

Air pollution policies in Eastern Europe, Caucasus and Central Asia

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A CLRTAP Action Plan for EECCA including:

Raise political profile of CLRTAP activities

- High-level meeting on transboundary pollution (EB, EECCA countries)
- Synergies with climate change policies (EB, EECCA countries)
- Health effects (EB, EECCA countries)
- Particles (in particular PM2.5 and PM10) (EB, EECCA countries)
- Highlight high benefit-to-costs ratio (EB, EECCA countries)

Facilitate ratification of Protocols (EMEP, Heavy metals, POPs, Göteborg)

- Ratification with recommendatory technical annexes or flexible time schedules for compliance (WGSR, EB)
- EMEP Protocol an important first step for all countries (EECCA countries)
- Belarus is preparing ratification of 2nd Sulphur and VOC Protocols – technical support needed! (CLRTAP Secretariat and donors)
- Use linkages to ratification of the Stockholm Convention – for ratification of POPs Protocol (CLRTAP Secretariat and EECCA countries)
- Analyse the option of applying PEMA of the Gothenburg Protocol (EECCA countries)

Revision of Gothenburg Protocol

- Expansion of RAINS and GAINS models (EECCA countries should contribute information and nominate a contact person to IIASA, IIASA should try to provide travel funds and give feedback with the developed scenarios)
- Active participation in negotiations (EECCA countries)

Strengthening of the EMEP system

- Provision of emission data (EECCA countries)
- Practical, methodological support and capacity building in the establishment of new station(s) including assessment of resources needed to establish new monitoring stations) (pilot project implemented by 2-3 EECCA countries in collaboration with EMEP Steering Body and CCC and with donor support)
- Extend modeling domain (MSC-East and MSC-West)

More material in Russian and use of Russian language (EB, CLRTAP Secretariat and EECCA countries)

- Scope of translated material
- Quality of translation
- Availability on internet
- Possibility to use Russian in selected Task Forces etc under CLRTAP: Emission inventories, heavy metals, POPs, measurements and modeling, PM
- Annual EECCA Workshop on selected issues
- Advisory group on translation issues?

Joint activities/workshops on important technical issues (decision makers plus specialists) (EB, CLRTAP Secretariat, EECCA countries)

- Emission inventories (important experience from Ukraine and Belarus)
- PM 2.5 and PM10 detection as well as abatement
- Transport – emissions and effects (health, environment etc)
- Ecosystem monitoring
- Monitoring of companies
- Increased use of coal in Ukraine and Russia
- Waste incineration

MSC-East should play a special role in the implementation of a CLRTAP Action Plan for EECCA?