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## MULTILATERAL ENVIRONMENTAL AGREEMENTS TO WHICH THE EC IS A CONTRACTING PARTY OR A SIGNATORY

Title/Date	Objective	Date of Signature EC	Date of Council Decision on Conclusion	Date of entry in force EC	Link to document	Countries who ratified
<p><b>Convention</b> on Persistent Organic Pollutants (The POP Stockholm Convention)</p> <p>Stockholm, 22.5.2001</p>	<p>To protect human health and the environment from persistent organic pollutants.</p>	22/5/2001	14/10/2004	17/05/2004	<p><a href="http://www.pops.int/documents/convtext/convtext_en.pdf">http://www.pops.int/documents/convtext/convtext_en.pdf</a></p> <p><i>Council Decision on Conclusion: not yet published</i></p>	<p>See list: <a href="http://www.pops.int/documents/signature/signstatus.htm">http://www.pops.int/documents/signature/signstatus.htm</a></p>
<p><b>Convention</b> on the Protection of the Rhine (New Rhine Convention)</p> <p>Bern, 12.4.1999</p>	<p>Sustainable development of the Rhine ecosystem on the basis of a comprehensive approach, taking into consideration the natural wealth of the river, its banks and alluvial areas.</p>	12/04/1999	07/11/2000	01/01/2003	<p><a href="http://www.iksr.org/icpr/">http://www.iksr.org/icpr/</a></p> <p><i>Council Decision on Conclusion: Official Journal L 289 , 16/11/2000 P. 0030 - 0030</i></p>	<p>The Federal Republic of Germany, the French Republic; the Grand Duchy of Luxembourg; the Kingdom of the Netherlands; the Swiss Confederation and the European Community,</p>
<p><b>Convention</b> on the Prior Informed Consent Procedure for Certain Hazardous Chemicals and Pesticides in International Trade (UNEP/FAO)</p> <p>(The PIC Rotterdam Convention)</p> <p>Rotterdam, 10.9.1998</p>	<p>To promote shared responsibility and cooperative efforts among Parties in the international trade of certain hazardous chemicals in order to protect human health and the environment from potential harm and to contribute to their environmentally sound use.</p>	11/09/1998	19/12/2002	24/02/2004	<p><a href="http://www.pic.int/en/ViewPage.asp?id=104#Preamble">http://www.pic.int/en/ViewPage.asp?id=104#Pre</a> <a href="http://www.pic.int/en/ViewPage.asp?id=104#Preamble">amble</a></p> <p><i>Council Decision on Conclusion: Official Journal L 063 , 06/03/2003 P. 0027 - 0028</i></p>	<p>See list: <a href="http://www.pic.int/en/ViewPage.asp?id=265">http://www.pic.int/en/ViewPage.asp?id=265</a></p>

<p><b>Convention</b> on Access to Environmental Information, Public Participation in Environmental Decision-making and Access to Justice (The Aarhus Convention)</p> <p>Aarhus, 25.6.1998</p>	<p>In order to contribute to the protection of the right of every person of present and future generations to live in an environment adequate to his or her health and well-being, each Party shall guarantee the rights of access to information, public participation in decision-making, and access to justice in environmental matters in accordance with the provisions of this Convention.</p>	<p>25/06/1998</p>			<p><a href="http://www.unece.org/en/v/pp/documents/cep43e.pdf">http://www.unece.org/en/v/pp/documents/cep43e.pdf</a></p> <p><i>Council Decision on Conclusion: OJ L124, 17.05.2005, p. 1-3</i></p>	<p>See list: <a href="http://www.unece.org/en/v/pp/ctreaty.htm">http://www.unece.org/en/v/pp/ctreaty.htm</a></p>
<p><b>Agreement</b> on the conservation of African-Eurasian Migratory Waterbirds (AEWA-CMS)</p> <p>The Hague, 15/06/1995</p>	<p>To take the necessary actions to conserve migratory species paying special attention to migratory species the conservation status of which is unfavourable</p>	<p>01/09/1997</p>		<p>01/11/01999</p>	<p><a href="http://www.wcmc.org.uk/cms/">http://www.wcmc.org.uk/cms/</a></p> <p><a href="http://www.unep-wcmc.org/AEWA/eng/intro.htm">http://www.unep-wcmc.org/AEWA/eng/intro.htm</a></p> <p><i>Council Decision on Conclusion: not published yet</i></p>	<p>See list: <a href="http://www.wcmc.org.uk/cms/">http://www.wcmc.org.uk/cms/</a></p>
<p><b>Convention</b> to Combat Desertification in Countries Experiencing Serious Drought and/or Desertification, Particularly in Africa (UNCCD)</p> <p>Paris, 17.6.1994</p>	<p>To combat desertification and mitigate the effects of drought in countries experiencing serious drought and/or desertification, particularly in Africa, through effective action at all levels, supported by international cooperation and partnership arrangements, in the framework of an integrated approach which is consistent with Agenda 21, with a view to contributing to the achievement of sustainable development in affected areas.</p>	<p>14/10/1994</p>		<p>24/06/1998</p>	<p><a href="http://www.unccd.int/convention/text/convention.php">http://www.unccd.int/convention/text/convention.php</a></p>	<p>See list: <a href="http://www.unccd.int/convention/ratif/doiif.php">http://www.unccd.int/convention/ratif/doiif.php</a></p>

<p><b>Convention</b> on Co-operation for the protection and sustainable use of the Danube River (The Danube River Protection Convention) (DRPC)</p> <p>Sofia, 29.06.1994</p>	<p>To maintain and improve the current environment and water quality conditions of the Danube river and of the waters in its catchment area and to prevent and reduce as far as possible adverse impacts and changes occurring or likely to be caused</p>	<p>29/06/1994</p>	<p>24/11/1997</p>	<p>22/10/1998</p>	<p><a href="http://ksh.fgg.uni-lj.si/danube/envconv/">http://ksh.fgg.uni-lj.si/danube/envconv/</a></p> <p><i>Council Decision on Conclusion: Official Journal L 342 , 12/12/1997 p. 0018 - 0018</i></p>	<p>Austria, Bulgaria, Croatia, Czech Republic, Germany, Hungary, Moldova, Romania, Slovak Republic, Slovenia, Ukraine and the European Community</p>
<p>International Tropical Timber <b>Agreement</b> (ITTA)</p> <p>Geneva, 26.1.1994</p>	<p>To promote and apply comparable and appropriate guidelines and criteria for the management, conservation and sustainable development of all types of timber producing forests.</p>	<p>13/05/1996</p>	<p>29/03/1996</p>	<p>01/01/1997</p>	<p><a href="http://www.itto.or.jp/">http://www.itto.or.jp/</a></p>	<p>See list: <a href="http://www.itto.or.jp/">http://www.itto.or.jp/</a></p>
<p><b>Convention</b> for the Protection of the Marine Environment of the North-East Atlantic (OSPAR Convention), as amended</p> <p>Paris, 22.9.1992</p> <p>Amended:</p> <p>ANNEX V to the “OSPAR Convention” on the Protection and Conservation of the Ecosystems and Biological Diversity of the Maritime Area And the Corresponding</p>	<p>To prevent and eliminate pollution and to protect the maritime area against the adverse effects of human activities so as to safeguard human health and to conserve marine ecosystems and, when practicable, restore marine areas which have been adversely affected.</p> <p>To protect and conserve the ecosystems and the biological diversity of the maritime area, and to restore, where practicable, marine areas which have been adversely affected; and cooperate in adopting programmes and measures for those purposes for the control of the human activities identified by the application of the criteria in</p>	<p>22/09/1992</p>	<p>07/10/1997</p> <p>08/05/2000</p>	<p>25/03/1998</p> <p>30/08/2000</p>	<p><a href="http://www.ospar.org/eng/html/welcome.html">http://www.ospar.org/eng/html/welcome.html</a></p> <p><i>Council Decision on conclusion: Official Journal L 104 , 03/04/1998 p. 0001 - 0001</i></p> <p>Council Decision concerning the approval, of the new Annex V to the OSPAR Convention <i>Official Journal L 118 , 08/05/2000 p. 0044 - 0047</i></p>	<p>See list: <a href="http://www.ospar.org/eng/html/welcome.html">http://www.ospar.org/eng/html/welcome.html</a></p> <p>See list: <a href="http://www.ospar.org/eng/html/welcome.html">http://www.ospar.org/eng/html/welcome.html</a></p>

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<p>Framework <b>Convention</b> on Climate Change (UNFCCC)</p> <p>New-York, 9.5.1992</p>	<p>To achieve stabilization of greenhouse gas concentrations in the atmosphere at a level that would prevent dangerous anthropogenic interference with the climate system. Such a level should be achieved within a time-frame sufficient to allow ecosystems to adapt naturally to climate change, to ensure that food production is not threatened and to enable economic development to proceed in a sustainable manner</p>	13/06/1992	15/12/1993	21/03/1994	<p><a href="http://unfccc.int/resource/conv/conv.html">http://unfccc.int/resource/conv/conv.html</a></p> <p><i>Council Decision on Conclusion: Official Journal L 033 , 07/02/1994 p. 0011 - 0012</i></p>	<p>See list: <a href="http://unfccc.int/resource/kpstats.pdf">http://unfccc.int/resource/kpstats.pdf</a></p>
<p>Protocol to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (The Kyoto Protocol)</p> <p>Kyoto, 11.12.1997</p>	<p>To ensure that the aggregate anthropogenic carbon dioxide equivalent emissions of the greenhouse gases listed in Annex A to the Protocol do not exceed the assigned amounts, with a view to reducing overall emissions of such gases by at least 5 per cent below 1990 levels in the commitment period 2008 to 2012.</p>	29/04/1998	25/04/2002	16/02/2005	<p><a href="http://unfccc.int/resource/docs/convkp/kpeng.html">http://unfccc.int/resource/docs/convkp/kpeng.html</a></p> <p><i>Council Decision on Conclusion: Official Journal L 130 , 15/05/2002 P. 0001 - 0003</i></p>	<p>See list: <a href="http://unfccc.int/parties_and_observers/parties/items/2352.php">http://unfccc.int/parties_and_observers/parties/items/2352.php</a></p>
<p><b>Convention</b> on Biological Diversity (UN) (CBD)</p> <p>Rio, 5.6.1992</p>	<p>To conserve the biological diversity, the sustainable use of its components and the fair and equitable sharing of the benefits arising out of the utilisation of genetic resources, taking into account all rights over those resources and to technologies, and by appropriate funding.</p>	13/06/1992	25/10/1993	21/03/1994	<p><a href="http://www.biodiv.org/doc/legal/cbd-en.pdf">http://www.biodiv.org/doc/legal/cbd-en.pdf</a></p>	<p>See list: <a href="http://www.biodiv.org/doc/legal/cbd-en.pdf">http://www.biodiv.org/doc/legal/cbd-en.pdf</a></p>
<p>Protocol on Biosafety to the Biodiversity Convention (The Cartagena Protocol)</p>	<p>To ensure an adequate level of protection in the field of the safe transfer, handling and use of living modified organisms resulting from modern biotechnology that may have</p>	26/05/2000	25/06/2002	11/09/2003	<p><a href="http://www.biodiv.org/biosafety/protocol.asp">http://www.biodiv.org/biosafety/protocol.asp</a></p> <p><i>Council Decision on Conclusion: Official</i></p>	<p>See list: <a href="http://www.biodiv.org/biosafety/signinglist.aspx?sts=sign">http://www.biodiv.org/biosafety/signinglist.aspx?sts=sign</a></p>

Montreal, 29.1.2000	adverse effects on the conservation and sustainable use of biological diversity, taking also into account risks to human health, and specifically focusing on transboundary movements.				<i>Journal L 201 , 31/07/2002 P. 0048 - 0049</i>	
<b>Convention</b> on the Protection of the Marine Environment of the Baltic Sea Area, (Helsinki Convention)  Helsinki, 9.4.1992	To prevent and eliminate pollution in order to promote the ecological restoration of the Baltic Sea Area and the preservation of its ecological balance	09/04/1992	21/02/1994	17/01/2000	<a href="http://www.helcom.fi/helcom/convention.html#Article2">http://www.helcom.fi/helcom/convention.html#Article2</a>  <i>Council Decision on conclusion : Official Journal L 073 , 16/03/1994 p. 0019 - 0019</i>	See list: <a href="http://www.helcom.fi/helcom/convention.html#Article2">http://www.helcom.fi/helcom/convention.html#Article2</a>
<b>Convention</b> on Transboundary Effects of Industrial Accidents (UN/ECE) (The Accident Convention)  Helsinki, 17.3.1992	Prevention of, preparedness for and response to industrial accidents capable of causing transboundary effects, including the effects of such accidents caused by natural disasters, and to international cooperation concerning mutual assistance, research and development, exchange of information and exchange of technology in the area of prevention of, preparedness for and response to industrial accidents.	18/03/1992	23/03/1998	19/04/2000	<a href="http://www.unece.org/env/teia/text.htm">http://www.unece.org/env/teia/text.htm</a>  <i>Council Decision on Conclusion: Official Journal L 326 , 03/12/1998 p. 0001 - 0004</i>	See list: <a href="http://www.unece.org/env/teia/parties.htm">http://www.unece.org/env/teia/parties.htm</a>
<b>Convention</b> on the Protection and Use of Transboundary Watercourses and International Lakes (The UN/ECE Water	To protect and ecologically sound manage the transboundary surface waters and groundwaters. To prevent, control and reduce water pollution from point and non-point	18/03/1992	24/07/1995	06/10/1996	<a href="http://www.unece.org/env/water/text/water_conv/ention/text11toc.htm">http://www.unece.org/env/water/text/water_conv/ention/text11toc.htm</a>  <i>Council Decision on Conclusion: Official</i>	See list: <a href="http://www.unece.org/env/water/status/legawc.htm">http://www.unece.org/env/water/status/legawc.htm</a>

Convention) Helsinki, 17.03.1992	sources.				<i>Journal L 186 , 05/08/1995 p. 0042 - 0058</i>	
<b>Convention</b> on the Protection of the Alps (The Alpine Convention)  Salzburg, 07.11.1991	To preserve and protect the Alps by applying the principles of prevention, payment by the polluter (the 'polluter pays' principle) and co- operation.	07/11/1991	26/02/1996	29/05/1996	<a href="http://www.conventionalpine.org/">http://www.conventionalpine.org/</a>  <i>Council Decision on Conclusion: Official Journal L 061 , 12/03/1996 p. 0031 - 0031</i>	See list: <a href="http://www.conventionalpines.org/page3_fr.htm">http://www.conventionalpines.org/page3_fr.htm</a>
Protocol to the Convention for the Protection of the Alps on Town and Country Planning and Sustainable Development  Chambéry, 20.12.1994	To recognise the specific needs of the Alps and of its population in respect with the ecological requirements, to encourage a sustainable economic development in respect with the regional cultural characteristics.	20/12/1994			<a href="http://www.mtnforum.org/resources/mpl/alpsfr4.htm">http://www.mtnforum.org/resources/mpl/alpsfr4.htm</a>	See list: <a href="http://www.conventionalpines.org/page3_fr.htm">http://www.conventionalpines.org/page3_fr.htm</a>
Protocol to the Convention for the Protection of the Alps on Mountain Farming  Chambéry, 20.12.1994	To fix measures at international level to maintain and encourage the mountain farming adapted to the territory and compatible with the Environment	20/12/1994			<a href="http://www.mtnforum.org/resources/mpl/alpsfr1.htm">http://www.mtnforum.org/resources/mpl/alpsfr1.htm</a>	See list: <a href="http://www.conventionalpines.org/page3_fr.htm">http://www.conventionalpines.org/page3_fr.htm</a>
Protocol to the Convention for the Protection of the Alps on Conservation of Nature and Landscape  Chambéry,	To agree on international regulations to ensure the protection, the management and where necessary the nature and landscape.	20/12/1994			<a href="http://www.mtnforum.org/resources/mpl/alpsfr3.htm">http://www.mtnforum.org/resources/mpl/alpsfr3.htm</a>	See list: <a href="http://www.conventionalpines.org/page3_fr.htm">http://www.conventionalpines.org/page3_fr.htm</a>

10.12.1994						
Protocol of Accession of the Principality of Monaco to the Convention on the Protection of the Alps	The Principality of Monaco hereby becomes a Contracting Party to the Convention on the Protection of the Alps as amended by this Protocol of Accession.	20/12/1994	16/12/1997		Text of the Protocol: <i>Official Journal L 033 , 07/02/1998 p. 0022 - 0024</i>	See list: <a href="http://www.conventionalpine.org/page3_fr.htm">http://www.conventionalpine.org/page3_fr.htm</a>
<b>Convention</b> on Environmental Impact Assessment in a Transboundary context (UN-ECE) (The EIA Espoo Convention)  Espoo, 25.2.1991	To prevent, reduce and control significant adverse transboundary environmental impact from proposed activities.	26/02/1991	15/10/1996	22/09/1997	<a href="http://www.unece.org/en/v/eia/eia.htm">http://www.unece.org/en/v/eia/eia.htm</a>  <i>Council Decision on conclusion: not published yet</i>	See list: <a href="http://www.unece.org/en/v/eia/ratification.htm">http://www.unece.org/en/v/eia/ratification.htm</a>
<b>Cooperation Agreement</b> for the Protection of the Coasts and Waters of the North-East Atlantic against Pollution (LISBON Agreement)  Lisbon, 17.10.1990	To be prepared to deal with an incident of pollution at sea such as pollution caused by hydrocarbons or other harmful substances	17/10/1990	20/10/1993		<a href="http://sedac.ciesin.org/entri/texts/protect.coasts.waters.90.html">http://sedac.ciesin.org/entri/texts/protect.coasts.waters.90.html</a>  <i>Council Decision on conclusion: Official Journal L 267, 28/10/1993 p. 0022 – 0028</i>	Spain, France, Morocco, Portugal, European Community

<p><b>Convention</b> on the Control of Transboundary Movements of Hazardous Wastes and their disposal (Basel Convention) Basel, 22.3.1989</p>	<p>To ensure that the management of hazardous wastes and other wastes including their transboundary movement and disposal is consistent with the protection of human health and the environment whatever the place of disposal</p>	22/03/1989	1/02/1993	8/05/1994	<p><a href="http://www.basel.int/text/con-e.htm">http://www.basel.int/text/con-e.htm</a></p> <p><i>Council Decision on conclusion: Official Journal L 039 , 16/02/1993 p. 0001 - 0002</i></p>	<p>See list: <a href="http://www.basel.int/ratif/ratif.html#sigs">http://www.basel.int/ratif/ratif.html#sigs</a></p>
<p><b>Convention</b> between the Federal Republic of Germany and the EEC, on the one hand, and the Republic of Austria, on the other, on co-operation on Management of Water Resources in the Danube Basin  Regensburg, 1.12.1987</p>	<p>To improve water quality and reduce pollution in the Danube Basin</p>	1/12/1987	22/03/1990	01/03/1991	<p><i>Council Decision on Conclusion : Official Journal L 090 , 05/04/1990 p. 0018 - 0019</i></p>	<p>Federal Republic of Germany, the Republic of Austria and the European Community</p>
<p><b>Convention</b> for the protection of Vertebrate Animals used for Experimental and other Scientific Purposes (Council of Europe)  Strasbourg, 18.3.1986</p>	<p>To limit the use of animals for experimental and other scientific purposes, with the aim of replacing such use wherever practical, in particular by seeking alternative measures and encouraging the use of these alternative measures.</p>	10/02/1987	23/03/1998	01/11/1998	<p><a href="http://conventions.coe.int/Treaty/en/Treaties/Html/123.htm">http://conventions.coe.int/Treaty/en/Treaties/Html/123.htm</a></p> <p><i>Council Decision on Conclusion: Official Journal L 222 , 24/08/1999 p. 0029 - 0030</i></p>	<p>See list: <a href="http://conventions.coe.int/Treaty/EN/searchsig.asp?NT=123&amp;CM=&amp;DF=">http://conventions.coe.int/Treaty/EN/searchsig.asp?NT=123&amp;CM=&amp;DF=</a></p>
<p><b>Convention</b> for the Protection of the Ozone Layer (UNEP) (VIENNA)</p>	<p>To protect human health and the environment against adverse effects resulting or likely to result from human activities which modify or</p>	22/03/1985	14/10/1988	15/01/1989	<p><a href="http://www.unep.org/ozone/vienna.shtml">http://www.unep.org/ozone/vienna.shtml</a></p> <p><i>Council Decision on</i></p>	<p>See list: <a href="http://www.unep.org/ozone/ratif.shtml">http://www.unep.org/ozone/ratif.shtml</a></p>

Convention) Vienna, 22.3.1985	are likely to modify the ozone layer.				<i>Conclusion: Official Journal L 297 , 31/10/1988 p. 0008 - 0009</i>	
Protocol to the Convention for the Protection of the Ozone Layer on Substances that deplete the Ozone Layer (MONTREAL Protocol), as amended Montreal, 16.9.1987  Amended, London, 29.06.1990  Amended, Copenhagen, 25.11.1992  Amended, Montreal, 17.9.1997	To protect the ozone layer by taking precautionary measures to control equitably total global emissions of substances that deplete it, with the ultimate objective of their elimination on the basis of developments in scientific knowledge, taking into account technical and economic considerations and bearing in mind the developmental needs of developing countries.	16/09/1987	14/10/1988	16/03/1989	<a href="http://www.unep.org/ozone/montreal.shtml">http://www.unep.org/ozone/montreal.shtml</a>  <i>Council Decision on Conclusion: Official Journal L 297 , 31/10/1988 p. 0008 – 0009</i>	See list: <a href="http://www.unep.org/ozone/ratif.shtml">http://www.unep.org/ozone/ratif.shtml</a>
			12/12/1991	10/08/1992	<a href="http://www.unep.org/ozone/London-Amendment.shtml">http://www.unep.org/ozone/London-Amendment.shtml</a> <i>Council Decision on Conclusion: Official Journal L 377 , 31/12/1991 p. 0028 - 0040</i>	See list: <a href="http://www.unep.org/ozone/ratif.shtml">http://www.unep.org/ozone/ratif.shtml</a>
			02/12/1993	18/02/1996	<a href="http://www.unep.org/ozone/Copenhagen-Amendment.shtml">http://www.unep.org/ozone/Copenhagen-Amendment.shtml</a>  <i>Council Decision on Conclusion: Official Journal L 033 , 07/02/1994 p. 0001 - 0002</i>	See list: <a href="http://www.unep.org/ozone/ratif.shtml">http://www.unep.org/ozone/ratif.shtml</a>
					<a href="http://www.unep.org/ozone/Montreal-Amendment.shtml">http://www.unep.org/ozone/Montreal-Amendment.shtml</a>	See list: <a href="http://www.unep.org/ozone/ratif.shtml">http://www.unep.org/ozone/ratif.shtml</a>

Amenden, Beijing, 3.12.1999					<a href="http://www.unep.org/ozone/Beijing-Amendment.shtml">http://www.unep.org/ozone/Beijing-Amendment.shtml</a>	See list: <a href="http://www.unep.org/ozone/ratif.shtml">http://www.unep.org/ozone/ratif.shtml</a>
<b>Agreement</b> for cooperation in dealing with pollution of the North Sea by oil and other harmful substances (BONN Agreement)  Bonn, 13.9.1983	This Agreement shall apply whenever the presence or the prospective presence of oil or other harmful substances polluting or threatening to pollute the North Sea presents a grave and imminent danger to the coast or related interests of one or more Contracting Parties.	13/09/1983	28/06/1984	01/09/1989	<a href="http://www.bonnagreement.org/eng/html/welcome.html">http://www.bonnagreement.org/eng/html/welcome.html</a>  <i>Council Decision on conclusion: Official Journal L 188 , 16/07/1984 p. 0007 - 0016</i>	See list: <a href="http://www.bonnagreement.org/eng/html/welcome.html">http://www.bonnagreement.org/eng/html/welcome.html</a>
<b>Convention</b> on the Conservation of the marine fauna and flora of the Antarctic  Canberra, 20.5.1980	To safeguard the environment and protect the integrity of the ecosystem of the seas surrounding Antarctica; to ensure the conservation of Antarctic marine living resources.	04/09/1981	21/04/1982	21/05/1982	<a href="http://www.ccamlr.org/pu/E/pubs/bd/pt1p1.htm">http://www.ccamlr.org/pu/E/pubs/bd/pt1p1.htm</a>  Council Decision of 4.9.1981 on the conclusion of the Convention on the conservation of Antarctic marine living resources <i>OJ L 252 , 05/09/1981 p. 0026 - 0035</i>  + CORRIGENDUM. TO 81/691/EEC <i>OJ L 346 , 02/12/1981 p. 0024</i>	See list: <a href="http://www.ccamlr.org/pu/E/ms/contacts.htm">http://www.ccamlr.org/pu/E/ms/contacts.htm</a>
<b>Convention</b> on Long-range Transboundary Air Pollution (CLRTAP)	To protect man and his environment against air pollution and to limit and, as far as possible, gradually reduce and prevent air pollution including long-range transboundary air	14/11/1979	11/06/1981	16/03/1983	<a href="http://www.unece.org/env/lrtap/lrtap_h1.htm">http://www.unece.org/env/lrtap/lrtap_h1.htm</a>  <i>Council Decision on Conclusion: Official</i>	See list: <a href="http://www.unece.org/env/lrtap/status/lrtap_st.htm">http://www.unece.org/env/lrtap/status/lrtap_st.htm</a>

(UN-ECE) Geneva, 13.11.1979	pollution				<i>Journal L 171 , 27/06/1981 p. 0011 - 0024</i>	
Protocol to the Convention on long- range Transboundary air pollution concerning long-term Financing of the Cooperative Programme for Monitoring and Evaluation of the Long-range Transmission of Air Pollutants in Europe (EMEP)  Geneva, 28.9.1984	The Protocol is an instrument for international cost-sharing of a monitoring programme. EMEP has three main components: collection of emission data for SO <sub>2</sub> , NO <sub>x</sub> , VOCs and other air pollutants; measurement of air and precipitation quality; and modelling of atmospheric dispersion. At present, about 100 monitoring stations in 24 ECE countries participate in the programme.	28/09/1984	12/06/1986	28/01/1988	<a href="http://www.unece.org/en/v/lrtap/protocol/84emep.htm">http://www.unece.org/en/v/lrtap/protocol/84emep.htm</a>  <i>Council Decision on Conclusion: Official Journal L 181 , 04/07/1986 p. 0001 - 0001</i>	See list: <a href="http://www.unece.org/en/v/lrtap/status/84e_st.htm">http://www.unece.org/en/v/lrtap/status/84e_st.htm</a>
Protocol to the Convention on long- range Transboundary air pollution concerning the control of emissions of Nitrogen Oxides or their transboundary fluxes (NOX)  Sofia, 31.10.1988	To freeze emissions of nitrogen oxides or their transboundary fluxes.		Council Decision on Accession: 17/05/1993	17/03/1994	<a href="http://www.unece.org/en/v/lrtap/protocol/88nox.htm">http://www.unece.org/en/v/lrtap/protocol/88nox.htm</a>  <i>Council Decision on accession: Official Journal L 149 , 21/06/1993 p. 0014 - 0015</i>	See list: <a href="http://www.unece.org/en/v/lrtap/status/88n_st.htm">http://www.unece.org/en/v/lrtap/status/88n_st.htm</a>
Protocol to the Convention on long- range Transboundary air pollution	To control and reduce their sulphur emissions in order to protect human health and the environment from adverse effects, in particular	14/06/1994	23/03/1998	05/08/1998	<a href="http://www.unece.org/en/v/lrtap/protocol/94sulp.htm">http://www.unece.org/en/v/lrtap/protocol/94sulp.htm</a>	See list: <a href="http://www.unece.org/en/v/lrtap/status/94s_st.htm">http://www.unece.org/en/v/lrtap/status/94s_st.htm</a>

concerning the further reductions of Sulphur Emissions (SO <sub>2</sub> ) Oslo, 14.6.1994	acidifying effects, and to ensure, as far as possible, without entailing excessive costs, that depositions of oxidized sulphur compounds in the long term do not exceed critical loads.				<i>Council Decision on Conclusion: Official Journal L 326 , 03/12/1998 p. 0034 - 0034</i>	
Protocol to the Convention on long-range Transboundary air pollution on Heavy Metals Aarhus, 24.6.1998	To control emissions of heavy metals caused by anthropogenic activities that are subject to long-range transboundary atmospheric transport and are likely to have significant adverse effects on human health or the environment	24/06/1998	04/04/2001		<a href="http://www.unece.org/env/lrtap/protocol/98hm.htm">http://www.unece.org/env/lrtap/protocol/98hm.htm</a>  <i>Council Decision on Conclusion Official Journal L 134 , 17/05/2001 P. 0040 - 0040</i>	See list: <a href="http://www.unece.org/env/lrtap/status/98hm_st.htm">http://www.unece.org/env/lrtap/status/98hm_st.htm</a>
Protocol to the Convention on long-range Transboundary air pollution on Persistent Organic Pollutants (POPs) Aarhus, 24.6.1998	To control, reduce or eliminate discharges, emissions and losses of persistent organic pollutants.	24/06/1998	23/05/2003		<a href="http://www.unece.org/env/lrtap/pops_h1.htm">http://www.unece.org/env/lrtap/pops_h1.htm</a>  <i>Council Decision on Conclusion: Official Journal J L81, 19.3.2004, p 37-93</i>	See list: <a href="http://www.unece.org/env/lrtap/status/98pop_st.htm">http://www.unece.org/env/lrtap/status/98pop_st.htm</a>
Protocol to the Convention on long-range Transboundary air pollution to abate acidification, eutrophication and ground-level ozone Gothenburg, 30.11.1999	To control and reduce emissions of sulphur, nitrogen oxides, ammonia and volatile organic compounds that are caused by anthropogenic activities and are likely to cause adverse effects on human health, natural ecosystems, materials and crops		13/06/2003		<a href="http://www.unece.org/env/lrtap/protocol/99multi.htm">http://www.unece.org/env/lrtap/protocol/99multi.htm</a>  <i>Council Decision on conclusion: Official Journal L179, 17.7.2003, p 3-54</i>	See list: <a href="http://www.unece.org/env/lrtap/status/99multi_st.htm">http://www.unece.org/env/lrtap/status/99multi_st.htm</a>

<p><b>Convention</b> on the Conservation of European Wildlife and Natural Habitats</p> <p>(Council of Europe) Bern, 19.09.1979</p>	<p>To conserve wild flora and fauna and their natural habitats, especially those species and habitats whose conservation requires the co-operation of several States, and to promote such co-operation.</p>	<p>19/09/1979</p>	<p>03/12/1981</p>	<p>01/09/1982</p>	<p><a href="http://conventions.coe.int/Treaty/EN/CadreListe/Traites.htm">http://conventions.coe.int/Treaty/EN/CadreListe/Traites.htm</a></p> <p><i>Council Decision on Conclusion: Official Journal L 038 , 10/02/1982 p. 0001 - 0002</i></p>	<p>See list: <a href="http://conventions.coe.int/Treaty/EN/CadreListe/Traites.htm">http://conventions.coe.int/Treaty/EN/CadreListe/Traites.htm</a></p>
<p><b>Convention</b> on the Conservation of Migratory Species of Wild Animals (CMS) (UNEP)</p> <p>Bonn, 23.6.1979</p>	<p>To conserve migratory species and take action to this end, paying special attention to migratory species the conservation status of which is unfavourable, and taking individually or in co-operation appropriate and necessary steps to conserve such species and their habitat.</p>		<p>24/06/1982</p>	<p>01/11/1983</p>	<p><a href="http://www.wcmc.org.uk/cms/">http://www.wcmc.org.uk/cms/</a></p> <p><i>Council Decision on Conclusion: Official Journal L 210 , 19/07/1982 p. 0010 - 0022</i></p>	<p>See list: <a href="http://www.wcmc.org.uk/cms/">http://www.wcmc.org.uk/cms/</a></p>
<p><b>Convention</b> for the protection of the Mediterranean Sea against pollution (BARCELONA Convention) (UNEP), as amended</p> <p>Barcelona, 16.02.1976</p>	<p>To prevent, abate and combat pollution of the Mediterranean Sea area and to protect and enhance the marine environment in that area.</p>	<p>13/09/1976</p>	<p>25/07/1977</p>	<p>15/04/1978</p>	<p><a href="http://www.unep.ch/seas/main/med/medconvi.html">http://www.unep.ch/seas/main/med/medconvi.html</a></p> <p><i>Council Decision on Conclusion: Official Journal L 240 , 19/09/1977 p. 0001 – 0002</i></p>	<p>See list: <a href="http://www.unepmap.gr/pdf/statusofsignatures.pdf">http://www.unepmap.gr/pdf/statusofsignatures.pdf</a></p>

Amended, 10.06.1995	To prevent, abate, combat and to the fullest possible extent eliminate pollution of the Mediterranean Sea Area and to protect and enhance the marine environment in that Area so as to contribute towards its sustainable development.	10/06/1995	22/10/1999	Not yet in force	<i>Council Decision on conclusion Official Journal L 322 , 14/12/1999 p. 0032 - 0043</i>	
Protocol for the prevention of pollution of the Mediterranean Sea by dumping from ships and aircraft (Dumping Protocol) as amended  Barcelona, 16.02.1976  Amended, 10.06.1995	To prevent and abate pollution of the Mediterranean Sea area caused by dumping from ships and aircraft.	13/09/1976	25/07/1977	15/04/1978	<a href="http://www.unep.ch/seas/main/med/meddump.html">http://www.unep.ch/seas/main/med/meddump.html</a>  <i>Council Decision on Conclusion: Official Journal L 240 , 19/09/1977 p. 0001 - 0002</i>	See list: <a href="http://www.unepmap.gr/pdf/statusofsignatures.pdf">http://www.unepmap.gr/pdf/statusofsignatures.pdf</a>
		10/06/1995	22/10/1999	09/07/2004	<i>Council Decision on conclusion: Official Journal L 322 , 14/12/1999 p. 0032 - 0043</i>	
Protocol concerning co-operation in combating pollution of the Mediterranean Sea by Oil and Other Harmful Substances in cases of emergency (Emergency protocol)	To ensure that the necessary measures are taken in cases of grave and imminent danger to the marine environment, the coast or related interests of one or more of the Parties due to the presence of massive quantities of oil or other harmful substances resulting from accidental causes or an accumulation of small discharges which are polluting or threatening to pollute	13/09/1976	19/05/1981	11/09/1981	<a href="http://www.unep.ch/seas/main/med/medemer.html">http://www.unep.ch/seas/main/med/medemer.html</a>  <i>Council Decision on conclusion: Official Journal L 162 , 19/06/1981 p. 0004 - 0013</i>	See list: <a href="http://www.unepmap.gr/pdf/statusofsignatures.pdf">http://www.unepmap.gr/pdf/statusofsignatures.pdf</a>

Barcelona, 16.02.1976	the Mediterranean sea.					
Protocol concerning co-operation in preventing pollution from ships and, in cases of emergency, combating pollution of the Mediterranean Sea (Prevention and Emergency Protocol)  Malta, 25.01.2002	To implement international regulations to prevent, reduce and control pollution of the marine environment from ships; and to take all necessary measures in cases of pollution incidents.	25/01/2002	29/04/2004	17/03/2004	<a href="http://www.unepmap.gr/pdf/newemergency.pdf">http://www.unepmap.gr/pdf/newemergency.pdf</a>  <i>Council Decision on conclusion: Official Journal L 261 , 06/08/2004 P. 0040 - 0040</i>	See list: <a href="http://www.unepmap.gr/pdf/statusofsignatures.pdf">http://www.unepmap.gr/pdf/statusofsignatures.pdf</a>
Protocol for the protection of the Mediterranean Sea against pollution from land-based sources (Land-Based Sources Protocol), as amended  Athens, 17.05.1980  Amended, 8.03.1996	To prevent, abate, combat and control pollution of the Mediterranean Sea Area caused by discharges from rivers, coastal establishments or outfalls, or emanating from any other land-based sources within their territories.	17/05/1980	28/02/1983	7/10/1983	<a href="http://www.unep.ch/seas/main/med/mlbsprot.html">http://www.unep.ch/seas/main/med/mlbsprot.html</a>  <i>Council Decision on conclusion: Official Journal L 067 , 12/03/1983 p. 0001 - 0002</i>	See list: <a href="http://www.unepmap.gr/pdf/statusofsignatures.pdf">http://www.unepmap.gr/pdf/statusofsignatures.pdf</a>
		8/03/1996	22/10/1999	Not yet in force	<a href="http://www.unep.ch/seas/main/med/mlbspil.html">http://www.unep.ch/seas/main/med/mlbspil.html</a>  <i>Council Decision on conclusion: Official Journal L 322 , 14/12/1999 p. 0018 - 0031</i>	
Protocol to the Barcelona Convention concerning specially protected areas of the	To protect those marine areas which are important for the safeguard of the natural resources and natural sites of the Mediterranean Sea Area, as well as for the safeguard of their	30/03/1983	1/03/1984	23/03/1986	<a href="http://www.unep.ch/seas/main/med/medspap.html">http://www.unep.ch/seas/main/med/medspap.html</a>  <i>Council Decision on conclusion: Official</i>	See list: <a href="http://www.unepmap.gr/pdf/statusofsignatures.pdf">http://www.unepmap.gr/pdf/statusofsignatures.pdf</a>

<p>Mediterranean Sea (Special Protected Areas Protocol) Geneva, 3.4.1982</p>	<p>cultural heritage in the region.</p>				<p><i>Journal L 068 , 10/03/1984 p. 0036 - 0045</i></p>	
<p>Protocol to the Barcelona Convention concerning specially protected areas and Biological Diversity of the Mediterranean Sea (SPA &amp; Biodiversity Protocol) Barcelona, 10.6.1995</p>	<p>To protect, preserve and manage in a sustainable and environmentally sound way areas of particular natural or cultural value, notably by the establishment of specially protected areas; and to protect, preserve and manage threatened or endangered species of flora and fauna.</p>	<p>10/06/1995</p>	<p>22/10/1999</p>	<p>12/12/1999</p>	<p><a href="http://www.unep.ch/seas/main/med/medspaii.htm">http://www.unep.ch/seas/main/med/medspaii.htm</a> <a href="#">1</a> <i>Council Decision on conclusion: Official Journal L 322 , 14/12/1999 p. 0001 - 0002</i></p>	<p>See list: <a href="http://www.unepmap.gr/pdf/statusofsignatures.pdf">http://www.unepmap.gr/pdf/statusofsignatures.pdf</a></p>