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- The Environment for Europe process (EfE) has established a regular pan-European environmental assessment, underpinned by SEIS.

- The EfE has also invited countries to establish SEIS in Europe and Central Asia by 2021.

- WGEMA has been mandated to review the establishment of SEIS in the pan-European region.

- WGEMA requested UN Environment to develop a web-based SEIS reporting application to support the ECE assessment framework for SEIS establishment.

Working Group on Environmental Monitoring and Assessment (WGEMA)

- New mandate for the ECE Working Group on Environmental Monitoring and Assessment, 2017-2021.

- Lessons learnt from the first SEIS progress report.

- Process leading up to the next Environment for Europe (EfE) Ministerial conference:
  - Mid-term assessment in 2018,
  - Final assessment in 2021.

- Annual meetings of the WGEMA, held back-to-back with the Joint Task Force on Environmental Indicators and Statistics.

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Opportunities

- UNDA project, to be launched in 2018, will focus on improving capacities to report on progress towards the 2030 Agenda.
  - 2 regional conferences in 2018 and 2019.
  - 14 national workshop throughout 2018/2019.
- New modalities for improving collaboration and communication around topics of common interest.
- Integrating SDG reporting and indicator production through the use of the ECE environmental indicators.

SEIS Assessment Framework: data quality, comparability and self-assessment

SEIS review process leading up to 2018:

- Amended review criteria to assess national SEIS performance.

- Review the SEIS reporting mechanism and guidelines.

- Streamlining data quality considerations, the value of data comparability and how data comparability can be improved.

- SEIS-related performance reports.

SEIS Reporting Tool

- Web based tool allowing countries to self-report – using the SEIS assessment framework.

- Allows sub-regional and regional aggregation to support UNECE monitoring of progress in establishing SEIS

- Focused on UNECE indicators and SDG indicators (env.)

- Allows sharing of indicators data (using API's, csv & excel) as well as reports and templates

- Visualization of the country data.

Regular process: Challenges & Opportunities

- The next pan-European assessment 2021

What?

- What would be the focus – SDGs, Paris, Sendai?
- Are the challenges the same across the region?
- The indicator story (based on SEIS establishment)

How?

- How to combine / share expertise between WGEMA and EIONET?
- How to build on SoER 2020?

Thank you!

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