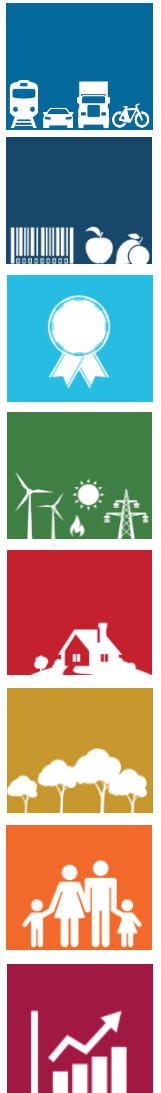




Report by the Chair of the Committee on Environmental Policy

Elisabete Quintas Da Silva
Chair

*109th meeting of the
Executive Committee
Geneva, 17 February 2020*





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25th session of the CEP

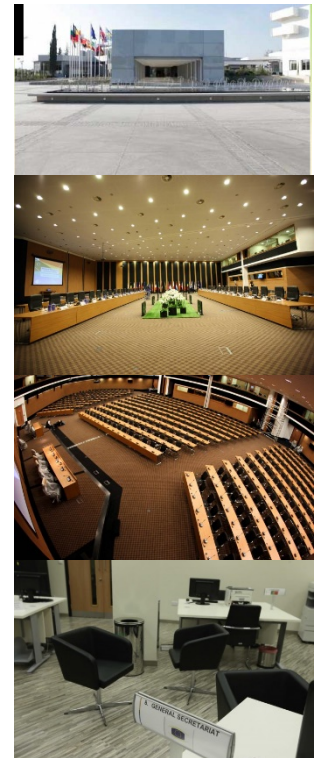
- Geneva, 13-15 November 2019
- Delegations from 41 UNECE member States
- Representatives from national, regional and international organizations and bodies
- Civil society

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Ninth Environment for Europe Ministerial Conference (Nicosia, Cyprus, 2021)





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Themes for the Conference:

- (i) Greening the economy in the pan-European region: Working towards sustainable infrastructure;
- (ii) Applying principles of circular economy to sustainable tourism.

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Environmental Performance Reviews

- Published and launched:
 - *3rd EPR of Kazakhstan*
 - *3rd EPR of North Macedonia*
- Reviewed:
 - *3rd EPR of Uzbekistan*
- Ongoing: *3rd EPRs of*
 - *Romania*
 - *Azerbaijan*
- Requests received for:
 - *2nd EPR of Morocco*
 - *2nd EPR of Armenia*
 - *3rd EPR of Ukraine*





Cross-cutting activities

Education for Sustainable Development:

- 14th meeting of the Steering Committee (Geneva, May 2019)
- Fourth mandatory reporting of national implementation of the UNECE Strategy for ESD
- Ad hoc group for Strategic Planning:
 - Second meeting (Nicosia, Cyprus, September 2019)
 - Third meeting (Nicosia, Cyprus, March 2020)
- Ad hoc group on Indicators:
 - First meeting (Utrecht, the Netherlands, October 2019)
 - Second meeting (Podgorica, Montenegro, December 2019)
 - Third meeting (Brussels, Belgium, February 2020)
 - Fourth meeting (tbc, June 2020)
- Ad hoc Group on youth:
 - First meeting (Vienna, Austria, February 2020)
- 15th meeting of the Steering Committee (Geneva, May 2020)

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Cross-cutting activities

Transport, Health and Environment:

- Relay race workshop dedicated to “smart urban mobility” (September 2019, Kazan, Russian Federation)
- The seventeenth meeting of the Steering Committee of THE PEP (21-23 October 2019, Geneva)
- 5th Ministerial High-Level Meeting on Transport, Health and Environment (26-27 November 2020, Vienna)





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UNECE multilateral environmental agreements

- MOPs in 2019:
 - Espoo Convention and the Protocol on SEA (February 2019, Geneva)
 - Protocol on Water and Health (November 2019, Belgrade)
 - Air Convention (December 2019, Geneva)
- MOPs in 2020:
 - Industrial Accidents Convention (Bonn, Germany, 1-3 December)
 - Espoo Convention and the Protocol on SEA (Vilnius, Lithuania, 8-11 December)
 - Air Convention (14-18 December 2020, Geneva)





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Technical cooperation activities:

- Subregional workshops co-funded by the Regular Programme for Technical Cooperation for Environment:
 - Land-use planning and industrial safety for Eastern Europe and the Caucasus” (Chisinau, May 2019)
 - “Improving mining/tailing safety in Kazakhstan, Tajikistan and beyond in Central Asia” (Almaty, November 2019)
 - “Monitoring the implementation of EPR recommendations on energy policies and strengthening national capacities on applying sustainable energy policies and practices in the selected UN programme countries” (postponed)
- Transboundary water cooperation projects:
 - in Drin basin (South-Eastern Europe)
 - in the Dniester basin (Republic of Moldova and Ukraine)
 - in the Bug-Neman basin (Belarus and Ukraine)



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