

Working Group on Environmental Monitoring and Assessment

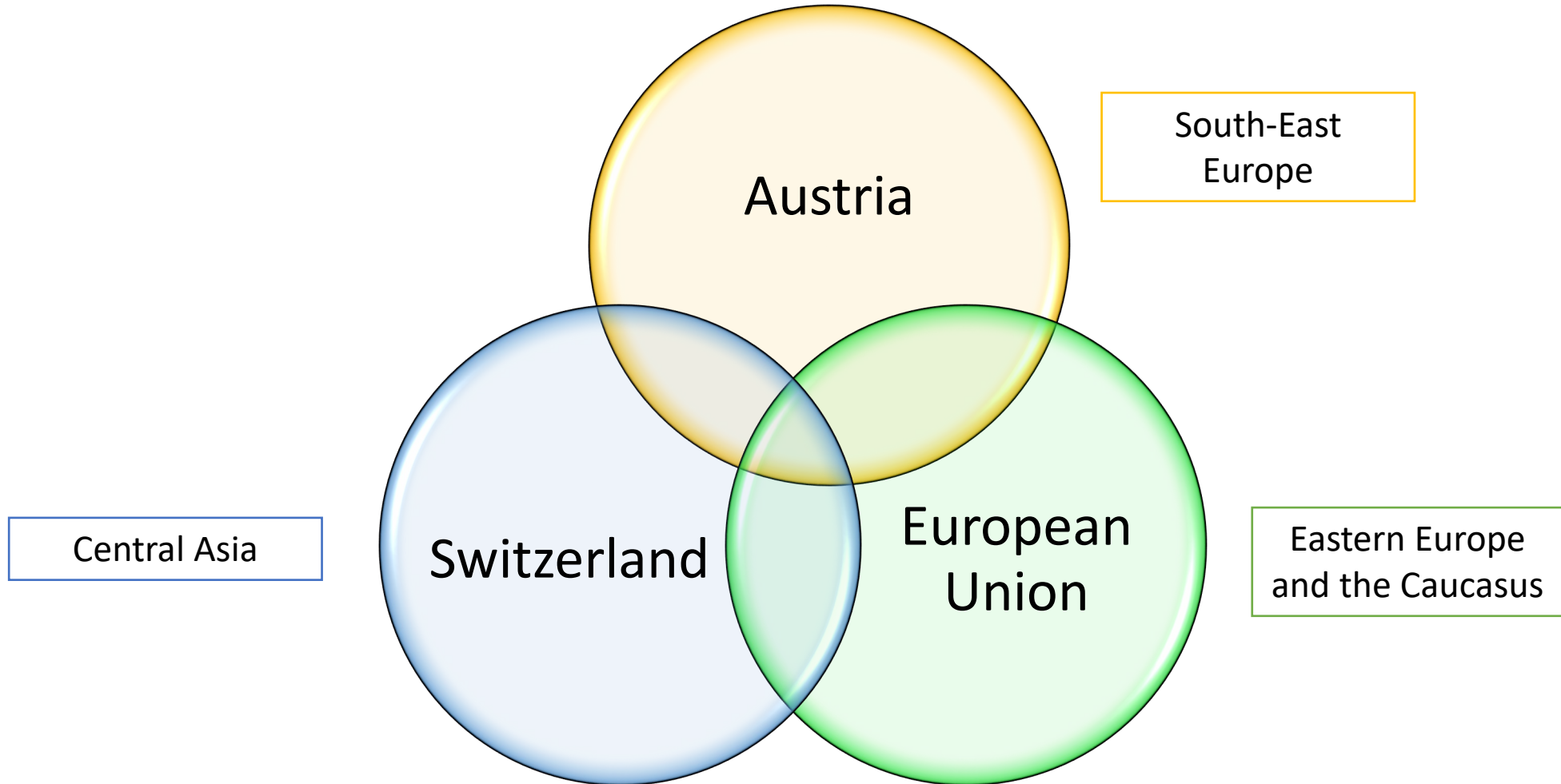
Twenty-fifth session, Geneva and online, 2-3 May 2023

Agenda Item 5: Resource Requirements

Presentation of the financial resources available



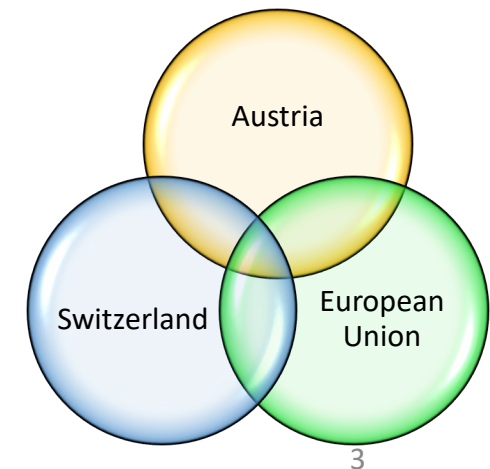
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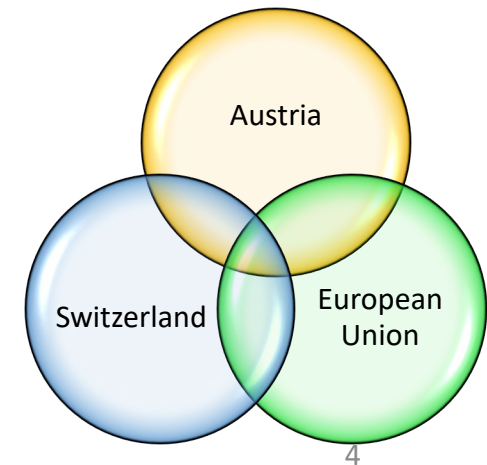
- WGEMA trust fund
 - **Austria** – latest contribution (2022): €20,000 (focus South-East Europe)
 - **Switzerland** – latest contribution (2023): \$20,000 (financial support Central Asia only)
 - Funds available to cover
 - Targeted financial support and hybrid platform for intergovernmental sessions of Working Group and Joint Task Force sessions in 2023
 - Consultant to *initiate* revision of guidelines on environmental monitoring
 - Mandatory evaluation



Financial resources



- EU4Environment Water Resources and Environmental Data project
 - **European Union** (2022-2024): €224,000 (**Eastern Europe & the Caucasus only**)
 - Funds available to cover
 - Air quality indicators workshop (4-5 May 2023) and participation in SEEA seminar (13-15 March 2023)
 - Targeted financial support for participation in intergovernmental sessions in 2023 & 2024
 - Waste indicators workshop (2024)
 - SEIS reporting and implementation
 - Training on international reporting



Upcoming evaluation of the EMA programme



- External evaluation of the Environmental Monitoring and Assessment Programme required in 2023 with expected financial implications on the Trust Fund
- Evaluation to start in the 2nd half of 2023
- Next steps are the preparation of terms of reference for hiring an external expert to conduct the evaluation
- Working Group members may be contacted by the evaluator
- Evaluation should be a valuable exercise and provide an opportunity to reflect on achievements and remaining challenges, raise awareness and enhance future support

Thank you!



Proposed decisions



The Working Group:

- a) Takes note of the financial resources available for the implementation of activities under the Environmental Monitoring and Assessment Programme
- b) Expresses appreciation to those countries at present supporting financially the Environmental Monitoring and Assessment Programme – Austria, Switzerland and the European Union
- c) Requests its members and the secretariat to continue their fundraising efforts to enable the full implementation of activities planned for 2023-2024 including revisions of the Environmental Monitoring Guidelines and the holding of the next sessions of the Joint Task Force on Environmental Statistics & Indicators and the Working Group
- d) Takes notes of the planned evaluation of the Programme
- e) Welcomes the 5-year outline of activities of the Working Group for the period 2024-2028
- f) Requests the secretariat to forward the 5-year outline of activities to the Committee on Environmental Policy for consideration at its twenty-eighth session in November 2023