

Revision of the Gothenburg Protocol

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Process

- up to 2022 Comprehensive **Review**
- Sep 2023 WGSR **recommendations** and WGE / EMEP SB input
- Dec 2023 Executive Body **Decision** 2023/5 to revise the GP as amended in 2012
- May / Dec 2024 **Plan** on how and when to deal with 8 main revision issues, keeping in mind non-Parties
- 2024 – 26 (+x) **Negotiations**

Main negotiation items (EB Decision 2023/5, OP 2)

- (a) New **emission reduction commitments** (for current GP pollutants)
- (b) **Technical Annexes** (scope and level of ambition)
- (c) further **black carbon** emission reductions
- (d) whether and how to address **methane** emissions
- (e) additional **ammonia** emission reductions
- (f) new **flexibilities** etc. to facilitate ratification & implementation by non-Parties
- (g) overarching, collective **risk-based target(s)** (health and ecosystems/biodiversity)
- (h) **integrated approaches** among climate, energy and air policies

TFTEI input to the Gothenburg Protocol revision



- **Policy options** to address the conclusions of the **GP review** and “**New approaches** for EECCA countries, Western Balkan countries and Türkiye” (EB43, official and informal doc.s, respectively)
- Work on revised **guidance documents (GD)** on stationary sources (*official doc for WGSR 63 in 2025 -> EB 45*) and mobile sources (*official doc for WGSR 64 in 2026 -> EB 46*)
- Further work on possible **technological pathways** towards the GP ratification for 6 present non-Parties (*informal document for EB44*)
- Preparatory work on a **revision of Technical Annexes** (*informal documents for EB44 and WGSR63*)
-> Inter alia proposal to focus activities on present non-Parties
- Discussion of a **further developed version at this meeting**, with a view to an informal document for EB45 (Dec. 2025) / WGSR64 (May 2026)

GP revision in 2024

Meeting	Topics Covered	Recommendations and Decisions anticipated
WGSR 62 <i>May</i>	Draft Plan for the GPR: Discussion of full scope and priorities, gaps in knowledge, and timing. <u>Initial</u> discussion of • <u>scope and indicator(s)</u> for item (g) (<i>Targets</i>) • <u>base and target years</u> for item (a) (<i>ERCs</i>) • <u>scope</u> for item (d) (<i>CH₄</i>) • <u>scope</u> for item (b) (<i>TAs</i>) combined with item (f) (<i>Flexi</i>)	Recommendations to EB on the full scope, priorities and timeline Report on the initial discussions
HoD Mtg. <i>October</i>	Continue informally disc. of scope, priorities and timing, including on (b) and (f)	Chairs' report to the EB
EB 44 <i>December</i>	Plan for the GPR: Discussion on framework for negotiations inter alia on items • (a) (<i>ERCs</i>) • (g) / (h) (<i>Targets / Integration</i>) • (d) (<i>CH₄</i>) • (b) (<i>TAs</i>), and/or (f) (<i>Flexibilities</i>)	Adoption of plan for negotiations; Allocation of tasks to subsidiary bodies as needed; Possibly decision on framework for negotiations on items discussed

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Meeting	Topics Covered (see para.s 15 & 16 for elucidation)	Recommendations and Decisions anticipated
WGSR 63 <i>May</i>	Items (a) (ERCs) and (b) (TAs) in connection with (f) (flexi / new approaches); Item (d) (CH ₄)	WGSR recommendations to EB on the topics covered
Heads of Delegation meeting <i>October</i>	Thematic meeting on certain pollutants: Items (c) (BC), (d) (CH ₄) and (e) (NH ₃) Discussions on item (a) (updating ERCs, ambition level)	Chairs' Report including conclusions to EB on the topics covered
EB 45 <i>December</i>	Start negotiations on revising Protocol text and annexes Decisions on how to deal with items (a) to (h)	

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Meeting	Topics Covered (see para.s 17 & 18 for elucidation)	Recommendations and Decisions anticipated
WGSR 64 <i>May</i>	Updates to items (b) and (f) (<i>TAs and Flexibilities</i>) Thematic meeting on: Items (g) and (h) (<i>Targets / Integration</i>), also in relation to item (a) (<i>ERCs</i>)	WGSR recommendations to EB on the topics covered
HoD meeting? <i>October?</i>	Updates to Technical Annexes including Annex II, and protocol text	Chairs' Report including conclusions to EB on the topics covered
EB 46 <i>December</i>	Second set of revisions to text and Annexes (subject to previous decisions)	

Informal meeting Leuven (Oct 2024) (Chairs' Summary - *Party experts!*)



- Change present structure of TAs
- Take into account new sources and technologies
- Mandatory emission limit values (ELVs) are seen to be static
- Varying views on the role of TAs versus GDs
- Non-parties need a pathway, TAs need a revision to address barriers
- Awareness raising and case examples on non-technical measures are needed (revise Article 6)
- Structure TAs by pollutant or by sector?

What EB44 concluded (Dec 2024)

- Took note information by breakout group on TAs and inf. doc “Preparatory work on the revision of the technical annexes to the present Gothenburg Protocol” (presented by the TFTEI Co-Chair);
- **Requested TFTEI, with the WGSR Bureau, to work on potential options to revise the technical annexes**, in particular taking into account the needs of non-Parties and using the proposal set out in the inf. doc to commence this work;
- **Requested the WGSR to further discuss the mandatory or non-mandatory nature, status and content of the technical annexes taking into account any work progressed by the TFTEI;**
- Invited Convention Parties, and in particular **non-Parties** to the present GP, to send nomination of **technical experts** with relevant knowledge **to support TFTEI** in this work;
- Encouraged the WGSR to further discuss the merits of the **Batumi Action for Cleaner Air** approach for non-Parties.

What WGSR63 concluded (May 2025)

- Took note of the progress of work of TFTEI in developing options to revise technical annexes taking into account the needs of non-Parties;
- Took note of **different views expressed** by delegations with respect to the **nature and content of technical annexes** in a future revised Protocol;
- Took note of **some delegations'** preference for moving to **a guidance approach** instead of setting technical annexes and that these should aim to facilitate current non-Parties to accede to the Protocol.

Thank you for your attention!
