



FICAP

Forum for International Cooperation on Air Pollution



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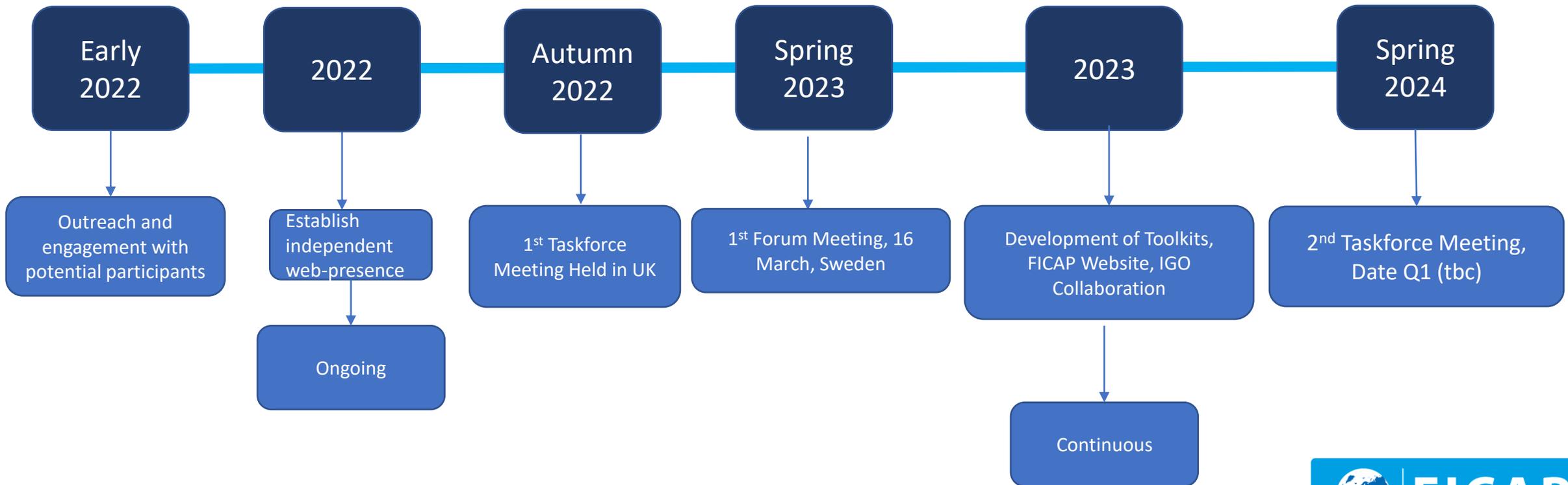
Forum for International
Cooperation on Air Pollution

- The Air Convention's youngest TF
- Co-lead by Sweden and the UK.
- Vision: To promote international collaboration towards preventing and reducing air pollution to improve air quality globally.
- Aim: To act as a forum for international **exchange** and **mutual** learning, to facilitate the sharing of science, technical and policy expertise.
- **Complement** ongoing efforts in more global forums (i.e. CCAC)
- Make the Air Conventions 44 years of experience, tools, methods and expertise available to others.

The Taskforce (TFICAP) vs the Forum (FICAP)

- The **Taskforce for International Cooperation on Air Pollution** (TFICAP) is the “steering group” for the wider Forum.
- The purpose of the Taskforce is:
 - To set the direction of the Forum.
 - To support the Co-Chairs in its progression.
 - To provide input into the topics for discussion and cooperation at the Forum.
 - To plan and support efforts to encourage a wide participation of Countries organisations and experts.
- The **Forum** is open to participation from all regions, countries, NGOs and IGOs.
- The Forum aims to:
 - Share mutual learning and technical expertise.
 - Foster collaboration to improve regional air quality.

2022 – 2023 Workplan ambition



First Task Force meeting

- Hybrid meeting, 11-12 October 2022 in Bristol, UK
- Opened by Trudy Harison, MP Minister of environment, UK.
- > 80 participants (AQ experts, National governments, IGOs, Charities, Universities, Air Convention TFs and ICPs).
- 2 main sessions and breakout groups.
- Theme 1: Capacity building and outreach: Multiple regional and organizational perspectives shared; Key insight to the wide scope of existing activities; Scoping of key areas for the Forum.
- Theme 2: Topics of interest for the Forum to pursue: Most relevant topics of interest for the Forum to pursue; How to best take forward international collaboration and inter-regional cooperation; Topics for the upcoming Forum event in Gothenburg.



First meeting of the Forum

- Hybrid meeting, 16 March, Gothenburg, Sweden
- Opened by Rebecca Pow, Minister for Environment Quality and resilience, UK.
- > 178 participants

2 Interactive panel sessions:

- *Pathways to air pollution action in a regional context*
- *'No regret' actions for improving air quality, considering both climate change and economic development.*

Overall conclusions:

- Urgent need for more Air Pollution management in many regions/countries.
- Strong interest to increase co-operation between regions.
- Interest in using and adapting Air Convention experience/tools/methods etc.
- Request for FICAP to contribute to and reinforce several ongoing global initiatives.



Next Steps

- In cooperation with the Air Convention secretariat and Convention TF/ICP Chairs, list topics where the air convention has experience to share as well as list relevant experts for the different areas. This will form a basis for conducting targeted webinars where there is mutual interest. Request for input from Air Convention groups.
- In cooperation with development agency partners, organise link ups between regions and countries interested in using the Air Convention's experience to help set up local arrangements (regional, national, sub-national).
- Engage with international and regional organisations to understand the needs and interests of regions and what further collaboration and cooperation could be achieved.
- Continue to develop the Forum's web presence and understand what information and data would be useful to collate and communicate to a wide set of countries.
- 2nd Task Force meeting, planned for early spring 2024. Possibly in Geneva. CLRTAP community and key partners.

Draft WP items for 2024-2025

<i>Workplan item</i>	<i>Activity description/objective</i>	<i>Expected outcome/deliverable</i>	<i>Lead body(ies)</i>	<i>Resource requirements and/or funding source</i>
xx	Assemble and list topics where the Air convention has experiences to share through the Forum as well as list relevant experts for the different areas. This can be a basis for conducting targeted regional webinars where there is mutual interest.	Basis for conducting targeted regional webinars where there is mutual interest and platform of information.	TFICAP in cooperation with secretariat and other bodies of the Convention	
xx	In collaboration with the World Bank, and on request; organize incoming tours of UNECE region for countries to learn, discuss, and adapt policies and institutional structures for Air Quality Management at a regional, national, and sub-national level.	Increased understanding by study tour participants of how countries in UNECE with different governance systems can work towards the common goals of the Air Convention.	TFICAP in cooperation with development agency partners including the World Bank	Funded by the World Bank
xx	Work with other regional organizations to understand the needs and interests of regions.	Better understanding of where further collaboration and cooperation could be developed.	TFICAP	

Thank you !

