

ENVIRONMENTAL TASK FORCE

WORK PROGRAMME

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ACTIVITIES RELATED TO THE TASK FORCE MANDATE:

NO.	TASK	DEADLINE	ACTIVITIES (DETAILS)	DELIVERABLE	TASK LEADER	REMARKS
I. Large Combustion Plants						
1.	10 th Task Force meeting	October 2015 (1 day)	Discussion of outstanding questions related to NERPs Endorsement of Commission decision for Ministerial Council (if not endorsed in June)	Contributions to NERP preparation	ECS/Contracting Parties	
2.	Ministerial Council	16 October 2015	Adoption of Decision on IED implementation date for existing plants	Decision	Ministerial Council	ECS assistance
3.	Adoption and submission of national emission reduction plans	31 December 2015	Contracting Parties willing to use the NERP option are to develop a plan	National emission reduction plan	Contracting Parties	

	(NERPs)		according to Policy Guidelines PG 03/2014 and submit it to the ECS by end 2015.			
4.	Opt-out declarations	31 December 2015	Operators that would like to use the limited lifetime derogation (opt-out) option for their combustion plants shall make a written declaration by end 2015 that the plant will not be operated for more than 20,000 operational hours between 1 January 2018 and 31 December 2023.	Written declaration	Operators concerned	Written declaration is to be submitted to the competent national authorities. Contracting Parties shall notify the Secretariat about the total amount of plants to be opted-out on their territory.
5.	Establishment of opt-out list	29 February 2016	Preparation of an EnC-wide list including all plants in the case of which opt-out was requested.	Opt-out list	ECS	
6.	Establishment of opt-out list	April 2016	Preparation of a proposal for a decision on the opt-out list.	Proposal for Ministerial Council decision on opt-out list	COM	

7.	11 th Environmental Task Force	April 2016	Assessment and peer review of NERPs Discussion on opt-out list	Input to the assessment report on NERPs/opt-out list	ECS/Contracting Parties	
8.	PHLG	June 2016	Discussion and possible endorsement of opt-out list.	Draft decision	COM/Contracting Parties/ECS	
9.	Assessment of NERPs	September 2016	Issuing recommendations in case compliance with Decision D/2013/05/MC-EnC and Policy Guidelines PG 03/2014 is not ensured.	Assessment report on NERPs	ECS	
10.	Ministerial Council	October 2016	Adoption of decision on opt-out list Possible endorsement of NERPs	Decision (opt-out) Conclusion (NERPs)	COM/Contracting Parties/ECS	
11.	Assistance with the transposition of the requirements of the LCPD/IED into national law	31 December 2017	Comments on relevant draft laws/secondary legislation	National legislative measures	ECS	

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II.						
III. Future of the Energy Community						
1.	Updates to existing pieces of EU environmental law covered by the Energy Community Treaty	30 October 2015	EU legislation on environmental impact assessment and sulphur in fuels has significantly advance since the adoption of the Energy Community Treaty. The Treaty still covers these directives in their 2006 forms and therefore their update would be an immediate necessity.	Proposals for Ministerial Council decisions	COM	With ECS assistance Possible adoption by written procedure
2.	10 th Task Force meeting	October 2015 (1 day)	Information on status / Discussion of proposals	Endorsement	Contracting Parties/ECS	
3.	PHLG	15 October 2015	Discussion on the status of proposals	Conclusion	COM/Contracting Parties/ECS	
4.	Inclusion of HLRG proposals requiring low implementation efforts	31 December 2015	According to the Secretariat's estimate, the inclusion of the Strategic Environmental Assessment Directive (SEA) and	Proposals for Ministerial Council decisions	COM	Possible adoption by written procedure

			the Environmental Liability Directive (ELD) would require low implementation efforts from the Contracting Parties.			
5.	PHLG	March 2016	Discussion of proposals on SEA and ELD	Endorsement	COM/Contracting Parties/ECS	Possible adoption by written procedure
6.	Impact assessments of the proposals requiring moderate implementation efforts	31 March 2016	According to the Secretariat's estimate, implementing Chapters II and IV of the Industrial Emissions Directive and the Fuel Quality Directive would require moderate implementation efforts from the Contracting Parties. Therefore, the potential impacts of these directives shall be looked at closely before taking a decision on their potential inclusion.	Detailed analysis of the potential impacts of Chapters II and IV of the Industrial Emissions Directive and the Fuel Quality Directive	ECS	
7.	11 th Task Force meeting	March/April 2016	Endorsement of proposals for	Recommendation for COM	ECS	

			SEA/ELD Discussion on the results of the impact assessment	proposals		
8.	PHLG	June 2016	Discussion on the status of proposals	Endorsement	COM/Contracting Parties/ECS	
9.	Impact assessments of the proposals requiring high implementation efforts	31 December 2016	According to the Secretariat's estimate, implementing the Air Quality Directive and the Emissions Trading Directive would require high implementation efforts from the Contracting Parties. Therefore, the potential impacts of these directives shall be looked at closely before taking a decision on their potential inclusion.	Detailed analysis of the potential impacts of the Air Quality Directive and the Emissions Trading Directive	ECS	
10.	Inclusion of measures not included in the HLRG proposals	Continuous	The Task Force shall remain open to suggestions from all stakeholders regarding the inclusion of pieces of the EU environmental <i>acquis</i>			

			not covered by the proposals of the HLRG. In this, the suggestions submitted in the framework of the public consultation in January-March 2015 shall also serve as a reference.			
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