



Latest developments under the Convention

TFTEI-11, Stockholm, 8 October 2025



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44th session of the Executive Body

Geneva, 9-12 December 2024

- Adoption of the plan for the revision of the Gothenburg Protocol, as amended in 2012
- Adoption of the revised mandate and operational rules for the Implementation Committee
- Adoption of the revised rules of procedure for sessions of the Executive Body
- Changes in the Guidelines for reporting emissions and projections data
- Established an ad hoc group on open data
- Decisions on financial matters and elections

Revision of the Gothenburg Protocol:

- Acknowledgement of strong support for the inclusion of methane;
- Overarching collective health and biodiversity goals should be aspirational and for the ECE region as a whole. Ambition level and timeline doesn't need to be the same as those for emission reduction commitments (ERCs);
- ERCs – the core basic obligation that should be updated. Facilitate setting ERCs for non-Parties seen as a priority

Revision of the Gothenburg Protocol:

- Parties requested TFTEI, with the Bureau of the Working Group on Strategies and Review, to work on potential options to revise the technical annexes, taking into account the needs of non-Parties and using the proposal set out in the document “Preparatory work on the revision of the technical annexes to the present Gothenburg Protocol” to commence that work
- Requested the Working Group on Strategies and Review to further discuss the mandatory or non-mandatory nature, status and content of the technical annexes, taking into account any work progressed by TFTEI
- Invited Parties to send nominations of technical experts with relevant knowledge to support TFTEI in that work

63rd session of the Working Group on Strategies and Review

Geneva, 26-28 May 2025

- Reports by Task Forces, including TFTEI
- Draft revised guidance document on control techniques for emissions from stationary sources prepared by TFTEI: the document is forwarded to the Executive Body, and delegations are invited to submit views to TFTEI
- Draft revised guidance document on national nitrogen budgets forwarded to EB for adoption
- Draft guidance document on non-technical measures amended during the session and forwarded to EB for adoption
- Policy and capacity-building and outreach/communication parts of the draft 2026-2027 workplan

Revision of the Gothenburg Protocol:

- Methane: Recommended expressing support for GMP; including methane in the Protocol; Encouraged delegations to provide views and proposals on how to include methane in the Protocol;
- TAs and flexibilities: took note of TFTEI's work. Different views with respect to nature and content of TAs;
- ERCs: info presented by CIAM on modelling, including scenarios that could be used for deriving ERCs; approaches taken by Parties. Requested CIAM to develop integrated assessment scenarios for 2050 to support the development of aspirational risk-based goals;
- Method for setting biodiversity goals should be discussed by WGE and the EMEP SB.

11th joint session of the EMEP Steering Body and the Working Group on Effects

Geneva, 15-18 September 2025

- Review of the current workplan implementation and the science part of the draft 2026-2027 workplan
- A policy note on ex-post analysis for policymakers would be prepared by the Bureau of WGE for the Executive Body;
- Improvement of emissions reporting and adjustments under the Gothenburg Protocol;
- Other issues: Proposed decision on open data, e-course on effects

Advancing discussions on the revision of the Gothenburg Protocol:

- Black carbon
- Methane
- Ammonia;
- Emission reduction commitments

Upcoming 45th session of the Executive Body

Geneva, 8-11 December 2025

- Review of the implementation of the 2024-2025 workplan and reports by subsidiary bodies. Consideration and expected adoption of guidance documents
- Revision of the Gothenburg Protocol
- Adoption of the 2026-2027 workplan for the implementation of the Convention
- Reporting on strategies and policies under the Convention and its protocols
- Decisions on procedural and financial matters

Capacity-building

2025

- National clean air dialogue in AM
- Air pollutant and GHG emission inventory workshops in UZ and KG

Ongoing:

- Air quality assessment studies and NAPs (AM, AZ, GE, MD, UA)
- BAT feasibility studies (GE: cement, metallurgy; AM: waste incineration)
- BAT incentives study for GE
- Country survey analysis on progress and needs in EECCA, WB and Türkiye
- Webinar on progress in beneficiary countries

2026 (funded activities)

- Subregional workshop on BATs for EECCA and WB countries
- Study tour on BATs (AM, AZ, GE, MD, UA)
- National workshop on BAT (GE)
- Study tour on BATs (GE)
- Elearning on BATs for GE
- Emission inventory workshops

Outreach and cooperation

2025

- Development and launch of self-paced e-learning course on monitoring air pollution effects under the Convention
- Adaptation and translation of e-learning course on the Convention in ES and FR
- Preparation and co-hosting of the session *Transboundary Cooperation for Our Shared Air – Leveraging the Health Voice* at WHO Second Global Conference on Air Pollution and Health

2026 (funded activities)

- Clean Air Dialogue at global level
- Launch of e-learning course on the Convention in FR and ES
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Thank you!

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