

# Report on the 60<sup>th</sup> Session of the Working Group on Strategies and Review

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# WGSR 60: organisation

- WGSR 60 took place in a hybrid mode from 11-14 April 2022 (Geneva)
- Continued to advance policy aspects of 2022-2023 workplan
- Focus on Gothenburg Protocol review
- Recommended that a second WGSR meeting be planned in 2023 for discussions on the follow-up to GP Review conclusions taking into consideration the timing of WGSR meeting(s);  
Recommended that the EB requests Parties to contribute to financing of such a meeting in 2023  
*(see agenda item 5, Wednesday/Thursday)*
- Discussed key issues to be addressed at the informal Heads of Delegation meeting *(see separate presentation)*

# Information exchange and Task Force Reports

- Information-sharing by Parties on the implementation of the Convention: Reports submitted by Austria, Cyprus, Finland, Greece, Lithuania, North Macedonia, Poland, Republic of Moldova and Serbia were summarised by the WGSR Bureau and presented by the secretariat
- Reports by the Task Force on Techno-Economic Issues, Task Force on Reactive Nitrogen and Task Force on Integrated Assessment Modelling – all of which contributed strongly to the Gothenburg Protocol review  
*(see agenda item 5, Wednesday/Thursday)*
- Information on the Task Force on International Cooperation on Air Pollution on its plans for activities in 2022–2023

# Cost of Inaction Report

- Costs of emission abatement are very often much lower than costs of no emission abatement.
- Draft report (ECE/EB.AIR/WG.5/2022/4), prepared by the Task Force on Integrated Assessment Modelling in cooperation with the Task Force on Techno-economic Issues, was discussed. Various Parties had submitted comments in writing and provided additional comments at the meeting.
- The Working Group agreed to forward the finalised version, taking into account the comments received, to the Executive Body for consideration at this forty-second session.
- Final draft available as ECE/EB.AIR/2022/7

# Broader geographic cooperation

- First meeting of the Task Force on International Cooperation on Air Pollution in Bristol (UK), 11-12 October 2022
- First meeting of the Forum on international Cooperation will take place on 16 March 2023 in Göteborg, Sweden...
- Based on work by TFIAM and TFHTAP, WGSR will discuss the implications of future global and regional emissions scenarios, particularly regarding (but not limited to) methane and shipping emissions (*see GP review documents to be discussed under agenda item 5, Wednesday/Thursday*)

# 2023: Draft Guidance Documents and Policy Briefs (I)

- Draft guidance documents on **methane mitigation technologies** and on the **abatement of shipping emissions** is being prepared by the Task Force on Techno-economic Issues, and will be discussed by WGSR in 2023.
- If Parties agree to finalise these documents based on their comments, the Working Group may wish to forward the finalised version to the Executive Body for consideration at this forty-third session.

# 2023: Draft Guidance Documents and Policy Briefs (II)

- A draft guidance document on **non-technical and structural measures** and a policy brief on **multilevel governance** will be drafted by the Task Force on Integrated Assessment Modelling in cooperation with other bodies.
- A policy brief / guidance document on the **co-mitigation of methane and ammonia (and other reactive nitrogen) emissions** is being prepared in cooperation between the Task Forces on Techno-economic Issues and on Reactive Nitrogen.
- These will be discussed by WGSR in 2023, with a view for consideration by the Executive Body at its forty-third session.

# 2023: Review of the Rules of Procedure

- See agenda item 7



# 2023: Options for a policy follow-up to the GP review

- The finalisation of the review of the Gothenburg Protocol as amended has been a strong emphasis of WGSR work in 2022.
- Further work and its organisation depends on a decision by this session of the Executive Body on the finalization of the GP Review (*agenda item 5*)
- *This might entail the need to develop policy options on the basis of the review conclusions for consideration by the Executive Body at its 43<sup>rd</sup> session*
- *Organizational implications*
  - *Ad hoc group?*
  - *Timing and number of WGSR meetings in 2023 and beyond*
  - *WGSR meeting in September 2023 is definitely necessary!*