



PROJECT INFORMATION

Air quality management in Armenia and Georgia: UNECE Air Convention & Gothenburg Protocol

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Farm site visit in Georgia

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 countries act together. UNECE Parties have been working successfully since 1979 to improve air quality and reduce emissions through the Convention on Long-range Transboundary Air Pollution (LRTAP). However, countries in the UNECE region are moving at different speeds and have different needs in air quality assessment and management.

Project details

To assist Armenia and Georgia in effectively addressing air pollution, UNECE supported project partners with activities to raise awareness on LRTAP and its protocols.

In Armenia, a National Clean Air Dialogue assisted in showcasing Armenia's progress in implementing the national action plan for ratification and implementation of the Gothenburg Protocol, discussing the alignment of the national legislation with protocol provisions, and exploring synergies between e.g. air quality, climate, and energy. Further progress however, is needed.

In Georgia, a workshop on Good Agricultural Practice and a farm site visit addressed ammonia emissions from agriculture. It assisted the country in promoting its national voluntary code of good agricultural practice among local farmers. Recommendations from the workshop emphasize immediate, low-cost measures to reduce emissions, while suggesting that improvements requiring significant investments can be considered at a later stage.

Project countries: Armenia, Georgia

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Beneficiaries: Ministries of Environment, Agriculture and other Ministries in the target countries

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