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Strategic Environmental Assessment

Working Group on Environmental Impact Assessment and Strategic Environmental Assessment

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**Preparations for the next sessions of the Meetings of the Parties:
Officers for the next intersessional period**

A list of vacancies in the treaty bodies for 2024–2026

Note from the secretariat

Summary

The present note outlines information regarding the officers (chairs and members) to be elected to the treaty bodies for the intersessional period 2024–2026, i.e.: one or more Vice-Chairs of the Working Group, one or more members of the Bureau and four (permanent and alternate) members of the Implementation Committee. Additional new members of the Implementation Committee may need to be nominated depending on whether Committee members are Parties to the Protocol. Parties that have never or not recently been represented in the treaty bodies will be encouraged to consider taking on that role.

This note also presents a record of officers nominated by Parties from 2001 until to date, highlighting Parties that have never or not recently been represented in the treaty bodies, as the Bureau and the Working Group have considered it important that also those Parties consider nominating officers.

Delegations, that had not yet done so, will be invited to come forward with nominations for officers to be elected for the next intersessional period. The Working Group will be invited to consider and comment the document and to take note of any information on the planned nominations.

I. Vacant positions in the treaty bodies for 2024–2026

<i>Position</i>	<i>Nominee (for Convention)¹</i>	<i>Nominee (alternate for Protocol)²</i>
<u>Bureau members</u>		
1. Chair	<u>Greece</u> (George Kremlis)	<i>If Greece has not ratified the Protocol, alternate for Protocol matters is required</i> <u>Slovenia</u> (Vesna Kolar-Planinšič)
2. Vice-Chair	= Chair of the Working Group	<i>Not required as must be Party to both</i>
3. Vice-Chair	= Chair of the Implementation Committee	<i>Not required as must be Party to both</i>
4. Vice-Chair	= 1 st Vice-Chair of the Implementation Committee	<i>Not required if Party to both</i>
5. Vice-Chair	<u>Country</u> (Person)	<i>Not required if Party to both</i>
6. Vice-Chair	<u>Country</u> (Person)	<i>Not required if Party to both</i>
<u>Working Group officers</u>		
1. Chair³	<u>Poland</u> (Dorota Toryfter-Szumańska)	<i>Not required as must be Party to both</i>
2. Vice-Chair	<u>Italy</u> (Anna-Maria Maggiore)	<i>Not required according to the rules</i>
3. Vice-Chair	<u>Country</u> (Person)	<i>Not required according to the rules</i>
<u>Implementation Committee members⁴</u>		Alternates for Protocol matters
Chair³	To be elected by the Committee	<i>Must be Party to both.</i>
1st Vice-Chair³	To be elected by the Committee	<i>Must be Party to both</i>
Continuing members and their alternates	<u>Austria</u> (Christian Baumgartner) (Ursula Platzer-Schneider)	
	<u>Germany</u> (Ralph Bodle) (Christof Sangenstedt)	
	<u>Luxembourg</u> (Joe Ducombe) (Tom Uri)	
	<u>Slovakia</u> (Barbora Pavlačič Donevová) (<i>Replacement to be nominated</i>)	

¹ Necessarily a Party to the Convention.

² Necessarily a Party to the Protocol. As at 20 May 2023, the 33 Parties to the Protocol were: Albania, Armenia, Austria, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Bulgaria, Croatia, Cyprus, Czechia, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, Germany, Hungary, Italy, Latvia, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Malta, Montenegro, Netherlands, North Macedonia, Norway, Poland, Portugal, the Republic of Moldova, Romania, Serbia, Slovakia, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden, Ukraine and the European Union.

³ To be from a Party to both the Convention and the Protocol.

⁴ In accordance with the Committee's operating rules, each elected Party should nominate a permanent member and an alternate member for the same term of office.

<u>Nominations</u>	<i>Nominee (Permanent + alternate members)</i>	<i>Nominee (Alternate for Protocol required if not Party to both)</i>
Outgoing members and their alternates	<u>Canada</u> (Yordanka Stoimenova) (Nana Kwamena; Lee Casterton)	
	<u>Montenegro</u> (Brankica Cmiljanovic) (Maja Raicevic)	
	<u>Netherlands</u> (Susan Vernij) (Pascale van Duijse)	
	<u>Country</u> (Person) (Person)	
	<u>Azerbaijan</u> (Aysel Rzayeva) (Leyla Aliyeva)	<u>Finland</u> (Lasse Tallskog) (Charlotta von Troil)
	<u>Hungary</u> (Zsuzsanna Pocsai) (Evelyn Fábíán-Mayer)	
	<u>Portugal</u> (Maria do Carmo Figueira) (1st Vice-Chair) (Águeda Silva)	
	<u>Sweden</u> (Anders Bengtsson) (Christina Olson Lundh)	

II. A record of Parties that have nominated officers (2001–2023)

A. Membership of the Implementation Committee⁵

Party (<i>in bold if also Party to Protocol</i>)	MOP2-MOP3 (2001–2004)	MOP3–MOP4 (2004–2008)	MOP4–MOP5 (2008–2011)	MOP5–MOP6 (2011–2014)	MOP6–MOP7 (2014–2017)	MOP7-MOP8 (2017–2020)	MOP8-MOP9 (2021–2023)
Albania					Yes		
Armenia	Yes	Yes		Yes	Yes		
Austria							Yes
Azerbaijan			Yes	Yes		Yes	
Belarus					Yes	Yes	
Belgium							
Bosnia & Herzegovina							
Bulgaria			Yes	Yes			
Canada	Yes						
Croatia		Yes	Yes				
Cyprus							
Czechia						Yes (Protocol)	
Denmark							
Estonia					Yes (Protocol)	Yes	
Finland	Yes	Yes				Yes (Protocol)	Yes (Protocol)

⁵ Parties that have never (or not recently) served in the Committee are highlighted in yellow

<i>Party (in bold if also Party to Protocol)</i>	<i>MOP2-MOP3 (2001–2004)</i>	<i>MOP3–MOP4 (2004–2008)</i>	<i>MOP4–MOP5 (2008–2011)</i>	<i>MOP5–MOP6 (2011–2014)</i>	<i>MOP6–MOP7 (2014–2017)</i>	<i>MOP7-MOP8 (2017-2020)</i>	<i>MOP8-MOP9 (2021-2023)</i>
France				Yes	Yes (Convention)		
Germany		Yes	Yes				Yes
Greece							
Hungary					Yes	Yes	Yes
Ireland							
Italy							
Kazakhstan							
Kyrgyzstan		Yes	Yes				
Latvia							
Liechtenstein							
Lithuania					Yes	Yes	
Luxembourg							Yes
Malta							
Montenegro							
Netherlands	Yes						
North Macedonia	Yes	Yes					
Norway				Yes (Protocol)			
Poland		Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes (Protocol)		
Portugal						Yes	Yes
Republic of Moldova	Yes		Yes	Yes			
Romania				Yes	Yes		
Serbia							
Slovakia	Yes	Yes		Yes			Yes
Slovenia			Yes	Yes			
Spain				Yes	Yes		
Sweden						Yes	Yes
Switzerland							
Ukraine					Yes	Yes	
United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland	Yes	Yes					
European Union							

B. Membership of the Bureau⁶ (including Chair and Vice Chairs of the Working Group; and Chair and First Vice-Chair of the Implementation Committee)

<i>Party (in bold if Protocol too)</i>	<i>MOP2-MOP3 (2001–2004)</i>	<i>MOP3-MOP4 (2004–2008)</i>	<i>MOP4-MOP5 (2008–2011)</i>	<i>MOP5-MOP6 (2011–2014)</i>	<i>MOP6-MOP7 (2014–2017)</i>	<i>MOP7-MOP8 (2017–2020)</i>	<i>MOP8-MOP9 (2021–2023)</i>
Albania			Yes		Yes		
Armenia					Yes	Yes	
Austria							
Azerbaijan					Yes	Yes	
Belarus				Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Belgium	Yes	Yes					
Bosnia and Herzegovina							
Bulgaria	Yes	Yes					
Canada							
Croatia	Yes						
Cyprus							
Czechia							
Denmark							
Estonia							
Finland		Yes				Yes	
France							
Germany				Yes			
<i>Georgia</i>	Yes	Yes	Yes				
Greece							Yes
Hungary							
Ireland							
Italy							Yes
Kazakhstan							
Kyrgyzstan							
Latvia		Yes					
Liechtenstein							
Lithuania	Yes			Yes	Yes	Yes	

⁶ In accordance with the rules regarding the Bureau adopted by the Meetings of the Parties in 2020 (ECE/MP.EIA/30–ECE/MP.EIA/SEA/13, annex II)

(a) To maximise the effectiveness of its deliberations, the Bureau should consist of a maximum of 11 members, including five ex-officio members: the Chair and the first Vice-Chair of the Implementation Committee; the Chair and Vice-Chairs of the Working Group; and, as relevant, a representative of the host country for the forthcoming sessions of the Meetings of the Parties;

(b) The three basic (minimum) criteria for the Bureau membership are: (i) Adequate representation of the UNECE subregions; (ii) Equal representation of the Convention and the Protocol; (iii) Fluency in English, the working language of the Bureau (Bureau meetings are held in English only).

(c) To better ensure a rotation/turnover among the Bureau members, the length of the mandate/terms of service should be limited to a maximum of two consecutive terms (or intersessional periods) for each Party to the Convention and the Protocol (with the exception of the European Commission, which represents a regional economic integration organization). Parties that have never or not recently nominated officers to the Bureau or other treaty bodies should be encouraged to do so.

<i>Party (in bold if Protocol too)</i>	<i>MOP2-MOP3 (2001–2004)</i>	<i>MOP3-MOP4 (2004–2008)</i>	<i>MOP4-MOP5 (2008–2011)</i>	<i>MOP5-MOP6 (2011–2014)</i>	<i>MOP6-MOP7 (2014–2017)</i>	<i>MOP7-MOP8 (2017–2020)</i>	<i>MOP8-MOP9 (2021–2023)</i>
Luxembourg							Yes
Malta							
Montenegro							
Netherlands			Yes				
North Macedonia							
Norway	Yes		Yes			Yes	
Poland	Yes			Yes	Yes		Yes
Portugal			Yes			Yes	Yes
Republic of Moldova					Yes (Convention)		
Romania		Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes		
Serbia			Yes	Yes	Yes		
Slovakia							
Slovenia				Yes		Yes	Yes
Spain					Yes	Yes	
Sweden	Yes						
Switzerland	Yes				Yes (Convention)		Yes (Convention)
Ukraine				Yes	Yes (Convention)	Yes	Yes
United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland	Yes	Yes					
European Union	Yes	Yes		Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes