



TFEIP2024 Meeting Paper

Including Adjustments (for information) in the reporting of Emission Projections

*Drafted by the TFEIP Co-chairs, for discussion at TFEIP2024
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1 Introduction and Context

At the TFEIP's annual meeting in 2023, it was agreed that it would be sensible to amend reporting guidelines to allow adjustments to be reported with projections. However given that:

- Adjustments are only granted for historical years that are associated with emission reduction commitment);
- Adjustments are classified as either applications or previously approved adjustments;
- Adjustments are only one of several flexibilities, and
- Noting that projections are not used for compliance purposes,

the agreement at the meeting is more accurately described as: including the estimated future impacts of previously approved flexibilities in projections submissions/reporting, for information purposes.

One of the primary reasons for proposing this change was that it would allow Parties to provide more accurately represent estimates of projected national totals for compliance in their projections' submissions. Furthermore, it improves the consistency between historical and projected national totals.

The TFEIP noted that the current projections reporting template is already in a format that would allow this change in reporting to be easily accommodated. Furthermore, the template already states that Parties may, optionally, report the estimated future impact of approved flexibilities (see below).

This proposal was presented at the 2023 Joint WGE/EMEP Steering Body meeting, where it was agreed that it would be forwarded to the Convention's Executive Body.

At the 2023 Executive Body meeting, the proposal was discussed, and the Executive Body requested that EMEP provides details on which guidance documents, EB Decisions, and/or templates would need to be amended.

Following the Executive Body meeting, then Convention's Secretariat has clarified the next steps that are needed. First, the TFEIP prepare a short note on what revisions are required in which document, then the Secretariat will assess the note to see whether there is a need for an Executive Body Decision, or whether this can be decided by the EMEP Steering Body with subsequent brief to the EB.

2 Proposal

We present here the revisions that would be needed, so that these can be discussed at TFEIP2024, and a proposal forwarded to the Secretariat.

Guidelines for Reporting Emissions and Projections Data under the Convention on Long-range Transboundary Air Pollution (ECE/EB.AIR/GE.1/2022/20)

The text is blue (below) is proposed as an addition to the Guidelines document:

27. ... Calculated projections should be consistent with the data in the last year of the time series in the inventory submission made in the same year, or one year previously. Emission projections are not used for compliance purposes, however, the estimated future impacts of previously approved flexibilities may be included in the projections submission for information purposes, as indicated in the Annex IV projections reporting template. Methodologies and assumptions for projections should be transparent...

Annex IV Projections reporting template

No revisions are required to this reporting template. Furthermore, the TFEIP observe that one of the footnotes in the current version of the template indicate that including the future impact of flexibilities is already allowed:

Note (c): Including the estimated future impact of approved flexibilities is optional. Report adjustments as a negative value.