



News from the Convention and EMEP

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Last meetings

- 1st joint EMEP SB/WGE joint meeting –September 2015
 - Review of the achievements of the 2014-2015 workplan
 - Adoption of the new 2016-2017 workplan with a new format
 - Presentation of the CLRTAP assessment report
- Executive body Meeting – December 2015
 - EMEP and WGE were asked to set priorities in their work plan
 - Mid-term review of the long term strategy
- EMEP/ AMAP workshop – February 2016
 - Review potential areas of cooperation between both programs
- EMEP/WGE Bureaux meeting – March 2016
 - Progress in the workplan
 - Review of the mandates (to be adopted by the EB in December 2016)
 - Discussion about a new format for the next joint EMEP/WGE meeting
 - CLRTAP assessment report approved to be presented to the EB
- Meeting on financial issues – April 2016
- Executive Body meeting – May 2016

2016-2017 Workplan

- Adopted during the last EMEP/WGE meeting (September 2015) and approved by the Executive body
- Need to set some clear priorities according to the budget :
 - A number of « core » actions (directly linked to the implementation of the Convention and annually repeated) has been removed from the WP to be described in revised mandates of the Task Force and the EMEP Centres. New mandates will be presented to the EB in December 2016
- Emissions tasks highlighted in the WP:
 - Achieving the tools in support of the Parties for the provision of gridded emissions
 - Black carbon emissions: methodological recommendations to consolidate the CLRTAP emission inventory
 - Condensable in PM emission inventories and link with modeling needs
 - Revision and simplification of the adjustment process for applications already approved
 - Revision of the stage 3 review process
- Priorities put on the **quality of emission data** delivered by the Parties, including heavy metals and POPs
 - The representative from countries where important inconsistencies have been detected in their reported emissions will be invited to present their analysis during the EMEP SB/WGE meeting in September 2016
 - Development of quality index for emission inventories?

Publication of the CLRTAP assessment report

- ▶ A full report and a summary for policy makers are now available. All the bodies of the Convention participated, but mainly driven by the EMEP and WGE results
- ▶ The report has been presented to the last EB meetings and approved. A ad-hoc expert group will work on the key policy messages that raise from this work
- ▶ Official presentation and press event : Brussels, Norway House, 31 may 2016
- ▶ It will be presented to the Eighth Environment for Europe Ministerial Conference – 8-10 June Batumi (Georgia)
- ▶ Publication in 2016 of the EMEP/TFMM trend report and the WGE trend effects report

Possible steps forward

1. Improve emission data for EECCA-countries
2. Harmonize monitoring of air pollution policy implementation and effects on health and ecosystems
3. Explore cost-effective northern hemispheric strategies
4. Explore synergies with energy, transport and public health at both local, national and regional scale
5. Explore synergies with agricultural policy, nature protection and public health
6. Explore synergies with sustainable development policies

Financial issues

▶ Starting point :

- the decision from The Netherlands to withdraw in 2018 the budget allocated to the CCE (hosted by RIVM)
- The level of ambition of the work plan which is not compatible with the available budget
- ▶ The EB requested EMEP SB and WGE to set some priorities in their activities and to think about indicators to better follow achievements
- ▶ On the 26th April a meeting was organized by the EB Chair with Parties' representatives (AT, CH, DE, DK, EC, FI, FR, IT, NL, SE, UK) to discuss the issue
 - There is a need for a review of the current products and services delivered by EMEP and WGE and how they are used by the Parties. Time is good, because we are in-between policy processes
 - Distinction between long term and short term strategies to define specific projects under the work plan. The mid-term review of the LTS should help.
 - Some Parties wonder about the need to maintain the same high level of scientific activities as a few years ago
 - Focus and priorities should be put on EECCA countries (especially emission inventories)
 - Develop cooperation with bodies or programs likely to provide funds (Copernicus, Arctic Council and AMAP, Stockholm Convention ...)
 - Look for a larger involvement of national experts on scientific and technical tasks in support to the Convention
 - Work on the promotion and dissemination of the EMEP/WGE labelled products



Outreach activities

- Developing cooperation with other Conventions and Programs
- First EMEP/AMAP meeting held in Potsdam (Germany), 16th February 2016
 - Presentation of both programs activities
 - Review of areas of mutual interest : monitoring in the Arctic region, Pops, Mercury ...
 - Black carbon emission inventory to be discussed with the ad-hoc expert group from the Arctic Council
- COPERNICUS EU program coordinated by ECMWF. First discussion started possible cooperation on
 - Emissions : the Copernicus atmosphere emission inventory exists and is widely used in Europe
 - Monitoring : Copernicus develops monitoring services based on Earth and in-situ observations combined with models
 - Scientific research, including the effect areas