

Environmental Performance Reviews (EPR) Programme



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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
- Transport, health and environment
- Environment and Security Initiative
- Education for sustainable development
- 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

- Improving environmental governance and performance through concrete recommendations
- Exchange of information between countries on policies and experiences
- Integration of environmental policies in other economic sectors
- Greater accountability of the countries examined vis-à-vis other countries and the public
- Strengthen cooperation with international community

EPR Use

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

Beyond UNECE

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

Third cycle structure 1

- I. Introduction: Environmental conditions and pressures
- II. Environmental governance and financing
 - Legal and policymaking framework and its practical implementation
 - Compliance and enforcement mechanisms
 - Economic instruments, environmental expenditure and investments for greening the economy
 - Environmental monitoring, information and education
- III. Domestic-international interface
 - Implementation of international agreements and commitments
 - Climate change mitigation and adaptation
- IV. Interaction of environment with selected sectors/issues
 - Water management
 - Waste management

Third cycle structure 2 – 1/2

- I. Introduction: Environmental conditions and pressures
- II. Environmental governance and financing
 - Legal and policymaking framework and regulatory instruments
 - Economic instruments, environmental expenditure and investments for greening the economy
- III. Media and pollution management
 - Air protection
 - Water management, including protection of the Black Sea
 - Waste management
 - Biodiversity, forests and protected areas

Third cycle structure 2 - 2/2

IV. Interaction of environment with selected sectors/issues

- Energy and environment
- Industry and environment
- Agriculture and environment
- Transport and environment
- Forestry and environment
- Tourism and environment
- Health and environment
- Risk management of natural and technological/anthropogenic hazards

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