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**Workshop to Promote the Ratification of Protocols of the
UNECE Air Convention
with Focus on Countries in the EECCA Region**

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The Workshop

- 14 May to 16 May 2019 in Berlin
- Altogether 59 participants from 19 countries
Armenia, Azerbaijan, Belarus, Bulgaria, China, France, Georgia, Germany,
India, Italy, Japan, Kazakhstan, Kirgizstan, Norway, Russia, Sweden,
Tajikistan, Ukraine, Uzbekistan
- ...among which 29 participants from EECCA countries (incl. Russia)
- Participants from EU COM, European Investment Bank, OECD, UN
Minamata Convention, Industrial and Environment NGOs, other LRTAP
Convention Bodies
- 27 presentations
- Financed by Germany, Switzerland, Secretariat
- Host: Federal Ministry for the Environment, Nature Conservation and
Nuclear Safety of Germany

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5 Main Sessions

1. Different BAT approaches in different regions of the world
2. BAT in other Conventions and international treaties
3. BAT for priority sectors identified in the EECCA region
4. Modelling, Monitoring and Reporting
5. Activities in the EECCA region to facilitate the implementation of BAT
6. Results from a questionnaire including 4 country presentations
7. Round Table discussion on the way forward

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Round Table Discussion

- How to make progress in implementation?
- What is needed to better facilitate ratifications?
- What could be future solutions?

An open discussion following the **Chatham House Rules**.

Aim: to facilitate the discussion of ratification, implementation and review of the Gothenburg Protocol

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(Very) First Results

- BAT is not a static process, it is influenced by the environmental and economic situation of countries and regions
- Most countries in the EECCA region make good progress, modernized their environmental laws including incorporation of BAT
- Good progress was made with regard to modelling, monitoring and reporting (activities organized by the Secretariat are very helpful)
- Some countries made fast progress towards application of BAT
- The termination of flexibilities in Protocols will make the ratification difficult (end of 2019)
- There is a strong request to extend deadlines for application of flexibilities laid down in the amended GP, and to discuss other mechanisms during the upcoming future review of the GP such as...

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(Very) First Results

What are the obstacles and some ideas

- Some countries could fulfill more than 80% of the technical requirements of the GP
- Problematic requirements: Annex on VOC or NO_x
 - Help from others needed
 - Installation of an Advisory Centre for practical questions of interpretation
- Flexibilities
 - Deadline Extension
 - Flexibilities starting from the date of Ratification of a Party?
 - National Action Plans for a stepwise approach
- Technical and financial support is needed furthermore

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Thank you for your attention!

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