



Air quality management under the LRTAP Convention in Belarus, Kazakhstan and the Russian Federation

EECCA PROJECT



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Background

Belarus, Kazakhstan and the Russian Federation stretch over vast territories of Eastern Europe, Caucasus and Central Asia (EECCA) region, and significantly contribute to the atmospheric pollution there.

Being Parties to the UNECE Convention on Long-Range Transboundary Air Pollution (LRTAP) the countries have reinforced their participation in the activities under its framework in order to achieve better understanding of air quality management issues. The countries have committed themselves to prepare scientific, regulatory and technical background necessary for prospective accession to the three latest Protocols of the LRTAP Convention: the Protocol on Heavy Metals, the Protocol on Persistent Organic Pollutants (POPs) and the Protocol to abate acidification, eutrophication and ground-level ozone (Gothenburg Protocol).

Project

Objective of the project is to provide the partner countries with appropriate policy, methodology and technical assistance within the frame of the more comprehensive 3-year EECCA Project which aims at facilitating implementation of the LRTAP Convention and ratification of its three latest protocols.

Implementation of the current project will yield in updated and streamlined air quality management frameworks including national regulatory procedures and policies aimed at improved air quality management and pollution abatement. These frameworks will include national strategies for air quality management within the LRTAP framework as well as first drafts of the rationale documentation for implementation of the three latest LRTAP Convention protocols and a related review of common challenges, cost and benefit issues. The project will be carried out by an established network of national and international experts through internal and open consultations, including seminars and workshops.

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