from UNECE member States & international organizations
 - Strong involvement of the country under review
- **Recommendations**
 - Addressed to the country under review
 - Agreed by UNECE member States (Committee on Environmental Policy)
 - The reviewed country commits to implementation

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Objectives

ENVIRONMENT



- Facilitates the strengthening of environmental policies through concrete recommendations to the country
- Promotes integration of environmental policies into sectoral policies
- Facilitates exchange of experience between countries
- Strengthens cooperation with international community
- Contribute to achievement of SDGs



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Cycles



ENVIRONMENT

- 1st cycle (1994 – 2004 (2011); 20 countries)
- 2nd cycle (2000 – 2013; 18 countries)
- 3rd cycle (2012 – ongoing; 13 countries)

Morocco, 2012

Mongolia, 2017



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Transport & environment: structure



ENVIRONMENT

- Overview of transport sector & transport infrastructure
- Pressures from different modes of transport & from transport infrastructure
- Road safety
- Impact from & adaptation to climate change
- Legal, policy & institutional framework
- Participation in international agreements & processes
- Assessment, conclusions & recommendations

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SDGs in the EPRs



ENVIRONMENT

- 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development
- EPR looks at:
 - Enabling framework and resources
 - Progress in the nationalization of SDGs
 - SDGs and targets relevant for EPR chapters
 - Possible recommendations for the achievement of SDGs relevant for EPR chapters

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SDGs in the EPRs: four options



ENVIRONMENT

- **Option 1:** Including the review of EPR-relevant SDGs and/or targets into the contents of the chapters
- **Option 2:** Chapter on the assessment of progress towards achieving EPR-relevant SDGs and/or targets
- **Option 3:** Integrating EPR-relevant SDGs and/or targets into the contents of the chapters and covering in an additional chapter the SDGs and/or targets not addressed by other chapters but requested by the country
- **Option 4:** A general review of the 2030 Agenda implementation in the chapter on legal and policy framework + the review of EPR-relevant SDGs and/or targets in other chapters – **chosen for 2017-2019 EPRs**

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Transport & environment: SDG targets

ENVIRONMENT

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3 GOOD HEALTH
AND WELL-BEING



8 DECENT WORK AND
ECONOMIC GROWTH



9 INDUSTRY, INNOVATION
AND INFRASTRUCTURE



11 SUSTAINABLE CITIES
AND COMMUNITIES



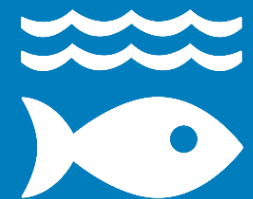
12 RESPONSIBLE
CONSUMPTION
AND PRODUCTION



13 CLIMATE
ACTION



14 LIFE
BELOW WATER



**SUSTAINABLE
DEVELOPMENT GOALS**

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Transport & environment: common issues



ENVIRONMENT

EPR recommendations ([working document](#)) relate to:

- Air emissions, GHG emissions (~32 recommendations)
- Vehicle fleet (~18)
- Fuel (~13)
- Public transport (~10)
- Sustainable transport policy (~10)
- Information, data and awareness (~8)
- Freight transport (~4), Financing transport sector (~4)
- Road safety (~3), walking / cycling (~3)
- Urban transport (~2), ITS (~2)



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Transport & environment: key outcomes of Tbilisi workshop



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- Ensure an adequate, safe, accessible and environmentally-friendly transportation for all
- Reconcile the development needed in the transport sector with impact on the environment & public health
- Push & pull measures and incentives to change people's mindset
- Establish & enforce standards for retrofitting cars to gas
- Improve transport infrastructure & the quality of fuel used while gradually moving towards electric vehicles
- Road safety



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