

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

Title/Date	Objective	Date of Signature EU	Date of Council Decision on Conclusion	Date of entry in force EU	Link to document	Countries who ratified
Minamata Convention on Mercury Minamata, 10.10.2013	To protect the human health and the environment from anthropogenic emissions and releases of mercury and mercury compounds.	10/10/2013				See list http://www.mercuryconvention.org/Countries/tabid/3428/Default.aspx
Convention on Persistent Organic Pollutants (The POP Stockholm Convention) Stockholm, 22.5.2001	To protect human health and the environment from persistent organic pollutants.	23/5/2001	14/10/2004	13/02/2005	http://www.pops.int/documents/convtext/convtext_en.pdf <i>Council Decision on Conclusion: Official Journal L 209, 31/07/2006 P. 144 – 145</i>	See list: http://www.pops.int/documents/signature/signstatus.htm
Convention on the Protection of the Rhine (New Rhine Convention) Bern, 12.4.1999	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.	12/04/1999	07/11/2000	01/01/2003	http://www.iksr.org/fileadmin/user_upload/Dokumente_en/convention_on_the_protection_of_the_rhine.pdf <i>Council Decision on Conclusion: Official Journal L 289, 16/11/2000 P. 0030 - 0030</i>	The Federal Republic of Germany, the French Republic; the Grand Duchy of Luxembourg; the Kingdom of the Netherlands; the Swiss Confederation and the European Union,
Convention on the Prior Informed	To promote shared responsibility and cooperative efforts among	11/09/1998	19/12/2002	24/02/2004	http://www.pic.int/TheConvention/Overview/Te	See list: http://www.pic.int/Coun

<p>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>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>				<p>xtotheConvention/tabid/1048/language/en-US/Default.aspx</p> <p><i>Council Decision on Conclusion: Official Journal L 063 , 06/03/2003 P. 0027 - 0028</i></p>	<p>tries/Parties/tabid/1072/language/en-US/Default.aspx</p>
<p>Convention 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>	25/06/1998	17/2/2005	30/10/2001	<p>http://www.unece.org/env/pp/documents/cep43e.pdf</p>	<p>See list:</p> <p>http://www.unece.org/env/pp/ratification.html</p>
<p>Agreement 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>	01/09/1997	18/06/2005	01/11/01999	<p>http://www.unep-aewa.org/documents/agreement_text/agree_main.htm</p> <p><i>Council Decision on Conclusion: Official Journal L 345, 08/12/2006 P. 0024 – 0025</i></p>	<p>See list:</p> <p>http://www.unep-aewa.org/map/parties.htm</p>
<p>Convention to Combat Desertification in</p>	<p>To combat desertification and mitigate the effects of drought in countries experiencing serious</p>	14/10/1994	19/03/1998	24/06/1998	<p>http://www.unccd.int/convention/text/conventio</p>	<p>See list:</p> <p>http://www.unccd.int/co</p>

Countries Experiencing Serious Drought and/or Desertification, Particularly in Africa (UNCCD) Paris, 17.6.1994	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.				n.php <i>Council Decision on Conclusion: Official Journal L 083, 19/03/1998 P. 0001 – 0002</i>	nvention/ratif/doesif.php
Convention on Co-operation for the protection and sustainable use of the Danube River (The Danube River Protection Convention) (DRPC) Sofia, 29.06.1994	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	29/06/1994	24/11/1997	22/10/1998	http://ksh.fgg.uni-lj.si/danube/envconv/ <i>Council Decision on Conclusion: Official Journal L 342 , 12/12/1997 p. 0018 - 0018</i>	See list: http://www.icpdr.org/icpdr-pages/contracting_parties.htm
International Tropical Timber Agreement (ITTA) Geneva, 26.1.1994	To promote and apply comparable and appropriate guidelines and criteria for the management, conservation and sustainable development of all types of timber producing forests.	13/05/1996	29/03/1996	01/01/1997	http://www.itto.int/itta/	See list: www.itto.int/direct/topics/topics_pdf_download/topics_id=2133&no=0
Convention for the Protection of the Marine Environment of the North-East Atlantic (OSPAR Convention), as amended	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	22/09/1992	07/10/1997	25/03/1998	http://www.ospar.org/html_documents/ospar/html/OSPAR_Convention_updated_text_2007.pdf <i>Council Decision on conclusion: Official</i>	See list: http://www.ospar.org/content/content.asp?menu=01481200000000_000000_000000

<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 Appendix 3</p>	<p>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 Appendix 3.</p>		<p>08/05/2000</p>	<p>30/08/2000</p>	<p><i>Journal L 104 , 03/04/1998 p. 0001 - 0001</i></p> <p>http://www.ospar.org/html_documents/ospar/html/ospar_convention_updated_text_2007_annex_v.pdf</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: http://www.ospar.org/content/content.asp?menu=01481200000000_000000_000000</p>
<p>Framework Convention 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>	<p>13/06/1992</p>	<p>15/12/1993</p>	<p>21/03/1994</p>	<p>http://unfccc.int/key_documents/the_convention/items/2853.php</p> <p><i>Council Decision on Conclusion: Official Journal L 033 , 07/02/1994 p. 0011 - 0012</i></p>	<p>See list: http://unfccc.int/essential_background/convention/status_of_ratification/items/2631.php</p>
<p>Protocol to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (The</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</p>	<p>29/04/1998</p>	<p>25/04/2002</p>	<p>16/02/2005</p>	<p>http://unfccc.int/resource/docs/convkp/kpeng.pdf</p> <p><i>Council Decision on Conclusion: Official</i></p>	<p>See list: http://unfccc.int/kyoto_protocol/status_of_ratification/items/2613.php</p>

Kyoto Protocol) Kyoto, 11.12.1997	reducing overall emissions of such gases by at least 5 per cent below 1990 levels in the commitment period 2008 to 2012.				<i>Journal L 130 , 15/05/2002 P. 0001 - 0003</i>	
Convention on Biological Diversity (UN) (CBD) Rio, 5.6.1992	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.	13/06/1992	25/10/1993	21/03/1994	http://www.cbd.int/convention/text/ <i>Council Decision on Conclusion: Official Journal L 309 , 13/12/1993 P. 0001 - 00020</i>	See list: http://www.cbd.int/convention/parties/list/
Protocol on Biosafety to the Biodiversity Convention (The Cartagena Protocol) Montreal, 29.1.2000	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 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.	26/05/2000	25/06/2002	11/09/2003	http://bch.cbd.int/protocol/text/ <i>Council Decision on Conclusion: Official Journal L 201 , 31/07/2002 P. 0048 - 0049</i>	See list: http://bch.cbd.int/protocol/parties/
Protocol on Liability and Redress to the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety (The Nagoya – Kuala Lumpur Supplementary Protocol) Nagoya, 16.10.2010	To contribute to the conservation and sustainable use of biological diversity, taking also into account risks to human health, by providing international rules and procedures in the field of liability and redress relating to living modified organisms.	11/05/2011			http://bch.cbd.int/protocol/NKL_text.shtml	See list: http://bch.cbd.int/protocol/parties/#tab=1

<p>Protocol on Access to Genetic Resources and the Fair and Equitable Sharing of the Benefits Arising from their Utilization to the Convention on Biological Diversity (The Nagoya Protocol)</p> <p>Nagoya, 29.10.2010</p>	<p>To share the benefits arising from the utilization of genetic resources in a fair and equitable way, including by appropriate access to genetic resources and by appropriate transfer of relevant technologies, taking into account all rights over those resources and to technologies, and by appropriate funding, thereby contributing to the conservation of biological diversity and the sustainable use of its components.</p>	23/06/2011	14/04/2014	12/10/2014	<p>http://www.cbd.int/abs/ext/</p>	<p>See list: http://www.cbd.int/abs/nagoya-protocol/signatories/</p>
<p>Convention on the Protection of the Marine Environment of the Baltic Sea Area, (Helsinki Convention)</p> <p>Helsinki, 9.4.1992</p>	<p>To prevent and eliminate pollution in order to promote the ecological restoration of the Baltic Sea Area and the preservation of its ecological balance</p>	09/04/1992	21/02/1994	17/01/2000	<p>http://www.helcom.fi/stc/files/Convention/Convention1108.pdf</p> <p>Council Decision on conclusion : <i>Official Journal L 073 , 16/03/1994 p. 0019 - 0019</i></p>	<p>See list: http://www.helcom.fi/Convention/en_GB/convention/?u4.highlight=ratification</p>
<p>Convention on Transboundary Effects of Industrial Accidents (UN/ECE) (The Accident Convention)</p> <p>Helsinki, 17.3.1992</p>	<p>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.</p>	18/03/1992	23/03/1998	19/04/2000	<p>http://www.unece.org/fileadmin/DAM/env/documents/2006/teia/Convention%20E.pdf</p> <p><i>Council Decision on Conclusion: Official Journal L 326 , 03/12/1998 p. 0001 - 0004</i></p>	<p>See list: http://www.unece.org/env/teia/parties.html</p>

<p>Convention on the Protection and Use of Transboundary Watercourses and International Lakes (The UN/ECE Water Convention)</p> <p>Helsinki, 17.03.1992</p>	<p>To protect and ecologically sound manage the transboundary surface waters and groundwaters. To prevent, control and reduce water pollution from point and non-point sources.</p>	<p>18/03/1992</p>	<p>24/07/1995</p>	<p>06/10/1996</p>	<p>http://www.unece.org/fileadmin/DAM/env/water/pdf/watercon.pdf</p> <p><i>Council Decision on Conclusion: Official Journal L 186 , 05/08/1995 p. 0042 - 0058</i></p>	<p>See list: http://treaties.un.org/Pages/ViewDetails.aspx?src=TREATY&mtdsg_no=XXVII-5&chapter=27&lang=en</p>
<p>Convention on the Protection of the Alps (The Alpine Convention)</p> <p>Salzburg, 07.11.1991</p>	<p>To preserve and protect the Alps by applying the principles of prevention, payment by the polluter (the 'polluter pays' principle) and co-operation.</p>	<p>07/11/1991</p>	<p>26/02/1996</p>	<p>29/05/1996</p>	<p>http://www.conventionalpine.org/</p> <p><i>Council Decision on Conclusion: Official Journal L 061 , 12/03/1996 p. 0031 - 0031</i></p>	<p>See list: http://www.alpconv.org/theconvention/conv03_en.htm</p>
<p>Protocol to the Convention for the Protection of the Alps on Town and Country Planning and Sustainable Development</p> <p>Chambéry, 20.12.1994</p>	<p>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.</p>	<p>20/12/1994</p>		<p>18/12/2002</p>	<p>http://www.alpconv.org/NR/rdonlyres/CA8D3547-B915-47B7-A5B9-52CEAC2D4ACF/0/Protokoll_RaumplanungGB.pdf</p>	<p>See list: http://www.alpconv.org/theconvention/conv03_en</p>
<p>Protocol to the Convention for the Protection of the Alps on Mountain Farming</p> <p>Chambéry, 20.12.1994</p>	<p>To fix measures at international level to maintain and encourage the mountain farming adapted to the territory and compatible with the Environment</p>	<p>20/12/1994</p>		<p>18/12/2002</p>	<p>http://www.alpconv.org/NR/rdonlyres/FEEB3016-F728-4DFC-82DF-E151A9060309/0/MountainfarmingProtocolEN.pdf</p>	<p>See list: http://www.alpconv.org/theconvention/conv03_en</p>

Protocol to the Convention for the Protection of the Alps on Conservation of Nature and Landscape Chambéry, 10.12.1994	To agree on international regulations to ensure the protection, the management and where necessary the nature and landscape.	20/12/1994		18/12/2002	http://www.alpconv.org/NR/rdonlyres/529579D0-B214-46A1-B52D-14097E0CF59B/0/protokoll_naturschutzGB.pdf	See list: http://www.alpconv.org/theconvention/conv03_en
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	22/03/1999	http://www.alpconv.org/NR/rdonlyres/853B4037-1A40-4C2A-8968-D0A78E210F1C/0/protMonaco_GB_intralp.pdf <i>Council Decision on Conclusion: Official Journal L 33 , 07/02/1998 p. 0021 - 0021</i>	See list: http://www.alpconv.org/theconvention/conv03_en
Convention 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	http://www.unece.org/eia/eia.htm	See list: http://treaties.un.org/Pages/ViewDetails.aspx?src=TREATY&mtdsg_no=XXVII-4&chapter=27&lang=en
Cooperation Agreement for the Protection of the Coasts and Waters of the North-East Atlantic against Pollution (LISBON)	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		http://sedac.ciesin.org/etri/texts/protect.coasts.waters.90.html <i>Council Decision on conclusion: Official Journal L 267, 28/10/1993 p. 0022 –</i>	Spain, France, Morocco, Portugal, European Union

Agreement) Lisbon, 17.10.1990					0028	
Convention on the Control of Transboundary Movements of Hazardous Wastes and their disposal (Basel Convention) Basel, 22.3.1989	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	22/03/1989	1/02/1993	8/05/1994	http://www.basel.int/TheConvention/Overview/TextoftheConvention/tabid/1275/Default.aspx <i>Council Decision on conclusion: Official Journal L 039 , 16/02/1993 p. 0001 - 0002</i>	See list: http://www.basel.int/Countries/StatusofRatifications/PartiesSignatories/tabid/1290/Default.aspx
Convention 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	To improve water quality and reduce pollution in the Danube Basin	1/12/1987	22/03/1990	01/03/1991	http://www.fao.org/docrep/008/y5739e/y5739e0a.htm <i>Council Decision on Conclusion : Official Journal L 090 , 05/04/1990 p. 0018 - 0019</i>	Federal Republic of Germany, the Republic of Austria and the European Union
Convention for the protection of Vertebrate Animals used for Experimental and other Scientific Purposes (Council of Europe) Strasbourg,	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.	10/02/1987	23/03/1998	01/11/1998	http://conventions.coe.int/Treaty/Commun/QueVoulezVous.asp?NT=123&CM=1&CL=ENG <i>Council Decision on Conclusion: Official Journal L 222 , 24/08/1999 p. 0029 -</i>	See list: http://conventions.coe.int/Treaty/Commun/ListeDeclarations.asp?NT=123&CM=1&DF=&CL=ENG&VL=1

18.3.1986					0030	
<p>Convention for the Protection of the Ozone Layer (UNEP) (VIENNA Convention)</p> <p>Vienna, 22.3.1985</p>	To protect human health and the environment against adverse effects resulting or likely to result from human activities which modify or are likely to modify the ozone layer.	22/03/1985	14/10/1988	15/01/1989	<p>http://ozone.unep.org/new_site/en/Treaties/treaty_text.php?treatyID=1</p> <p><i>Council Decision on Conclusion: Official Journal L 297 , 31/10/1988 p. 0008 - 0009</i></p>	See list: http://ozone.unep.org/new_site/en/treaty_ratification_status.php
<p>Protocol to the Convention for the Protection of the Ozone Layer on Substances that deplete the Ozone Layer (MONTREAL Protocol), as amended</p> <p>Montreal, 16.9.1987</p> <p>Amended, London, 29.06.1990</p>	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	<p>http://ozone.unep.org/new_site/en/Treaties/treaty_text.php?treatyID=2</p> <p><i>Council Decision on Conclusion: Official Journal L 297 , 31/10/1988 p. 0008 – 0009</i></p>	See list: http://ozone.unep.org/new_site/en/treaty_ratification_status.php
			12/12/1991	10/08/1992	<p>http://ozone.unep.org/new_site/en/Treaties/treaty_text.php?treatyID=3&secID=92</p> <p><i>Council Decision on Conclusion: Official Journal L 377 , 31/12/1991 p. 0028 - 0040</i></p>	See list: http://ozone.unep.org/new_site/en/treaty_ratification_status.php

Amended, Copenhagen, 25.11.1992			02/12/1993	14/06/1994	http://ozone.unep.org/new_site/en/Treaties/treaty_text.php?treatyID=3&secID=93 <i>Council Decision on Conclusion: Official Journal L 033 , 07/02/1994 p. 0001 - 0002</i>	See list: http://ozone.unep.org/new_site/en/treaty_ratification_status.php
Amended, Montreal, 17.9.1997			17/10/2000	10/11/1999	http://ozone.unep.org/new_site/en/Treaties/treaty_text.php?treatyID=3&secID=94 <i>Council Decision on Conclusion: Official Journal L 272 , 25/10/2000 p. 0026 - 0026</i>	See list: http://ozone.unep.org/new_site/en/treaty_ratification_status.php
Amended, Beijing, 3.12.1999				25/02/2002	http://ozone.unep.org/new_site/en/Treaties/treaty_text.php?treatyID=3&secID=95 <i>Council Decision on Conclusion: Official Journal L 072 , 14/03/2002 p. 0018 - 0019</i>	See list: http://ozone.unep.org/new_site/en/treaty_ratification_status.php
Agreement for cooperation in	This Agreement shall apply whenever the presence or the	13/09/1983	28/06/1984	01/09/1989	http://www.bonnagreem ent.org/eng/html/welco	See list: http://www.bonnagree

dealing with pollution of the North Sea by oil and other harmful substances (BONN Agreement) Bonn, 13.9.1983	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.				me.html <i>Council Decision on conclusion: Official Journal L 188 , 16/07/1984 p. 0007 - 0016</i>	ment.org/eng/html/welcome.html
Convention 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	http://www.ccamlr.org/publications/pubs/bd/pt1.pdf <i>Council Decision of 4.9.1981 on the conclusion of the Convention on the conservation of Antarctic marine living resources</i> <i>OJ L 252 , 05/09/1981 p. 0026 - 0035</i> + <i>CORRIGENDUM. TO 81/691/EEC</i> <i>OJ L 346 , 02/12/1981 p. 0024</i>	See list: http://www.ats.aq/devAS/ats_parties.aspx?lang=e
Convention on Long-range Transboundary Air Pollution (CLRTAP) (UN-ECE) Geneva, 13.11.1979	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 pollution	14/11/1979	11/06/1981	16/03/1983	http://www.unece.org/env/lrtap/lrtap_h1.htm <i>Council Decision on Conclusion: Official Journal L 171 , 27/06/1981 p. 0011 - 0024</i>	See list: http://www.unece.org/env/lrtap/status/lrtap_status.htm

<p>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)</p>	<p>The Protocol is an instrument for international cost-sharing of a monitoring programme. EMEP has three main components: collection of emission data for SO₂, NO_x, 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.</p>	28/09/1984	12/06/1986	28/01/1988	<p>http://www.unece.org/e/nv/lrtap/emep_h1.html</p> <p><i>Council Decision on Conclusion: Official Journal L 181 , 04/07/1986 p. 0001 - 0001</i></p>	<p>See list: http://www.unece.org/e/nv/lrtap/status/84e_st.htm</p>
<p>Protocol to the Convention on long-range Transboundary air pollution concerning the control of emissions of Nitrogen Oxides or their transboundary fluxes (NOX)</p>	<p>To freeze emissions of nitrogen oxides or their transboundary fluxes.</p>		<p>Council Decision on Accession: 17/05/1993</p>	17/03/1994	<p>http://www.unece.org/e/nv/lrtap/nitr_h1.html</p> <p><i>Council Decision on accession: Official Journal L 149 , 21/06/1993 p. 0014 - 0015</i></p>	<p>See list: http://www.unece.org/e/nv/lrtap/status/88n_st.htm</p>
<p>Protocol to the Convention on long-range Transboundary air pollution concerning the further reductions of Sulphur Emissions (SO₂)</p>	<p>To control and reduce their sulphur emissions in order to protect human health and the environment from adverse effects, in particular 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</p>	14/06/1994	23/03/1998	05/08/1998	<p>http://www.unece.org/e/nv/lrtap/fsulf_h1.html</p> <p><i>Council Decision on Conclusion: Official Journal L 326 , 03/12/1998 p. 0034 - 0034</i></p>	<p>See list: http://www.unece.org/e/nv/lrtap/status/94s_st.htm</p>

Oslo, 14.6.1994	loads.					
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		http://www.unece.org/env/lrtap/hm_h1.html <i>Council Decision on Conclusion Official Journal L 134 , 17/05/2001 P. 0040 - 0040</i>	See list: http://www.unece.org/env/lrtap/status/98hm_st.htm
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		http://www.unece.org/env/lrtap/pops_h1.html <i>Official Journal J L81, 19.3.2004, p 37-93</i>	See list: http://www.unece.org/env/lrtap/status/98pop_st.htm
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		http://www.unece.org/env/lrtap/multi_h1.html <i>Official Journal L179, 17.7.2003, p 3-54</i>	See list: http://www.unece.org/env/lrtap/status/99multi_st.htm
Convention on the Conservation of European Wildlife and Natural Habitats	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	19/09/1979	03/12/1981	01/09/1982	http://conventions.coe.int/Treaty/EN/CadreListeTraites.htm	See list: http://conventions.coe.int/Treaty/EN/CadreListeTraites.htm

(Council of Europe) Bern, 19.09.1979	promote such co-operation.				<i>Council Decision on Conclusion: Official Journal L 038 , 10/02/1982 p. 0001 - 0002</i>	
Convention on the Conservation of Migratory Species of Wild Animals (CMS) (UNEP) Bonn, 23.6.1979	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.		24/06/1982	01/11/1983	http://www.cms.int/documents/convtxt/cms_convtxt.htm <i>Council Decision on Conclusion: Official Journal L 210 , 19/07/1982 p. 0010 - 0022</i>	See list: http://www.cms.int/about/part_1st.htm
Convention for the protection of the Mediterranean Sea against pollution (BARCELONA Convention) (UNEP), as amended Barcelona, 16.02.1976	To prevent, abate and combat pollution of the Mediterranean Sea area and to protect and enhance the marine environment in that area.	13/09/1976	25/07/1977	15/04/1978	http://www.unepmap.org/index.php?module=content2&catid=001001001 <i>Council Decision on Conclusion: Official Journal L 240 , 19/09/1977 p. 0001 – 0002</i>	Albania, Algeria, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Croatia, Cyprus, European Union, Egypt, France, Greece, Israel, Italy, Lebanon, Libya, Malta, Monaco, Montenegro, Morocco, Slovenia, Spain, Syria, Tunisia, Turkey
Amended as: Convention for the	To prevent, abate, combat and to the fullest possible extent eliminate pollution of the Mediterranean Sea	10/06/1995	22/10/1999	09/06/2004	http://www.unepmap.org/index.php?module=content2&catid=001001001	Countries who accepted amendments: Albania, Algeria, Croatia, Cyprus,

Protection of the Marine Environment and the Coastal Region of the Mediterranean (BARCELONA Convention) (UNEP) 10.06.1995	Area and to protect and enhance the marine environment in that Area so as to contribute towards its sustainable development.				<u>1</u> <i>Council Decision on conclusion Official Journal L 322 , 14/12/1999 p. 0032 - 0043</i>	European Union, Egypt, France, Greece, Israel, Italy, Libya, Malta, Monaco, Montenegro, Morocco, Slovenia, Spain, Syria, Tunisia, Turkey
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 as: Protocol for the Prevention and Elimination of Pollution in the Mediterranean Sea by Dumping from Ships and Aircraft or Incineration at Sea 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	<u>1</u> <i>Council Decision on Conclusion: Official Journal L 240 , 19/09/1977 p. 0001 - 0002</i> <u>1</u> <i>Council Decision on conclusion: Official Journal L 322 , 14/12/1999 p. 0032 - 0043</i>	Albania, Algeria, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Croatia, Cyprus, European Union, Egypt, France, Greece, Israel, Italy, Lebanon, Libya, Malta, Monaco, Morocco, Slovenia, Spain, Syria, Tunisia, Turkey Countries who accepted amendments: Albania, Croatia, Cyprus, European Union, Egypt, Israel, Italy, Malta, Monaco, Morocco, Slovenia, Spain, Syria, Tunisia, Turkey
Protocol concerning co-operation in combating pollution of the Mediterranean Sea by Oil and Other	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	13/09/1976	19/05/1981	11/09/1981	<u>1</u> <i>Council Decision on</i>	Albania, Algeria, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Croatia, Cyprus, European Union, Egypt, France, Greece, Israel, Italy, Lebanon, Libya,

<p>Harmful Substances in cases of emergency (Emergency protocol)</p> <p>Barcelona, 16.02.1976</p>	<p>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 the Mediterranean sea.</p>				<p><i>conclusion: Official Journal L 162 , 19/06/1981 p. 0004 - 0013</i></p>	<p>Malta, Monaco, Morocco, Slovenia, Spain, Syria, Tunisia, Turkey</p>
<p>Protocol concerning co-operation in preventing pollution from ships and, in cases of emergency, combating pollution of the Mediterranean Sea (Prevention and Emergency Protocol)</p> <p>Malta, 25.01.2002</p>	<p>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.</p>	<p>25/01/2002</p>	<p>29/04/2004</p>	<p>17/03/2004</p>	<p>http://www.unepmap.org/index.php?module=content2&catid=001001001</p> <p><i>Council Decision on conclusion: Official Journal L 261 , 06/08/2004 P. 0040 - 0040</i></p>	<p>Croatia, Cyprus, European Union, France, Greece, Malta, Monaco, Montenegro, Morocco, Slovenia, Spain, Syria, Turkey</p>
<p>Protocol for the protection of the Mediterranean Sea against pollution from land-based sources (Land-Based Sources Protocol), as amended</p> <p>Athens, 17.05.1980</p> <p>Amended as: Protocol for the Protection of the Mediterranean Sea against Pollution from Land-Based Sources and</p>	<p>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.</p>	<p>17/05/1980</p> <p>8/03/1996</p>	<p>28/02/1983</p> <p>22/10/1999</p>	<p>17/06/1983</p> <p>11/05/2008</p>	<p>http://www.unepmap.org/index.php?module=content2&catid=001001001</p> <p><i>Council Decision on conclusion: Official Journal L 067 , 12/03/1983 p. 0001 - 0002</i></p> <p>http://www.unepmap.org/index.php?module=content2&catid=001001001</p> <p><i>Council Decision on conclusion: Official</i></p>	<p>Albania, Algeria, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Croatia, Cyprus, European Union, Egypt, France, Greece, Israel, Italy, Lebanon, Libya, Malta, Monaco, Morocco, Slovenia, Spain, Syria, Tunisia, Turkey</p>

Activities 08.03.1996					<i>Journal L 322 , 14/12/1999 p. 0018 - 0031</i>	
Protocol to the Barcelona Convention concerning specially protected areas of the Mediterranean Sea (Special Protected Areas Protocol) Geneva, 03.04.1982	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 cultural heritage in the region.	30/03/1983	01/03/1984	23/03/1986	http://www.unepmap.org/index.php?module=content2&catid=001001001 <i>Council Decision on conclusion: Official Journal L 068 , 10/03/1984 p. 0036 - 0045</i>	Albania, Algeria, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Croatia, Cyprus, European Union, Egypt, France, Greece, Israel, Italy, Lebanon, Libya, Malta, Monaco, Morocco, Slovenia, Spain, Syria, Tunisia, Turkey
Amended as: Protocol concerning Specially Protected Areas and Biological Diversity in the Mediterranean (Special Protected Areas Protocol) Barcelona, 10.06.1995	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.		22/10/1999	12/12/1999	http://www.unepmap.org/index.php?module=content2&catid=001001001 <i>Council Decision on conclusion: Official Journal L 322 , 14/12/1999 p. 0001 - 0017</i>	Albania, Algeria, Croatia, Cyprus, European Union, Egypt, France, Italy, Lebanon, Malta, Monaco, Montenegro, Morocco, Slovenia, Spain, Syria, Tunisia, Turkey
Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora (CITES Convention) Washington, 03.03. 1973	To ensure that international trade in specimens of wild animals and plants does not threaten their survival.	09/04/2015	06/03/2015	08/07/2015	https://cites.org/eng/disc/text.php Council Decision, Official Journal L 75, 19/03/2015, p. 1–3	See list: https://cites.org/eng/disc/parties/chronolo.php

