

Background

Air pollution emissions have been reduced considerably in the UNECE region over the last few decades, in part as a result of integrated air pollution management strategies that were developed jointly under the Convention and its protocols. However, progress is still relatively slow and uneven across the region. In particular, in Eastern and South-Eastern Europe, the Caucasus and Central Asia, the increase in energy production, industry growth and urban development have resulted in increased emissions.

The European Commission and the Task Force on Techno-economic Issues (TFTEI) have organised a Workshop for countries in this region to promote ratification of protocols of the Long-range Transboundary Air Pollution (LRTAP) Convention.

The aims of the Workshop are:

- to learn from different BAT approaches adopted in different parts of the UNECE region (e.g. EU, US, Russia),
- to improve the understanding of the concept of BAT and its application, with examples from different sectors
- to learn about different perspectives of BAT implementation, e.g. national administrations, industry,
- to discuss obstacles for implementation of BAT

Included in the agenda will be an account of the work of TFTEI and its various activities, as well as the main results of its efforts in the light of the revision of the Gothenburg Protocol. The newly-developed exchange platform for dissemination of information and communication on BAT will also be presented.

Invited experts from the EECCA region will actively participate and have been asked to contribute with information about their national situation. Included will be developments in the field of permitting industrial installations and development of national strategies and environmental legislation.

Organizers of the Workshop:

Task Force on Techno-Economic Issues of the LRTAP Convention and the

European Commission

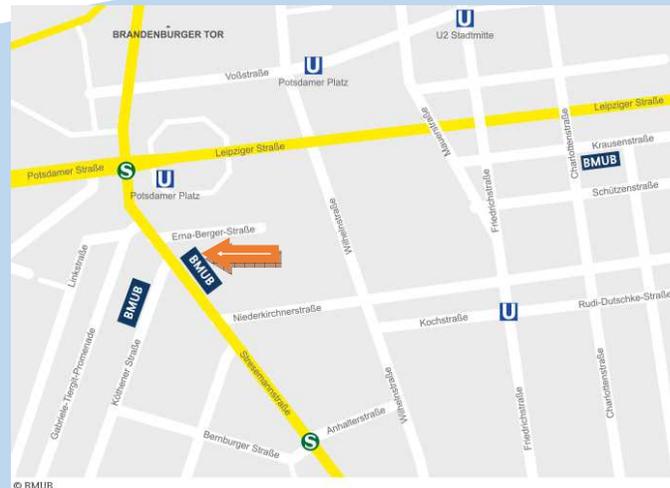
in collaboration with the

Federal Ministry for the Environment, Nature Conservation, Building and Nuclear Safety, Germany

The workshop will be hosted by the Environment Ministry (BMUB)

at the following location:

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Convention on Long-range Transboundary Air Pollution

The Task Force on Techno-economic Issues invites participants to the

Workshop to Promote the Understanding and Implementation of Best Available Techniques (BAT) across the Entire UNECE Region with Focus on Countries in the EECCA Region

20 – 22 April 2016

**Berlin
Germany**



Day 1

(Wednesday 20 April: 12.00- 18.00)

- **Registration**
- **Opening**
by the Chair of the Workshop:
Bill Harnett (US EPA)
- **Welcome and Opening Statement**
by the host and a representative of the EU Commission

Note: Questions will be taken after each presentation or session over the three days.

Session 1: Different BAT approaches in different UNECE regions

- Provisions on BATs in the Protocols to the Convention and capacity-building activities managed by the Secretariat
UNECE Secretariat
- The European BAT approach
IPPC Bureau Seville
- The US BAT approach
Bill Harnett, US EPA
- New Policies to Promote better Air Quality in the Russian Federation
Ministry for the Environment, Russia

Evening:

Dinner at the invitation of German Ministry for Environment, Nature Conservation, Building and Nuclear Safety

Day 2

(Thursday 21 April: 9.00 – 18.00)

**Session 2:
BAT for priority sectors identified in the EECCA countries**
This session will cover experiences from the application of BAT in different sectors, e.g. iron and steel industry, use of solvents and emissions from mobile sources, as well as the application of BAT Reference Documents of the EU and permitting of installations.

**Session 3:
BAT for power plants**
This session will cover the electricity sector. Presented will be experiences of industry and authorities, practical examples of using the TFTEI Cost Methodology and problems faced by EECCA countries.

**Session 4:
Activities in the EECCA region to facilitate the implementation of BAT**
Examples will be given about the implementation of Protocol requirements and the application of BAT in the EECCA region.

**Session 5:
Dissemination of information and communication on BAT**
The Secretariat of the TFTEI will present the function of the Clearing House and how its new Exchange Platform on techniques and technologies works.

Reflection on the day's key aspects from Sessions 2 to 5.

Day 3

(Friday 22 April: 9.00 – 13.00)

**Session 6:
Round table discussion**
Chaired by Richard Ballaman, Switzerland
Discussion of problems along the road to implementation and possibilities to support EECCA countries in implementing UNECE Protocols. These will be based on short reports by the Chairs of Sessions 2 to 5.

**Session 7:
Conclusions and Recommendations**
Participants are asked to actively contribute to conclusions and recommendations and formulate their needs in the implementation process. A report will be made on the entire Workshop and submitted for consideration by the Working Group on Strategies and Review of the LRTAP Convention

There will be an **English-Russian simultaneous translation** service available at the workshop.

Link to Website of the workshop:

<http://www.unece.org/index.php?id=41997>

Deadline for registration:

- For participants seeking financial support
1 March 2016
- For other participants
1 April 2016

Where to register:

Secretariat of the LRTAP Convention

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