



# Environmental Performance Reviews (EPR) Programme

**United Nations Economic Commission for  
Europe**

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## United Nations Economic Commission for Europe

- One of five regional commissions of the United Nations  
Established in 1947  
56 members

### Areas of expertise:

- Cooperation and economic integration
- Environment
- Housing
- Population
- Sustainable Energy
- Statistics
- Timber and forests
- Trade
- Transport



## Environment Division

- MEAs
  - Air pollution
  - Environmental impact assessment
  - Water
  - Industrial accidents
  - Public participation
- “Environment for Europe”
  - Environmental Performance reviews
  - Monitoring and assessment
  - Education for sustainable development
- Transport, health and environment
- Environment and Security Initiative
- Green economy

## EPR Background

OECD(1991)

UNECE (1993)



## EPR Cycles

### First cycle

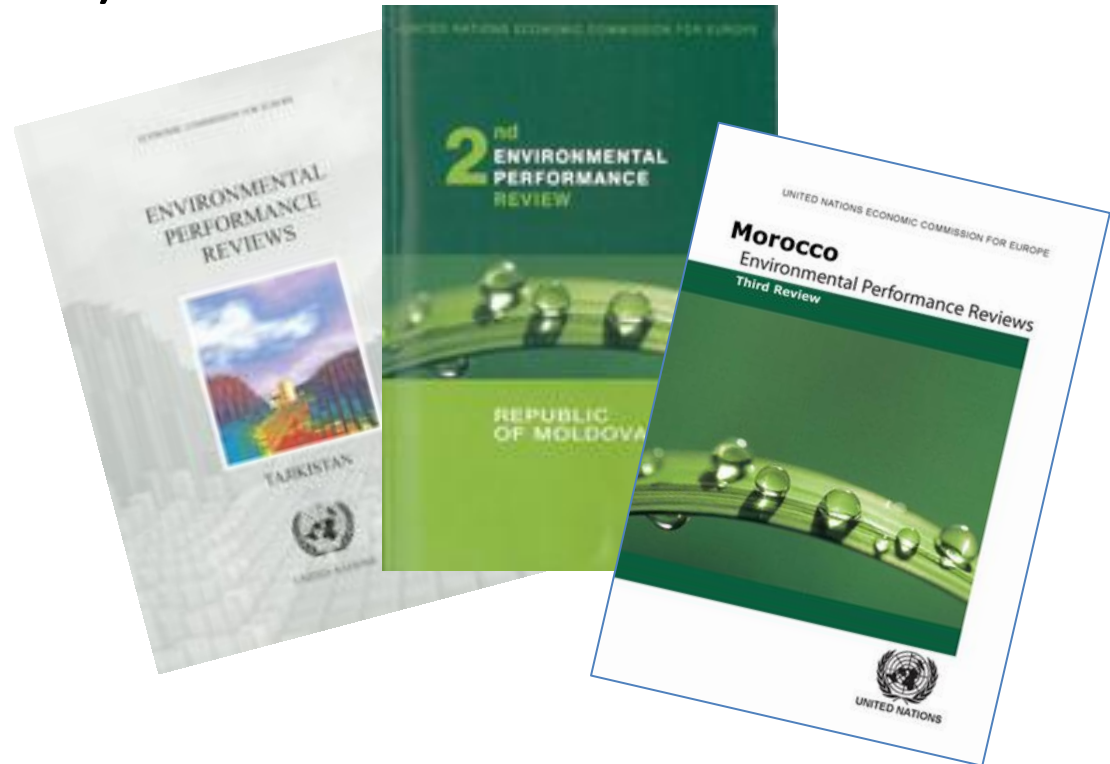
- 1994 – 2004 (2011)
- 20 countries

### Second cycle

- 2000-2013
- 18 countries

### Third cycle

- 2013



## EPR Objectives

- Help countries improve environmental governance and performance through concrete recommendations
- Promote the exchange of information between countries on policies and experiences
- Assist in the integration of environmental policies in other economic sectors
- Promote greater accountability of the countries examined vis-à-vis other countries and the public
- Strengthen cooperation with international community

## EPR Usefulness

- Plan of implementation of the recommendations adopted by a Parliament
- Recommendations adopted by a Government
- Promotion of the responsible authority for the environment ministry (Moldova, Tajikistan)
- Inter-ministerial committee established for the implementation of recommendations
- In general, EPR report used to raise awareness

## Beyond UNECE

- Committee on Environment Policy (2011)
- Morocco: First country non-UNECE Region
- Cooperation with UN Economic Commission for Africa



## **EPR Morocco: Structure (1/3)**

### **Part I: Environmental Policy and Management Framework**

- Decision making for environmental protection
- Regulatory instruments
- Monitoring, information and education
- Economic and financial instruments
- Implementation of international agreements and commitments

## **EPR Morocco: Structure (2/3)**

# **Part II: Management of Pollution and of Natural Resources**

- Air pollution
- Water management
- Waste Management
- Biodiversity and Protected Areas

## **EPR Morocco: Structure (3/3)**

### **Part III: Integration of environmental policies in health and other sectors**

- Health
- Industry
- Energy
- Agriculture

## EPR Morocco: Implementation Plan

Phases	Timeframe
Preparation	Feb. 2012 – Oct. 2012
Review mission	5-15 Nov. 2012
Drafting	
Expert review Peer review	Sept 2013 (Rabat) Oct. 2013 (Geneva)
Publication and dissemination of the final report	2014
Launching of publication	2014



## EPR Morocco: the Team



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