



## Register of Commission expert groups and other similar entities

### Commission Expert Group

**Name:** Technical Working Group on environmental aspects of unconventional fossil fuels, in particular shale gas (E02671)  
(Active - Group which operates on a permanent basis)

**Policy Area:** Environment

**Lead DG:** ENV - DG Environment

**Type:** Informal, Temporary

**Scope:** Limited

**Mission:** In Europe, the exploitation of unconventional fossil fuels, and in particular shale gas, has recently become a topical issue. The Technical Working Group represents a platform for information exchange between the Member States and the European Commission on environmental aspects of unconventional fossil fuels, in particular shale gas. The objectives of the Working Group are: - to swiftly identify and cover eventual knowledge gaps in relation to environmental and health risks of unconventional gas and in particular shale gas extraction; - to exchange information on priority issues and best practices for these projects - to jointly contribute to the Commission's efforts to assess the need for a risk management framework for such unconventional gas and in particular shale gas extraction.

**Task:** Coordinate with Member States, exchange of views

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**Link to Website:** [http://ec.europa.eu/environment/integration/energy/unconventional\\_en.htm](http://ec.europa.eu/environment/integration/energy/unconventional_en.htm)

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## **Additional Information**

### **Activity Report**

An eighth meeting took place on 17th March 2016. Agenda and minutes of the meeting:

[Document 1](#)

(approx. 89 kb)

[Document 2](#)

(approx. 187 kb)

### **Activity Report**

A seventh meeting took place on 22 September 2015. Agenda and minutes of the meeting:

[Document 1](#)

(approx. 133 kb)

[Document 2](#)

(approx. 80 kb)

### **Activity Report**

A sixth meeting took place on 10 March 2015. Agenda and minutes of the meeting:

[Document 1](#)

(approx. 175 kb)

[Document 2](#)

(approx. 92 kb)

### **Activity Report**

A fifth meeting took place on 24 June 2014. Agenda and minutes of the meeting:

[Document 1](#)

(approx. 78 kb)

[Document 2](#)

(approx. 35 kb)

### **Activity Report**

A fourth meeting took place on 24 June 2013. Agenda and minutes of the meeting:

[Document 1](#)

(approx. 153 kb)

[Document 2](#)

(approx. 110 kb)

### **Activity Report**

A third meeting took place on 8 April 2013. Agenda and minutes of the meeting:

[Document 1](#)

(approx. 177 kb)

[Document 2](#)

(approx. 85 kb)

### **Activity Report**

A second meeting took place on 4 October 2012. Agenda and minutes of the meeting:

[Document 1](#)

(approx. 290 kb)

[Document 2](#)

(approx. 146 kb)

### **Activity Report**

A first meeting took place on 27 January 2012. Agenda and minutes of the meeting:

[Document 1](#)

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[Document 2](#)

(approx. 206 kb)

### **Selection Procedure (members)**

The members of this group are the Member States. It is for the authority of each Member State to decide on who will represent them.

### **Internal Rules of Procedure**

Expert groups usually operate in an informal setting without any formal rules of procedure

## Members

### Type D - Member State Authority

Country		Membership Status
Austria	1 Public Authorit(y-ies)	Member
Belgium	1 Public Authorit(y-ies)	Member
Bulgaria	1 Public Authorit(y-ies)	Member
Croatia	0 Public Authorit(y-ies)	Member
Cyprus	1 Public Authorit(y-ies)	Member
Czech Republic	1 Public Authorit(y-ies)	Member
Denmark	1 Public Authorit(y-ies)	Member
Estonia	1 Public Authorit(y-ies)	Member
Finland	0 Public Authorit(y-ies)	Member
France	1 Public Authorit(y-ies)	Member
Germany	1 Public Authorit(y-ies)	Member
Greece	1 Public Authorit(y-ies)	Member
Hungary	1 Public Authorit(y-ies)	Member
Ireland	1 Public Authorit(y-ies)	Member
Italy	1 Public Authorit(y-ies)	Member
Latvia	1 Public Authorit(y-ies)	Member
Lithuania	1 Public Authorit(y-ies)	Member
Luxembourg	0 Public Authorit(y-ies)	Member
Malta	0 Public Authorit(y-ies)	Member
Netherlands	1 Public Authorit(y-ies)	Member
Poland	1 Public Authorit(y-ies)	Member
Portugal	1 Public Authorit(y-ies)	Member
Romania	1 Public Authorit(y-ies)	Member
Slovakia	1 Public Authorit(y-ies)	Member
Slovenia	1 Public Authorit(y-ies)	Member
Spain	1 Public Authorit(y-ies)	Member
Sweden	1 Public Authorit(y-ies)	Member
United Kingdom	1 Public Authorit(y-ies)	Member

### Type E - Other public entity

#### Subgroups

No Subgroups assigned to this group.

## Statistics

### Number of Members: 28

Type A - Individual expert appointed in his/her personal capacity:	0	female: 0	male: 0
Type B - Individual expert appointed as representative of a common interest:	0	female: 0	male: 0
Type C - Organisation:	0		
Type D - Member State Authority:	28		

### Number of Alternate Members: 0

Type A - Individual expert appointed in his/her personal capacity:	0	female: 0	male: 0
Type B - Individual expert appointed as representative of a common interest:	0	female: 0	male: 0
Type C - Organisation:	0		
Type D - Member State Authority:	0		

### Number of Observers: 1

Type A - Individual expert appointed in his/her personal capacity:	0	female: 0	male: 0
Type B - Individual expert appointed as representative of a common interest:	0	female: 0	male: 0
Type C - Organisation:	0		
Type D - Member State Authority:	0		