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on Environmental Impact Assessment   
in a Transboundary Context

**Ninth session**

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Strategic Environmental Assessment

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Item 3 (e) of the provisional agenda

**Nomination of officers for the next intersessional period**

**Informal list of nominations for officers for 2024-2026**

Note from the secretariat

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| *Summary*  The present note outlines information received by the secretariat thus far regarding Parties nomination of officers (chairs and members) to be elected to the treaty bodies under the Convention on Environmental Impact Assessment in a Transboundary Context (Espoo Convention) and the Protocol on Strategic Environmental Assessment for the intersessional period 2024-2026.  Delegations, that wish to nominate officers, but have not yet informed the secretariat, will be invited to do so ahead of the present sessions, by 16 October 2023.  The Meetings of the Parties to the Convention and the Meeting of the Parties to the Protocol are invited to consider, and, as needed supplement the nominations of officers to the Bureau, the Working Group on Environmental Assessment and Strategic Environmental Assessment, and the Implementation Committee, set out in the present document, with a view to electing officers for the next intersessional period 2024–2026. In accordance with the rules of procedure (rule 19.1), in electing officers due account should be taken of the need to ensure that officers adequately represent different interests of the UNECE region.  For the Implementation Committee, the Meetings of the Parties should elect Parties for serving two terms. Each elected Party should appoint a permanent and an alternate Committee member.  A record of officers nominated by Parties from 2001 until to date is provided for information to the Meetings of the Parties, highlighting Parties that have never or not recently been represented in the treaty bodies. |

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| *Position* | *Nominee (for Convention)[[1]](#footnote-2)* | *Nominee (for Protocol)[[2]](#footnote-3)* |
| **Bureau members** |  |  |
| **1. Chair** | **Greece** (George Kremlis) | **Slovenia** (Vesna Kolar-Planinšič) |
| **2. Vice-Chair** | = Chair of the Working Group | *Not required as must be Party to both* |
| 3. Vice-Chair | = Chair of the Implementation Committee | *Not required as must be Party to both* |
| 4. Vice-Chair | = 1st Vice-Chair of the Implementation Committee | *Not required if Party to both* |
| 5. Vice-Chair | **Norway** (Marthe Lindberg) |  |
| 6. Vice-Chair | **Switzerland** (Martine Rohn-Brossard) | *Requires an alternate for Protocol matters* |
| 7. Vice-Chair | **European Union** (Adam Nagy) |  |
| **Working Group officers** |  |  |
| **1. Chair[[3]](#footnote-4)** | **Poland** (Dorota Toryfter-Szumańska) | *Not required as must be Party to both* |
| 2. Vice-Chair | **Italy** (Anna-Maria Maggiore) | *Not required according to the rules* |
| 3. Vice-Chair | **Belarus** (Larissa Lukina) | *Not required according to the rules* |
| **Implementation Committee members**[[4]](#footnote-5) |  | **Alternates for Protocol matters** |
| **Chair3** | To be elected by the Committee | *Must be Party to both.* |
| **1st Vice-Chair3** | To be elected by the Committee | *Must be Party to both* |
| **Continuing members *and their alternates*** | **Austria** (Christian Baumgartner)  *(Ursula Platzer-Schneider)* |  |
|  | **Germany** (Ralph Bodle) *(Christof Sangenstedt)* |  |
|  | **Luxembourg** (Joe Ducomble) *(Tom Uri)* |  |
|  | **Slovakia** (Barbora Pavlačič Donevová*) (Replacement to be nominated)* |  |
| **Nominations** | ***Nominee (Permanent + alternate members)*** | ***Nominee (Alternate for Protocol required if not Party to both)*** |
|  | **Canada** (Yordanka Stoimenova) *(Nana Kwamena; Lee Casterton)* | **Poland** (Joanna Przybyś) *(Marta Truszewska)* |
|  | **Montenegro** (Brankica Cmiljanovic) *(Maja Raicevic)* |  |
|  | **Netherlands** (Susan Vernij)  *(Pascale van Duijse)* |  |
|  | **Republic of Moldova** (Natalia Zamfir)  *(To be nominated)* |  |
| Outgoing members and their alternates | Azerbaijan (Aysel Rzayeva) *(Leyla Aliyeva)* | Finland (Lasse Tallskog) *(Charlotta von Troil)* |
|  | Hungary (Zsuzsanna Pocsai) *(Evelyn Fábián-Mayer)* |  |
|  | Portugal (Maria do Carmo Figueira) (1st Vice-Chair) *(Águeda Silva)* |  |
|  | Sweden (Anders Bengtsson) *(Christina Olson Lundh)* |  |

**Annex**

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

**A. Membership of the Implementation Committee[[5]](#footnote-6)**

| *Party* ***(in bold if also Party to Protocol)*** | *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) |
| 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 Bureau[[6]](#footnote-7) (including Chair and Vice Chairs of the Working Group; and Chair and First Vice-Chair of the Implementation Committee)**

| *Party (in* ***bold*** *if Protocol too)* | *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 |  | 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 |  |  |  |
| *Georgia* | Yes | Yes | Yes |  |  |  |  |
| Greece |  |  |  |  |  |  | Yes |
| **Hungary** |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Ireland |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| **Italy** |  |  |  |  |  |  | Yes |
| Kazakhstan |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Kyrgyzstan |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| **Latvia** |  | Yes |  |  |  |  |  |
| Liechtenstein |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| **Lithuania** | Yes |  |  | Yes | Yes | Yes |  |
| **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 |

1. Necessarily a Party to the Convention. [↑](#footnote-ref-2)
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. [↑](#footnote-ref-3)
3. To be from a Party to both the Convention and the Protocol. [↑](#footnote-ref-4)
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. [↑](#footnote-ref-5)
5. Parties that have never (or not recently) served in the Committee are highlighted in yellow [↑](#footnote-ref-6)
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. [↑](#footnote-ref-7)