



Gothenburg Protocol Review: Chair's update and report

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Gothenburg Protocol Review recap



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- EB39 (Decision 2019/4) initiated the review of the Gothenburg Protocol and requested WGSR to develop a plan for the review including scope and content, elaboration and prioritization, as needed, of elements of review
- Spring 2020 meeting of WGSR did not take place due to pandemic
 - WGSR 58 took place in December 2020
- In spring 2020, Chair convened the Gothenburg Protocol Review Group (aka GPG), including WGSR extended Bureau, invited experts and advisors, to take work forward

- For WGSR58/EB40, GPG developed **“Preparations for the review of the Protocol to Abate Acidification, Eutrophication, and Ground-level ozone, as amended in 2012” (ECE...WG.5/2020/3)**
 - Included the scope and content of the review and elaborated on the elements found in EB Decision 2019/4
 - Annex I of the “Preparations” document provided a list of questions to the subsidiary bodies as inputs to the review

Work in 2021



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- EB40 adopted the plan for undertaking the review of the contained in Decision 2020/3 which requested WGSR Chair to:
 - Compile the inputs and information received into annotated outline for consideration at WGSR59
 - Do policy-related work of the review including assessing policy implications
 - Prepare a report of the review, including conclusions
 - Report on progress to EB in December 2021 (EB41)
- Chair asked the GPG to continue its work, specifically to produce the annotated outline and report of the review
- GPG produced “**Draft Annotated outline of the report on the review of the Gothenburg Protocol (ECE....WG.5/2021/4)**”
 - Discussed at WGSR 59; inputs of SBs welcomed
- GPG also produced “**Draft Report on the Review of the Protocol to Abate Acidification, eutrophication and ground-level Ozone, as amended in 2012**” (ECE....2021/4)
 - for EB41

Review discussion at WGSR59



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- WG agreed on the timelines and continued to support broad scope of review
- Initial discussion on policy-related questions from Annex I
 - Emission reduction commitments for Parties; ELVs, technical annexes, guidance documents; flexibility provisions; barriers to meeting 2020 commitments, ratification; synergies with other policy areas; evaluation of articles, and condensables
 - agreed to discuss all at WGSR60 - Parties were asked to submit views by Sept 30
 - Agreed to develop guidance document on non-technical measures
 - added to 22-23 workplan
- Discussed informal GPG document on flexibilities
 - Flexibilities and barriers to ratification recognized as key linked issue; recommendation to hold an in-person thematic session on margins of WGSR60;
 - Questionnaire on flexibility provisions shared with Parties and non-Parties; additional streamlined questionnaire on flexibilities to be shared with non-Parties
 - Asked for formal document for WGSR60 and to support thematic session

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- CIAM provided information on synergies with other policy areas, in particular air-climate
- WGSR task forces also working on a number of pieces/reports for the review
- GPG (and CIAM) asked to develop an informal document for WGSR60 on synergies with other policy areas, in particular air-climate synergies, for WGSR 60
 - Scope of pollutants to include methane, black carbon, and nitrogen and its compounds
- Parties to provide views on key GP articles by Sept 2021 as well as the need to update existing guidance documents and/or develop new ones

Inputs into review

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- Subsidiary Bodies (WGSR, EMEP, WGE) sent detailed answers to questions listed in each section in each section of Annex 1 to the “Preparations” document in spring 2021 and can/will continue to provide information
- Comprehensive detailed inputs from SBs compiled in informal document entitled “Supplementary Information for the Review of the GP”
- Subsidiary Bodies can/will continue to submit information, reports and other informal documentation needed for the Review
 - The Supplementary Information document will be maintained

Thank you



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- **HUGE** thanks to Kimber Scavo and all the members of the GPG for their significant work to advance the review and continued dedication
- Over to Kimber for content of the draft report