UNECE Review mechanisms (all voluntary)

• Environmental Performance Reviews
  – Committee on Environment Policy

• Country Profiles on Housing and Land Management
  – Committee on Housing and Land Management

• Innovation Performance Reviews
  – Committee on Economic Cooperation and Integration

• Studies on Procedural and Regulatory Barriers to Trade
  – Steering Committee on Trade Capacity and Standards
EPR Process

Stage 1 Preparation
- Main activities: preparatory mission, selection of topics for the report, nomination of the national coordinator and focal points, establishment of the EPR review team, collection of information and data
- Main actors: EPR Programme Secretariat and country's officials

Stage 2 Review Mission
- Main activities: expert team travels to the country and meets with government officials, representatives of business, international organizations, NGOs, independent experts and local governments; preparation of the draft report
- Main actors: EPR review team, country's officials, EPR Programme Secretariat

Stage 3 Expert Review
- Main activities: review of the draft report by the Expert Group on EPRs, participation of country's environmental authorities in the discussion
- Main actors: Expert Group on EPRs, country's delegation, EPR Programme Secretariat

Stage 4 Peer Review
- Main activities: peer review of the EPR report by the Committee on Environmental Policy
- Main actors: Committee, country's high-level environmental authorities, EPR Programme Secretariat

Stage 5 Publication
- Main activities: translation of the report to the national language, if needed; printing and posting the report on the UNECE website; distribution of printed copies
- Main actors: EPR Programme Secretariat

Stage 6 Launch
- Main activities: launch of the EPR report in the reviewed country, dissemination of the report
- Main actors: EPR Programme Secretariat, country's officials
## Differences between UNECE review mechanisms

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Notes:

a) Country Profiles on Housing and Land Management
b) Environmental Performance Reviews
c) Innovation Performance Reviews
d) Studies on procedural and regulatory barriers to trade
EPRs and SDGs

8th “Environment for Europe” Ministerial Conference (Batumi, 2016) recognised “the role it [EPRs] can play in supporting the achievement and monitoring of SDGs in the pan-European region”

• Peer review and peer learning
• An already existing and recognized tool
• Good experience with contributing to the review of MDGs
• Some SDG issues already partially addressed by EPRs
• Major challenge: integrated approach and broad scope of SDGs
• Contribution to national review processes and Voluntary National Reviews at HLPF and input to the Regional Forum on Sustainable Development
Options to integrate SDGs in EPRs

1. To integrate EPR-relevant SDGs into the contents of the chapters of the EPR reports.

2. To introduce a comprehensive chapter on the assessment of the progress that a country has made towards achieving EPR-relevant SDGs. Such a chapter could provide a detailed coverage of all EPR-relevant SDGs.

3. To integrate EPR-relevant SDGs into the contents of the chapters of the EPR report and cover in an additional chapter those SDGs that were not addressed by other chapters and as requested by the country under review.
Thank you for your attention