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# **PROJECT INFORMATION**

# E-learning starter course to promote the **UNECE Air Convention**



E-learning course on the Air Convention Source: UNECE

### Background

Air pollution impacts our health, environment and economy. Pollutants come from multiple sources and are transported over large distances and across borders. It is therefore paramount that we act together - across sectors and national boundaries. To improve air quality, UNECE member states have been working successfully since 1979 to reduce air pollution in the region through the Convention on Long-range Transboundary Air Pollution. This cooperation has led to emission reductions, cleaner air, healthier forests and prevented premature deaths. However, more needs to be done to achieve cleaner air within the UNECE region and beyond.

### **Project details**

To assist countries in effectively addressing air pollution and improving air quality management, UNECE developed two e-learning courses, which aim to raise awareness about air pollution and its effects, ways to prevent and reduce harmful emissions, emission inventory reporting, and the Air Convention and its protocols as an international framework for cooperation on cleaner air. The courses are self-paced and can be accessed on the UNCC:elearn platform. The e-learning course on the UNECE Convention on Long-range Transboundary Air Pollution (Air Convention) and its protocols features four modules in English and Russian; while the course on emission inventory development features three modules in English and Russian. It takes about 3h and 1.5h, respectively, to complete each of the courses. At the end of each of them, learners can take a test to gain a certificate of completion.

To date, over 7000 learners from over 170 countries enrolled in the courses, with over 1500 certificates already issued. The popularity of the courses confirms their usefulness in raising awareness about the Convention as an international framework for cooperation on cleaner air.

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Project region: Eastern Europe, the Caucasus, Central Asia, Western Balkan countries, world wide Duration: 06/2021 - 08/2023 **Beneficiaries:** Parties to the UNECE Air-Convention in Eastern Europe, the Caucasus, Central Asia and in the Western Balkans Implementing organisation: United Nations Economic Commission for Europe (UNECE) Project number: 156358

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