

# Forum for International Cooperation on Air Pollution



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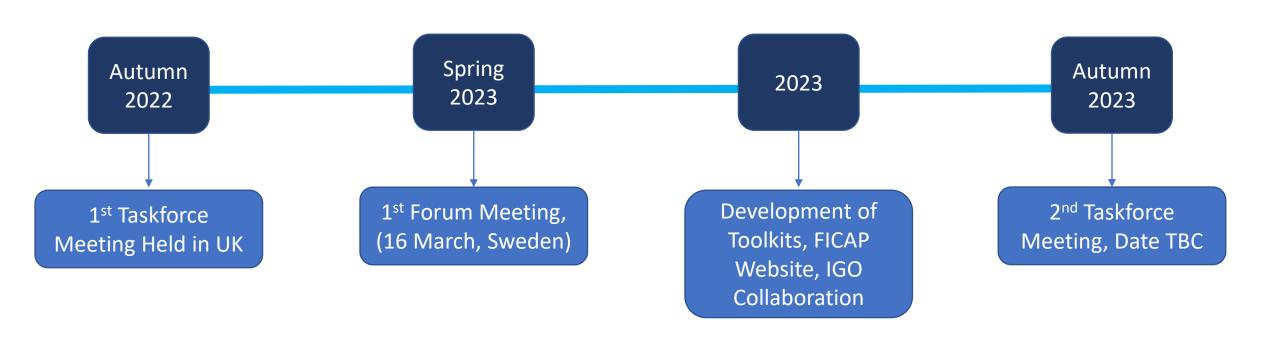


#### Background: Vision and Aims

- Vision: To promote international collaboration towards preventing and reducing air pollution to improve air quality globally
- Aim: To act as a forum for international exchange and mutual learning, to facilitate the sharing of science, technical and policy expertise internationally
- Mandate: The mandate to establish the new Task Force was approved by the CLRTAP Executive Body in December 2021 can be found on page 7 <u>here</u>

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## 2022 – 2023 Workplan





### The Taskforce (TFICAP)

- The Taskforce for International Cooperation
   on Air Pollution (TFICAP) is the steering group for
   the wider Forum
- The purpose of the Taskforce is:
  - To set the direction of the Forum
  - To support the Co-Chairs in its progression
  - To provide input into the topics for discussion and cooperation at the Forum.
  - To plan and support efforts to encourage a wide participation of Countries and interested experts in The Forum.
- Hybrid meeting held on 11-12 October 2022 in Bristol, UK
- Themes of capacity building and international cooperation discussed





## The Forum (FICAP)

- The Forum is open to participation from all regions, NGOs and IGOs
- The Forum aims to:
  - Share mutual learning and technical expertise
  - Foster collaboration to improve regional air quality.
- Forum meeting held on 16 March in Gothenburg, Sweden (linked to Saltsjöbaden VII)
- 2 Interactive panel sessions:
  - Pathways to air pollution action in a regional context
  - 'No regret' actions for improving air quality, considering both climate change and economic development
- Report to be published soon





#### Forum Conclusions & Next Steps

#### **Conclusions:**

- The Forum meeting showed that there is high ambition from a multitude of actors, communities, organisations, and governments to take action on air pollution – Many organisations and multilateral bodies are looking to support this in different ways.
- The Forum sits under the Air Convention, the Forum is well placed to support and contribute to ongoing efforts. Especially helping to utilise the knowledge, experience, and technical abilities of the Conventions long existence out to the wider global community. Many regions will benefit from wider cooperation and sharing of experience and technical knowledge from the organisations under the Convention.

#### **Next steps:**

- Organise link ups between regions and countries interested in using the Air Convention's experience to help set up local arrangements (regional, national, sub-national).
- Engage with other regional organisations and IOs to understand the needs and interests of regions and what further
  collaboration and cooperation could be achieved.
- Continue to develop the Forum's web presence and understand what information and data would be useful to collate
  and communicate to a wide set of countries.

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