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Outstanding issues: Draft joint decisions

Draft decision on financial arrangements

Status of contributions to the trust fund (*as at 10 Dec 2023*)

Note by the secretariat

1. Overleaf are presented updates to the tables A.1, A.2 and A.3 on income to the trust fund under the Convention and the Protocol included in annex to the Draft financial report in the intersessional period 2021–2023 (ECE/MP.EIA/2023/2–ECE/MP.EIA/SEA/2023/2) that covers the period from the eighth session of the Meeting of the Parties to the Convention and the fourth session of the Meeting of the Parties to the Protocol (Vilnius (online), 8–11 December 2020) to 10 December 2023:

- Table A.1 Income to the Convention's and the Protocol's trust fund
- Table A.2 Income to the Convention's and the Protocol's trust fund by date
- Table A.3 Income to the trust fund earmarked for specific activities/cost items.

2. To date, the income to the Convention's and the Protocol's trust fund in the intersessional period 2021–2023 was US\$ 1,421,423, as indicated in tables A.1 and A.2.

3. The income in the period was supplemented by carried over funds from the previous period (of \$83,872: namely: \$71,684 from Italy earmarked for supporting the secretariat's functioning and \$12,188 from Luxembourg). The income, together with the carried over funds, totalled US\$ 1,505,295.

4. The budgeted resource requirements for the implementation of the workplan 2021–2023 were US\$ 1,589,910.

5. As at 10 December, the outstanding pledged contributions to the Convention and the Protocol trust fund (from Austria, Croatia, Romania and Ukraine) of \$29,000 and some \$21,000 of lost revenue due to exchange rate fluctuations totalled \$49,937.

Table A.1

Income to the Convention's trust fund (for the period 2021–2023)

(in United States dollars)

<i>Party*</i>	<i>Description of pledges in ECE/MP.EIA/30-ECE/MP.EIA/SEA/13, annex I, plus additional contributions</i>	<i>Pledge**</i>	<i>Amount received</i>
Albania	(None). Unpledged contribution of \$2,000 for 2021–2023		2,000
Armenia	(None). Unpledged contributions of \$1,000 and \$300 for 2021–2023		1,300
Austria ¹	\$21,000 for the intersessional period 2021–2023, to be paid in three instalments of \$7,000 each in 2021, 2022 and 2023.	21,000	14,000
Azerbaijan	(None). Unpledged contribution of \$ 2,000 for the years 2022 and 2023.		2,000
Belarus	(None)		
Belgium	\$33,954 for the intersessional period 2021–2023, as follows: Flemish Region: \$13,785.96; Federal Government: \$10,186.66 (both paid in December 2020); Walloon Region: \$7,843 (paid in May 2021); Brussels Capital Region: \$2,131 (to be paid in 2021).	33,954	33,946
Bosnia and Herzegovina	(None)		
Bulgaria	\$5,000 to the Convention and \$3,000 to the Protocol for the intersessional period 2021–2023.	8,000	8,000
Canada	Can \$15,000 for the intersessional period 2021–2023 to support the implementation of the work plan for 2021–2023 under the Convention, to be paid in three instalments of Can\$ 5,000 each (2021 contribution before March 2021; 2022 contribution any time after May 2021; and 2023 contribution after April 2022).	11,445	11,537
Croatia	\$9,000 for the intersessional period 2021–2023, to be paid in three instalments of \$3,000 each in 2021, 2022 and 2023.	9,000	3,000
Cyprus	(None). Unpledged contribution of \$ 1,000 for the year 2021 and \$ 1,000 for the year 2022.		2,000
Czechia	\$15,000 for the intersessional period 2021–2023, to be paid in three instalments of \$5,000 each in 2021, 2022 and 2023.	15,000	15,000
Denmark	\$13,500 for the intersessional period 2021–2023	13,500	13,500
Estonia	€3,000 for the intersessional period 2021–2023, to be paid in three instalments of €1,000 each in 2021, 2022 and 2023.	3,500	3,299
European Union	Total of €210,000 for the intersessional period 2021–2023, to be paid in three instalments of €70,000 each in 2021, 2022 and 2023, consisting of an unearmarked contribution of €65,000/year and of €5,000/year earmarked to cover travel- and subsistence-related costs of the Bureau Chair's participation at meetings under the Convention and the Protocol.	227,909	233,949
Finland	\$30,000 for the intersessional period 2021–2023, to be paid in three instalments: \$10,000 each in 2021, 2022 and 2023 (subject to the availability of funding in the national budget).	30,000	30,000
France	€90,000 for the intersessional period 2021–2023, to be paid in three instalments of €30,000 each in 2021, 2022 and 2023.	105,189	100,307
Germany	\$60,000 for the intersessional period 2021–2023, to be paid in three instalments of \$20,000 each in 2021, 2022 and 2023.	60,000	60,000
Greece	€3,000 for the intersessional period 2021–2023, to be paid in three instalments of €1,000 each in 2021, 2022 and 2023 (subject to confirmation).	3,500	3,181
Hungary	\$12,000 for the intersessional period 2021–2023, to be paid in three instalments of \$4,000 each in 2021, 2022 and 2023. An additional/extra contribution of USD 10,000 for the budget and workplan in the next intersessional period 2024–2026.	12,000	22,000
Ireland	\$19,500 for the intersessional period 2021–2023, to be paid in three instalments of \$6,500 each in 2021, 2022 and 2023.	19,500	23,000
Italy	€60,000 for the intersessional period 2021–2023 (€20,000/year to be paid in 2021, 2022 and 2023). In addition, earmarked contributions of, in total, €180,000 (€60,000/year to be paid in 2021, 2022 and 2023) for two workplan activities: €120,000 (or €40,000/year) for subregional	280,504	265,313

	cooperation activities for marine regions; and €60,000 (or €20,000/year) for a thematic seminar.		
Kazakhstan	(None)		
Kyrgyzstan	(None)		
Latvia	€3,000 for the intersessional period 2021–2023, to be paid in three instalments of €1,000 each in 2021, 2022 and 2023.	3,506	3,228
Liechtenstein	(None)		
Lithuania	\$10,000 for the intersessional period 2021–2023, (to be paid by the end of 2020).	10,000	10,000
Luxembourg	(None). Unpledged contributions of €10,000 for the year 2021, €10,000 and € 15,000 for the year 2022 and € 20,000 for the year 2023.		59,370
Malta	(None). Unpledged contribution of €3,000 for the period 2021-2023.		3,378
Montenegro	€3,000 in 2020 and € 3,000 in 2023 for the intersessional period 2021–2023	3,506	6,788
Netherlands	€60,000 for the intersessional period 2021–2023 (paid in 2021)	70,126	73,170
North Macedonia	(None). Unpledged contribution of \$ 2,000.		2,000
Norway	NKr 360,000 for the intersessional period 2021–2023, to be paid in three instalments of NKr 120,000 each in 2021, 2022 and 2023. In addition, for 2021, a one-off payment of NKr 366,666 (around \$40,000) to strengthen secretariat resources for supporting the workplan implementation.	85,610	112,880
Poland	\$21,000 for the intersessional period 2021–2023, to be paid in three instalments of \$7,000 each in 2021, 2022 and 2023.	21,000	21,000
Portugal	(None). Unpledged contribution of €15,000 for the year 2021 and €15,000 for the year 2023.		32,661
Republic of Moldova	\$1,500 for the next intersessional period 2021–2023, to be paid in three instalments of \$500 each in 2021, 2022 and 2023.	1,500	1,500
Romania ²	\$15,000 for the intersessional period 2021–2023, to be paid in three instalments of \$5,000 each in 2021, 2022 and 2023.	15,000	5,000
Serbia ³	(None). \$1,600 for the year 2023		
Slovakia	€15,000 for the intersessional period 2021–2023, to be paid in three instalments of €5,000 each in 2021, 2022 and 2023, subject to approval by the Slovakian authorities within each year's budget proposal.	16,195	16,137
Slovenia	\$9,000 for the intersessional period 2021–2023, to be paid in three instalments of \$3,000 each for 2021 (already paid in December 2020), 2022 and 2023.	9,000	12,000
Spain	(None). Unpledged contribution of €10,000 for the year 2021, €10,000 for the year 2022 and €10,000 for the year 2023.		32,292
Sweden	At least \$8,300 per year for the intersessional period 2021–2023, to be paid in 2021, 2022 and 2023 (subject to confirmation).	24,900	24,900
Switzerland	Subject to annual budgetary approval by the Parliament, CHF 42,000/year for 2021–2023, to be paid in 2021, 2022 and 2023, including an annual contribution of CHF 20,000 and an additional contribution of CHF 22,000 earmarked for capacity-building activities in Central Asia and Azerbaijan that are to be specified subsequently. In 2022, an extraordinary unpledged contribution for the secretariat's preparation of the MOP sessions.	130,260	157,787
Ukraine ⁴	\$6,000 for the intersessional period 2021–2023, to be paid in three instalments of \$2,000 each in 2021, 2022 and 2023.	6,000	
United Kingdom	(None)		
Total		1,247,605	1,421,423

* All Parties to the Convention are listed

** Pledges in original currencies were converted into USD using an exchange rate of December 2020.

Notes 1–4: Invoiced. Contributions not yet received

Table A.2
Income to the Convention's trust fund by date for 2021-2023
(in United States dollars)

<i>Date</i>	<i>Party</i>	<i>Amount received in original currency</i>	<i>Income in USD</i>
2020			
14 October	Montenegro	EUR 3,000	3,521
4 December	Czechia		5,000
8 December	Slovenia	USD 3,000	3,000
8 December	Germany		20,000
16 December	Belgium (Flemish Region)		13,786
16 December	Belgium (Federal Government)		10,186
28 December	Norway		42,110
30 December	Lithuania		10,000
2021			
19 January	Ireland		6,500
3 February	Belgium (Brussels Capital Region)		2,131
24 February	Canada	Can\$ 5,000	4,024
10 March	Denmark		13,500
11 March	Luxembourg	EUR 10,000	12,188
1 April	Armenia		1,000
20 May	Albania		2,000
28 May	Sweden		8,300
3 June	Estonia		1,219
11 June	Netherlands	EUR 60,000	73,170
24 June	France	EUR 30,000	36,585
20 July	Cyprus		1,000
28 July	Switzerland	CHF 42,000	45,701
11 August	Belgium (Walloon region)		7,843
16 August	European Union	EUR 70,000	83,234
10 September	Hungary		4,000
14 September	Italy	EUR 80,000	94,339
1 October	Poland		7,000
5 November	Latvia	EUR 1,000	1,166
8 November	Canada	Can\$ 5,000	3,949
12 November	Finland	USD 10,000	10,000
23 November	Slovenia	USD 3,000	3,000
8 December	Germany	USD 20,000	20,000
10 December	Czechia	USD 5,000	5,000
15 December	Malta	EUR 3,000	3,378
17 December	Austria	USD 7,000	7,000
22 December	Spain	EUR 10,000	11,261
27 December	Norway	NOK 402,915	44,531
27 December	Norway	NOK 121,550	14,014
30 December	Slovakia	EUR 5,000	5,631
2022			
27 January	European Union	EUR 70,000	79,909
28 February	Ireland		6,500

4 March	Luxembourg	EUR 10,000	11,235
4 April	Poland	PLN 29,246	7,000
25 April	Portugal	EUR 15,000	16,304
1 June	France	EUR 30,000	32,858
6 June	Italy	EUR 20,000	21,505
6 June	Italy	EUR 60,000	64,516
30 June	Moldova	USD 500	500
1 September	Estonia	EUR 1,000	1,002
15 September	Sweden	USD 8,300	8,300
16 September	Latvia	EUR 1,000	1,003
28 September	Spain	EUR 10,000	10,030
12 October	Cyprus	USD 1,000	1,000
19 October	Canada	Can\$ 5,000	3,564
21 October	Luxembourg	EUR 15,000	14,534
27 October	Finland	USD 10,000	10,000
27 October	Armenia	USD 300	300
15 November	Austria	USD 7,000	7,000
17 November	France	EUR 30,000	30,864
18 November	Norway	NOK 121,580	12,225
24 November	Italy	EUR 20,000	20,576
28 November	Switzerland	CHF 62,000	65,263
7 December	Czechia	USD 5,000	5,000
8 December	Hungary	USD 8,000	8,000
14 December	Slovakia	EUR 5,000	5,170
19 December	Bulgaria	USD 8,000	8,000
23 December	Slovenia	USD 3,000	3,000
27 December	Azerbaijan	USD 2,000	2,000
2023			
3 January	Germany	USD 20,000	20,000
1 February	European Union	EUR 65,000	70,806
10 February	Romania	USD 5,000	5,000
21 March	Slovenia	USD 3,000	3,000
21 March	Hungary	USD 10,000	10,000
28 March	Luxembourg	EUR 20,000	21,413
3 April	Sweden	USD 8,300	8,300
4 April	Ireland	USD 10,000	10,000
7 April	North Macedonia	USD 2000	2,000
18 April	Montenegro	EUR 3,000	3,267
1 May	Switzerland	CHF 42,000	46,823
10 May	Spain	EUR 10,000	11,001
23 May	Portugal	EUR 15,000	16,357
14 June	Italy	EUR 60,000	64,377
28 June	Estonia	EUR 1,000	1,079
30 June	Croatia	USD 3,000	3,000
5 July	Poland	USD 7,000	7,000
6 November	Latvia	EUR 1,000	1,060
7 November	Greece	EUR 3,000	3,181
7 November	Finland	USD 10,000	10,000
29 November	Slovakia	EUR 5,000	5,336
30 November	Republic of Moldova	USD 1,000	1,000
Total			1,421,423

Table A.3

Summary of the earmarked contributions to the Convention's trust fund

(in United States dollars)

<i>Party</i>	<i>Earmarked activities</i>	<i>Amount received in original currency</i>	<i>Amount received in USD</i>
2020			
Italy	Carried over funding for supporting the secretariat's functioning	EUR 60,000	71,445
2021			
Italy	Exchange of good practices: Thematic seminar + background paper (initially on promoting the application of SEA in development cooperation)	EUR 20,000	23,400
Switzerland	Subregional cooperation activities in marine regions	EUR 40,000	46,800
Switzerland	Capacity-building activities in Central Asia and Azerbaijan	CHF 22,000	23,760
European Union	Travel- and subsistence-related costs of the Bureau Chair's participation at meetings under the Convention and the Protocol	EUR 5,000	5,950
Total			99,910
2022			
Italy	Exchange of good practices: Thematic seminar + background paper (initially on promoting the application of SEA in development cooperation)	EUR 20,000	21,505
Switzerland	Subregional cooperation activities in marine regions	EUR 40,000	43,010
European Union	Travel- and subsistence-related costs of the Bureau Chair's participation at meetings under the Convention and the Protocol	EUR 5,000	5,700
Switzerland	Capacity building/support to meeting participation for Central Asia and Azerbaijan	CHF 22,000	23,159
Switzerland	Preparation by the secretariat of the 9th session of the Meeting of the Parties to the Convention (12–15 December 2023)	CHF 20,000	21,054
Total			114,428
2023			
European Union	Travel- and subsistence-related costs of the Bureau Chair's participation at meetings under the Convention and the Protocol	EUR 0	0

Switzerland	Activities of the Convention on capacity building in Central Asia countries and Azerbaijan, and to cover travel expenses of the delegations of these countries participating in the Convention bodies meetings, in particular at the December 2023 MOP sessions	CHF 22,000	\$ 24,526
Italy	EUR 40,000 re-allocated from subregional cooperation activities in marine regions to reinforcing the secretariat resources.	EUR 40,000	\$ 42,918
	Exchange of good practices (Thematic seminar + background paper)	EUR 20,000	\$ 21,459
Total			88,903
Total funding for earmarked activities			374,925

Table A.4
**In-kind contributions
made**
(in United States
dollars)

<i>Activity</i>	<i>Priority</i>	<i>Sub-activity</i>	<i>Date</i>	<i>Source</i>	<i>Value^a</i>	<i>Notes</i>
Subregional cooperation and capacity-building	2	11th Baltic Sea subregional meeting under the Espoo Convention and its Protocol on SEA	3 November 2021, online	Estonia	unknown	Subregional meeting on cooperation on the Espoo Convention and its Protocol on SEA in the Baltic sea subregion, organized by Estonia
	2	12th Baltic Sea Subregional Meeting under the Espoo Convention and its Protocol on SEA	14-15 June 2022, Warsaw	Poland	unknown	Subregional meeting on cooperation on the Espoo Convention and its Protocol on SEA in the Baltic sea subregion, organized by Poland
	2	Seminar on sustainable infrastructure	2 December 2021, Geneva	Switzerland	unknown	The seminar on sustainable infrastructure held during the 10th meeting of the Working Group on EIA and SEA, co-organized by Switzerland and the secretariat

Reporting under the Convention and the Protocol	2	Informal translation by Canada of Parties' responses to the questionnaire on the implementation of the Convention and the Protocol during the period 2021-2023 from original French into English.	Canada	unknown
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