# Communication and outreach activities under the Convention

13 September 2023







# **Outreach activities (selection)**

### UNECE

- CCAC Training Workshop on Short-Lived Climate Pollutants (2 November 2022)
- USEPA workshop on accession to and implementation of the Gothenburg Protocol (16 November)
- Second Air Quality in Central Asia Conference (22 and 23 February 2023)
- Task Force on Emission Inventories and Projections (18 April 2023)
- Regional training on Air Quality and Emissions to air statistics and indicators (2-5 May 2023)
- World Health Assembly side-event: The big picture Catalyzing cooperation on air pollution for better health (26 May 2023)
- Task Force on Techno-Economic Issues (13 June 2023)
- UNECE-UNEP-WHO-EEA-Hungary side-event at the 7<sup>th</sup> Ministerial Conference on Environment and Health (6 July 2023)
- UNECE-UNEP side-event at WGSR 61 on occasion of the International Day of Clean Air for blue skies
- E-learning on the Convention and its protocols and on emission inventory development and promotion throughout the year

# Communication



- About 20 articles and press releases per year
- Opportunity to promote work under the scientific groups of the Convention

#### Are measures under the Gothenburg Protocol sufficient to reduce air pollution?

 SDGs ▷
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 Climate Change ▷
 Environment ▷

 Sustainable Development ▷

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With the review of the amended Protocol to Abate Acidification, Eutrophication and Ground-Level Ozone (Gothenburg Protocol) about to enter its final round, expert groups under the UNECE Air Convention are now discussing latest findings to assess the effectiveness of measures.

The amended Protocol establishes legally binding emissions reduction commitments for 2020 and beyond for major air pollutants: sulphur dioxide

(SO2), nitrogen oxides (NOx), ammonia (NH3), volatile organic compounds (VOCs) and fine Particulate Matter (PM2.5). With 26 Parties to date, the amended Protocol is already su

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Study confirms ecosystems more sensitive to nitrogen pollution than previously assumed

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https://news.un.org/fr/story/2023/05/1135042

Ecosystems such as forests, heaths and surface waters are more sensitive to atmospheric nitrogen pollution than previously thought, according to a new report published by the Coordination Centre for Effects under the UNECE Convention on Long-range Transboundary Air Pollution (Air Convention).

The report Review and revision of empirical critical loads of nitrogen for Europe provides revised and

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New Evidence Shows Impact Of Ozone, Heavy Metals And Microplastics On Natural Vegetation And Crops







While the impacts of air pollution on vegetation and crops are sometimes overlooked, they can take a high toll on food production. As the food and energy crises have recently shown the vulnerability of our food systems,





### How to...?

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- Check if there are newsworthy items to be discussed in your meetings that could be of interest to a larger public, e.g. linkages to biodiversity, climate change, etc
- Article vs meeting report
- Share ideas/ key facts with secretariat for support in drafting/editing
- Ideally secretariat publishes shortly after the end of the meeting
- Publications not related to any meeting: let secretariat know



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