



Workshop to promote the ratification of the Protocols on Heavy Metals, POPs and the Gothenburg Protocol across the entire UNECE region

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UNECE projects / programmes supporting ratification

1. Czech sponsored project for Moldova
2. Dutch sponsored project for five Balkans countries (Balkans project)
3. Project for Russian Federation, Belarus and Kazakhstan



Projects' scope

1. Moldova project – implementation of the provision of the Gothenburg Protocol; establishment of a national emission inventory meeting the requirements of the revised EMEP Emission Reporting Guidelines and provision of up-to-date input data for integrated assessment modeling
2. Balkans project – implementation of the provisions and ratification of three recent CLRTAP Protocols (HM, POPs, GP)
3. Project for EECCA – implementation of the provisions and ratification of three recent CLRTAP Protocols (HM, POPs, GP)



Projects' implementation

Moldova project

Ongoing, implementing agency has started working on:

- national action plan for the implementation of the Protocol's obligations

(review of legislation, assessment of technical and economical measures); and

- the emission inventory



Projects' implementation

Balkans project

Ongoing for Montenegro, Serbia and fYR of Macedonia,

Implementing agencies have started working on national action plan for the implementation of the three Protocols' obligations

- plans to contain detailed actions to eliminate identified gaps/shortcomings, institution(s) responsible for the action(s) and timeframes;
- the gaps identified through assessment

Albania and Bosnia and Herzegovina – problems to organize the project implementation processes



Projects' implementation

Project for EECCA countries

Initial phase, preparation for launching the project with an event where:

- EECCA countries are expected to express commitment towards project implementation, and
- donors to commit to support the efforts of EECCA countries to implement and ratify the Protocols



Basis for success

Important aspects:

1. Commitment from beneficiary countries - nomination of implementing agencies/institutions with full government support, adoption at the government level of the elaborated action plan
2. Support from donors (Moldova and Balkans projects took off, EECCA project still needs support)
3. Clear plan for implementation of the projects,
 - kick-off meeting to have a clear understanding about the goals and agree the way of work,
 - two phases approach: elaboration (to elaborate the plans and adopt them formally) and implementation (to implement them, where needed with external support);
 - regular consultation meetings for solving challenges/problems faced;
4. Project management, supporting agencies working together.