

TFEIP Newsletter September 2023

Upcoming EMEP Steering Body Meeting

The Ninth Joint Session of the EMEP Steering Body and Working Group on Effects is taking place in Geneva, 11th – 15th September. As well as providing the minutes from the TFEIP annual meeting, we submitted papers on a couple of issues:

- **Future of Reporting**

As agreed at the 2023 TFEIP Meeting, we submitted a technical paper, ‘A consideration of future emissions inventory reporting under the CLRTAP’ ahead of the EMEP Steering Body Meeting. This paper summarises the responses received through the TFEIP’s Future of Reporting questionnaire that was circulated earlier in the year, as well as subsequent discussions that were held during the TFEIP 2023 Meeting.

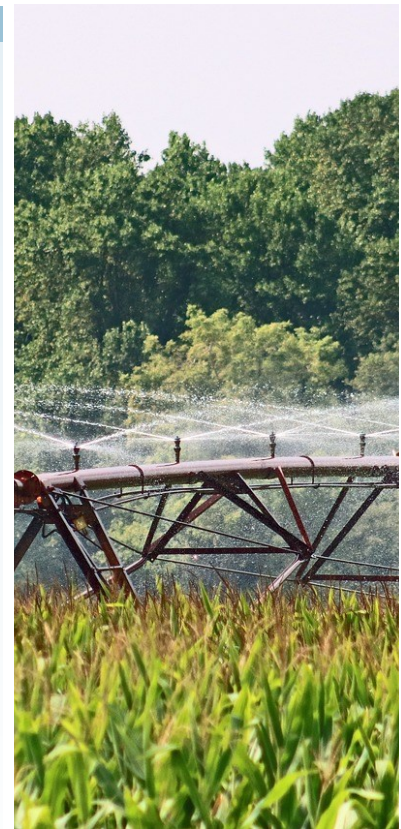
Whilst we were able to draw out some key messages from the questionnaire, on some topics respondents provided a variety of opinions and priorities, reflecting the wide range of roles and niche experts included in the emissions inventory community. Although results from the questionnaire indicate that there is interest in adding new pollutants to reporting requirements (e.g. elemental carbon or organic carbon), one of the key conclusions is that the emissions inventory community believes that improving the quality of the data that is already included in reporting requirements is of higher priority than adding further reporting commitments.

There will be extensive discussions within the Convention before any decisions are made about changing the emissions inventory reporting commitments, and we will keep you informed of progress.

- **Reporting the impact of emission inventory adjustments on emission projections**

As discussed at the 2023 TFEIP Meeting, the co-chairs consulted with key stakeholders before drafting a paper on the potential to include the impact of approved emission inventory adjustments when reporting emission projections. The rationale for this is that it allows the projections reporting to include data (for information purposes only) that delivers improved consistency with historical emissions inventories in the cases where emissions inventory adjustments have been approved.

The EMEP Steering Body are expected to consider the proposal and decide whether to make a recommendation to the Convention’s Executive Body on this topic.



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TFEIP Meeting 2024

We are looking for a host for the next TFEIP Meeting which is expected to take place in April/May 2024.

Please get in touch at tfeip@aether-uk.com if this is something that your organisation could help with.

Combustion and Industry

The Combustion and Industry expert panel co-chairs have prepared a document that explains changes that have been made to emission factors in the updated EMEP/EEA Guidebook chapters. This is now available on the Combustion and Industry expert panel webpage on the TFEIP website.

An updated workplan for the Combustion and Industry expert panel, which reflects comments received at the TFEIP meeting, is also now available on the 2023 TFEIP Meeting page.

Webinar on ammonia emissions and crop residues

The TFEIP agreed to recommend inclusion of a new methodology for calculating ammonia emissions from crop residues in the new version of the EMEP/EEA Guidebook. A number of inventory compilers expressed a desire to discuss the implementation of this methodology in more detail and suggested that we held a webinar on the topic. The webinar will be held on **5th December 2023**, from **15.00 to 16.00 CET**. Anyone interested in this topic can register for the webinar via this link:

<https://events.au.dk/webinaronammoniaemissionsfromcropresidues>

TFRN Revision of ammonia guidance document

The Task Force on Reactive Nitrogen, with the support of its Expert Panel on Mitigation of Agricultural Nitrogen (EPMAN), is now looking to prepare the next major revision of the UNECE Guidance Document on preventing and abating ammonia emissions from agricultural sources. Read more here:

<https://unece.org/environment/documents/2023/07/informal-documents/agenda-item-4-revision-ammonia-guidance-document>

If you are interested in contributing to this update please contact Alberto Sanz (a.sanz@upm.es)

New Task Force Co-Chair

At the 2023 TFEIP Meeting, Martin Adams announced that he would be stepping down from his role as Task Force Co-Chair. We would like to thank him for his many years of contribution to the Convention.

We are pleased to welcome Daniel Montalvo, who will be joining us as the new Task Force Co-Chair.

Personal profile: Daniel Montalvo

Environment matters were a feature of my childhood, as my father was a keen zoologist, loved mountains and taught biology and geology in a high school in Madrid... and at home! I added fascination for international cooperation, languages, and the European project... and 20 years have passed since I started working in the field of environment protection.

Over these years, I travelled across many exciting topics, from using Earth observation to monitor the EU's Common Agricultural Policy through to the transition to a Circular Economy. During the journey, passing through topics such as air pollution, industrial ecology, ozone-depleting substances, fluorinated gases, and environmental data collection and processing.

In the early days, I worked as an inspector at a Spanish regulator, climbing stacks to take samples, and then interpreting their results in connection with the then-called Integrated Pollution Prevention and Control Directive. Close to the citizen and addressing problems at microscale. That was followed by the European Commission, and for the last 10 years, the European Environment Agency. There, I lead a team working across several topics, including air pollution and industry.

In that capacity, my story crosses paths with yours, as I take over the role of co-Chair of the Task Force on Emission Inventories and Projections from my colleague Martin Adams. It brings me back to a topic I never left, but in a way, I did. I am very happy to see, already in the first few weeks, the strength and dedication of this community.

What we do makes a difference on the ground. I could see that both as an inspector and as a policy maker in Brussels. And we see it with progress in the fight against pollution. A lot still needs to be done, and I hope I can be an active contributor to that effort, together with all of you.

