



FICAP

Forum for International Cooperation on Air Pollution



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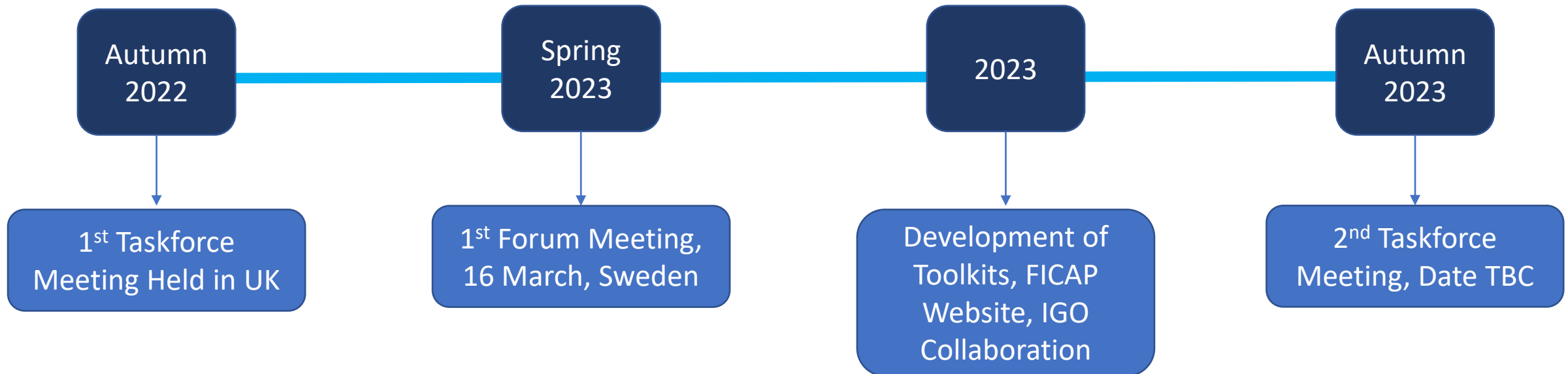
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Forum for International
Cooperation on Air Pollution

- New initiative under the Air Convention (approved by the EB in dec 2021, under WGSR)
- Co-lead by Sweden and the UK
- Vision: To promote international collaboration towards preventing and reducing air pollution to improve air quality globally
- Aim: To act as a forum for international **exchange** and **mutual** learning, to facilitate the sharing of science, technical and policy expertise
- **Complement** ongoing efforts
- Make the Air Conventions 44 years of experience, tools, methods and expertise available to others

2022 – 2023 Workplan ambition



The Taskforce (TFICAP)

- The **Taskforce for International Cooperation on Air Pollution (TFICAP)** is the “steering group” for the wider Forum.
- The purpose of the Taskforce is:
 - To set the direction of the Forum
 - To support the Co-Chairs in its progression
 - To provide input into the topics for discussion and cooperation at the Forum.
 - To plan and support efforts to encourage a wide participation of Countries organisations and experts.
- Hybrid meeting held on 11-12 October 2022 in Bristol, UK
- Themes of capacity building and international cooperation discussed



The Forum (FICAP)

- The **Forum** is open to participation from all regions, countries, NGOs and IGOs
- The Forum aims to:
 - Share mutual learning and technical expertise
 - Foster collaboration to improve regional air quality
- Forum meeting held on 16 March in Gothenburg, Sweden

2 Interactive panel sessions:





- *Pathways to air pollution action in a regional context*
- *'No regret' actions for improving air quality, considering both climate change and economic development.*

Overall conclusions:

- Urgent need for AP management in many regions/countries
- Strong interest to increase co-operation between regions
- Interest in using and adapting Air Convention experience/tools/methods
- Request for FICAP to contribute to and reinforce several ongoing initiatives



Next Steps

- In cooperation with the Air Convention secretariat and Convention TF Chairs, list topics where the air convention has experience to share as well as list relevant experts for the different areas. This will form a basis for conducting targeted webinars where there is mutual interest.  **TFTEI –**
We hope for your help to suggest TFTEI related topics and experts
- In cooperation with development agency partners, organise link ups between regions and countries interested in using the Air Convention's experience to help set up local arrangements (regional, national, sub-national).  **TFTEI –**
Possible participation depending on subject and available resources
- Engage with other regional organisations and IOs to understand the needs and interests of regions and what further collaboration and cooperation could be achieved.
- Continue to develop the Forum's web presence and understand what information and data would be useful to collate and communicate to a wide set of countries.  **TFTEI –**
What information/data/tools/methods do you have available that could be shared ?
- 2nd Task Force meeting in autumn 2023.  **TFTEI –**
We hope for your presence and contribution

Draft WP items for 2024-2025

<i>Workplan item</i>	<i>Activity description/objective</i>	<i>Expected outcome/deliverable</i>	<i>Lead body(ies)</i>	<i>Resource requirements and/or funding source</i>
xx	Assemble and list topics where the Air convention has experiences to share through the Forum as well as list relevant experts for the different areas. This can be a basis for conducting targeted regional webinars where there is mutual interest.	Basis for conducting targeted regional webinars where there is mutual interest and platform of information.	TFICAP in cooperation with secretariat and other bodies of the Convention	
xx	In collaboration with the World Bank, and on request; organize incoming tours of UNECE region for countries to learn, discuss, and adapt policies and institutional structures for Air Quality Management at a regional, national, and sub-national level.	Increased understanding by study tour participants of how countries in UNECE with different governance systems can work towards the common goals of the Air Convention.	TFICAP in cooperation with development agency partners including the World Bank	Funded by the World Bank
xx	Work with other regional organizations to understand the needs and interests of regions.	Better understanding of where further collaboration and cooperation could be developed.	TFICAP	



**We look forward to a fruitful collaboration
with TFTEI**

Thank you !