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# PRTR Protocol – Your Right to a Healthy Community

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# FROM AARHUS TO KYIV



- 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

STATUS OF RATIFICATION: 32 PARTIES

# 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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