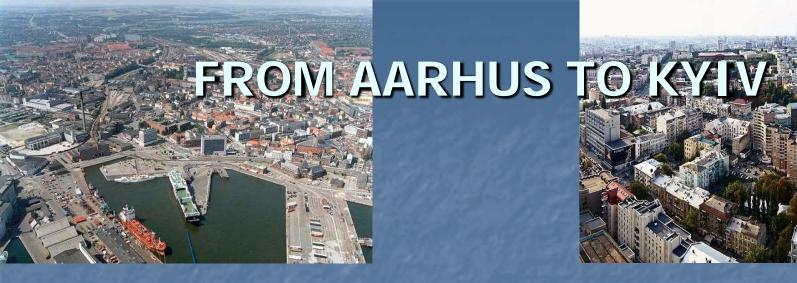




# PRTR Protocol – Your Right to a Healthy Community

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- Computerized and publicly accessible nationwide system of pollution inventories or registers (Aarhus art. 5.9)
- Adopted in Kyiv in 2003
- In force since 8 Oct 2009
- Open globally
- 32 Parties; 38 Signatories





#### PRTR PROTOCOL PARTIES

Albania
Austria
Belgium
Bulgaria
Croatia
Cyprus
Czech Republic
Denmark
Estonia
Finland
European Union

France
Germany
Hungary
Ireland
Israel
Latvia
Lithuania
Luxembourg
Netherlands
Norway
Poland
Portugal

Romania
Serbia
Slovakia
Slovenia
Spain
Sweden
Switzerland
The former Yugoslav
Republic of
Macedonia
United Kingdom



### THE PROTOCOL PHILOSOPHY

- Establish publicly E-accessible national PRTR
- Cover pollutant releases and transfers from facilities
- 86 pollutants search for point sources
- Include releases from diffuse sources
- Mandatory reporting





#### WHY PRTR?

- See progress in reducing emissions
- Monitor international commitments
- Reduce costs
- Benchmark environmental performance
- Measure success of "green economy"
- Driver for eco-innovation
- Address climate change and heavy metals and eco-toxic chemicals
- Learn about pollution in communities
- Tool for education and research



## MAKING IT WORK

- Meeting of the Parties and its Working Group
- Compliance and Reporting mechanisms
- Capacity building activities
- Advisory support to countries
- Aarhus centers, IGOs, RECs and NGOs





The PRTR Protocol protects the environment for many decades to come...

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