

**The 7th meeting of the Working Group of the Parties to the Protocol on Pollutant Release and Transfer Registers (PRTRs)**  
28 - 29 November, Geneva



The Working Group was established by the Meeting of the Parties to the Protocol on PRTRs to the Convention on Access to Information, Public Participation in Decision-making and Access to Justice in Environmental Matters (Aarhus Convention).

The EEB, together with the European ECO Forum and other NGOs will participate in the meeting to advocate for a swift review of the Protocol.

A review is very much needed so that the Protocol and the regional or national PRTRs become fit for the purpose of providing public access to information, promoting compliance with legal requirements, uptake of the best available techniques and driving the environmental performance of industry.



The process has been regrettably [delayed by the EU since the last meeting of the Working Group](#) and it is being delayed once again. On the grounds of lack of negotiating mandate, when there was no action from the Commission to gain this mandate in the first place.

The most recent EU proposal calls the Parties to have yet another information exchange on potential Protocol improvements – it falls well short from making any meaningful commitments. Please see the draft EU proposal [here](#) including the EEB comments, aiming to give a strong signal ahead of the next Meeting of the Parties in 2021.

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