

Session: EECCA and Russia – on the way to clean air Сессия: ВЕКЦА и Россия – на пути к чистому воздуху

The key objective of the session was to identify main barriers towards ratification and ways to overcome them

Draft Key findings

The national initiatives and actions have intensified in many parts of the region during the last decade. There are several examples of national initiatives and ongoing efforts to: develop legislation and implement it, including ELV/BAT standards; improve emission inventories and air quality assessments.

The support from the international community has helped and is helping national capacity building, enhancing the possibility of ratification of the protocols of the Air Convention in future. Countries in the eastern region of the convention are moving at different speeds, and have different needs; further assistance, tailored to specific needs, would improve the possibility for countries to move forward.

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Draft Key recommendations

- ✓ Air pollution awareness needs to be increased. Real time air quality information and communication tools can deliver relevant and simple public health messages. (*national agencies*)
- ✓ Further efforts are needed to improve emission inventories, including background monitoring.
- ✓ BAT-based regulation should be further developed and promoted for all countries in the region.
- ✓ The international community continues to promote action on air pollution in the region through the agenda of international fora at the highest political level. (*international bodies & partner governments*)
- ✓ The international community continues and strengthens support capacity building and training activities. Guidance on specific requirements of the annexes, assistance in developing gridded emission data, as well as in decision support analysis (Cost-Benefit Analysis (CBA), Health Impact Assessments (HIA)) are needed. (*international bodies & non-EECCA governments*)
- ✓ Stakeholders and their rationales should be identified, and the results from air quality analysis should be communicated to them in a tailored way. (*national agencies, industry, institutes, academia, ngos*)
- ✓ The calls for revising the provisions limiting access to flexibility mechanisms in the latest protocols as well as possibilities for step-wise ratification need to be considered. (*Air Convention & national agencies*)