

# Working Group on Environmental Monitoring and Assessment

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Agenda Item 6: Reporting on the Shared Environmental Information System to support a regular process of environmental assessment

**Outline of the report on the SEIS review of the environmental theme “air” using the revised UNECE indicators**





## 24th session (11-12 April 2022) of Working Group on Environmental Monitoring and Assessment

- Discussed and agreed on how SEIS should be used in the future
- Suggested checking regularly the implementation of SEIS for specific environmental themes
- Agreed to review annually a limited number of environmental themes and indicators based on the SEIS assessment framework, and that the revised UNECE indicator guidelines should be implemented and used
- Agreed to review in 2023 the theme “air pollution and air quality” followed by the theme “waste” in 2024 and “energy, including renewable energy” in 2025

## Ministerial Declaration adopted at 9th Environment for Europe Ministerial Conference (Nicosia, 5-7 October 2023)

- Commended the general establishment of SEIS across the region to support a regular process of environmental assessment
- Invited countries to continue their efforts to implement all SEIS pillars – content, infrastructure and cooperation – and to address any remaining gaps



## Report on the SEIS review of the environmental theme “air” using the revised UNECE indicators

- Will contribute to assessing progress in implementing the outcomes of the Ninth Environment for Europe Ministerial Conference related to SEIS
- Will support countries to understand SEIS as part of their regular internal environmental monitoring process, assess their capacities related to the availability and quality of air-related data and indicators, and help identify resource needs for regular environmental monitoring and assessment based on the key findings of the report
- Outline prepared on the basis of the final review report on the establishment of SEIS (ECE/NICOSIA.CONF/2022/8) launched at the Conference and the SEIS assessment framework (ECE/CEP-CES/GE.1/2019/3)

# Outline of the report



## Table of contents of the report

- I. Introduction (up to 1 page)
  - A. The Shared Environmental Information System
  - B. The revised UNECE Guidelines on the Application of Environmental Indicators
- II. Overview of key findings and progress made (up to 3 pages)
  - A. Working Group recommendations
  - B. Key findings
  - C. Pillars of the Shared Environmental Information System
    - 1. Content
    - 2. Infrastructure
    - 3. Institutional cooperation
  - D. Indicator and national performance (up to 2 pages)

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## **Table of contents of the report (*cont'd*)**

- III. Further steps to be taken, by category, with fact sheets on key findings and messages (up to 6 pages)
  - A. Relevance
  - B. Accessibility
  - C. Comparability
  - D. Accuracy
  - E. Timeliness and punctuality
  - F. Clarity
  - G. Institutional and organizational arrangements

**Thank you!**





## Proposed decisions:

### The Working Group:

- Adopts the outline of the report on the SEIS review of the environmental theme “air” as set out in document ECE/CEP/AC.10/2022/5
- Agrees to review the theme “waste” in 2024 as a regular SEIS review followed by “energy, including renewable energy” in 2025