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# Outreach activities by the UK and the importance of effective air quality management

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# The Convention on Long Range Transboundary Air Pollution (CLRTAP)

- A UNECE Convention
- Established in 1979 and was formed initially to combat the impact of UK air pollution on lakes in Scandinavia
- CLRTAP provides an established platform to share expertise and encourage action to prevent and mitigate the negative impacts of air pollution, including through setting internationally binding emission reduction commitments.
- The Convention has been extended by eight protocols that identify specific measures to be taken by Parties to cut their emissions of air pollutants.



EECA  
COORDINATING GROUP

# EXECUTIVE BODY

IMPLEMENTATION  
COMMITTEE

## WORKING GROUP ON EFFECTS

ICP FORESTS  
TASK FORCE

ICP INTEGRATED  
MONITORING  
TASK FORCE

ICP MODELLING AND  
MAPPING  
TASK FORCE

ICP MATERIALS  
TASK FORCE

ICP VEGETATION  
TASK FORCE

ICP WATERS  
TASK FORCE

TASK FORCE  
ON HEALTH

COORDINATING  
PROGRAMME  
CENTRE

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COORDINATION  
CENTRE FOR  
EFFECTS

CENTRE FOR  
DYNAMIC  
MODELLING

MAIN RESEARCH  
CENTRE

PROGRAMME  
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## EMEP STEERING BODY

TASK FORCE ON  
EMISSION INVENTORIES AND  
PROJECTIONS

CENTRE ON EMISSION  
INVENTORIES AND  
PROJECTIONS (CEIP)

TASK FORCE ON  
MEASUREMENTS AND  
MODELLING

CHEMICAL COORDINATING  
CENTRE (CCC)

METEOROLOGICAL  
SYNTHESIZING CENTRE-WEST  
(MSC-W)

METEOROLOGICAL  
SYNTHESIZING  
CENTRE-EAST (MSC-E)

TASK FORCE ON  
INTEGRATED ASSESSMENT  
MODELLING

CENTRE FOR INTEGRATED  
ASSESSMENT MODELLING  
(CIAM)

TASK FORCE ON  
HEMISPHERIC TRANSPORT OF  
AIR POLLUTION

## WORKING GROUP ON STRATEGIES AND REVIEW

TASK FORCE ON REACTIVE  
NITROGEN

TASK FORCE ON TECHNO-  
ECONOMIC ISSUES

SUBSIDIARY BODIES

TASK FORCES

PROGRAMME/EMEP  
CENTRES

# Forum for International Cooperation on Air Pollution

- As part of the 38th session of the Executive Body in 2018, a global event on clean air was held where representatives of countries , organizations and networks from different regions participated.
- Following this event, the Executive Body agreed to establish a forum for collaboration on reducing air pollution.
- The purpose is to provide a forum for international exchange of information and mutual learning on both the scientific/technical and policy levels, to help address the threat to human health and ecosystems from air pollution.
- It is intended to be a repository for technical information and a convenor of countries and organizations with the goal of increased international cooperation on addressing air pollution.



# ICP Vegetation

- It is an international research programme investigating the impacts of air pollutants on crops and (semi-)natural vegetation.
- Scientists are involved in the ICP Vegetation Asia Network which monitors concentrations of ozone and its impact on food production via a pan-country biomonitoring system. This involves scientists from India, Cambodia, Indonesia, China, Pakistan, Philippians and Malaysia.
- The programme is led by the UK



# Any questions?

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