

Current status of PRTR in the Republic of Moldova



- **Moldova was the first country to ratify the Aarhus Convention by the Parliament Decision 346-XIV of 07.04.1999. Being a Party to the Convention, according to the articles 5 and 10, the Republic of Moldova shall ensure the establishment of pollutant release and transfer registers.**
- **Moldova ratified the PRTR Protocol to the Aarhus Convention (Kiev, 21 May 2003) by the Law no. 99 of 04/26/13, promulgated by Presidential Decree no. 658 of 04.06.2013.**
- **The National action plan for implementation of the Aarhus Convention (2011-2015), approved by Government Decision no. 471 of 28.06.2011 contain special Chapter on PRTR (currently under revision and updating process).**

Implemented and Ongoing activities:

- **National Workshops on PRTR development (December 2012, October 2013);**
- **OSCE Aarhus project – support for the Study on PRTR implementation (2013-2014) – electronic reporting;**
- **Feasibility study developed, accompanied with an action plan for 2013-2015;**
- **Workshop on Electronic PRTR Systems: Using Open Source for providing Open Data, Berlin, 29-30 October 2013;**
- **Two new regional and global projects (started in 2015):**

Background: Progress made so far



Global Project on the Implementation of PRTRs as a tool for POPs reporting, dissemination and awareness raising for Belarus, Cambodia, Ecuador, Kazakhstan, Moldova and Peru
(expected start Dec 2015 – 48 months duration)

Objective: To improve access and accuracy of environmental data on POPs and other priority chemicals in 6 countries, to enhance the awareness and public participation on environmental matters, through implementation of fully operational national PRTRs





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Support Establishment and Advancement of Pollutant Release and Transfer Registers (PRTRs) in Western Balkan Countries and in Moldova:

- To strengthen the transparency of decision-making on PRTRs, by raising public awareness and knowledge about PRTRs
- To build the capacities of authorities responsible for regular reporting and operators in order to prepare them for reporting and for using online reporting in practice

- **Legal framework development for PRTR in Moldova;**
- **Institutional framework strengthening for PRTR system;**
- **Establishment of PRTR Operational conditions;**
- **Identification of Capacity Building needs and addressing;**
- **Recommendations to authorities to be developed;**
- **Operational conditions to be established;**

- **Establishment of PRTR Inter-ministerial Coordinating Group**
- **Reviewing Annexes (activities and substance lists and thresholds)**
- **Prepare list of reporting facilities (all sectors)**
- **Design database - discussion with E-governance Centre**
- **Reporting software design (reporting form)**
- **Web Portal development (public accessibility)**
- **Communicate with operators about reporting**
- **Public participation in PRTR development**
- **Capacity building**
- **Resource allocations, fundraising.**

In addition to the 86 substances of the PRTR Protocol, the 5 substances could be added to the National PRTR System, which could provide the opportunity to:

- **Voluntary Report to E-PRTR/EEA;**

In addition (use of PRTR System):

- **Reports to Conventions (CLRTAP, Stockholm etc)**
- **National State of Environment Report (each 4 years);**
- **National Aarhus Information Centres Websites.**

- *Strengthening the regulatory and institutional framework to ensure a establishment and maintenance of the National Pollutant Release and Transfer Registers;*
- *Conducting awareness raising campaigns aimed at the various target groups (government, industry, civil society, etc.) on PRTRs*
- *Access to international and EU best practices and methodological support*
- *Mobilization of external and internal financial resources*
- *Increase public participation and information*
- *Rise the level or responsibility and of environmental management of the enterprises*
- *As overall final result: cleaner environment and healthier people.*