

Country	
1. Member State:	Greece
General information	
2. Responsible authority:	<i>Ministry of Environment and Energy</i>
3. Contributing agencies, organisations and other authorities:	
4. Reporting period	<i>12 October 2014 – 13 July 2018</i>

Parties to the Nagoya Protocol on Access and Benefit-sharing	
5. Is your country a Party to the Nagoya Protocol?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes OR <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <p>↳ <i>If selected, please indicate if there is any national process in place towards becoming a Party?</i></p> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <p>Greece is a signatory to the Nagoya Protocol. We have launched our internal procedures for the ratification of the Protocol and we are looking forward to their smooth finalization and formal adoption of the relevant draft law</p> OR <input type="checkbox"/> No <p>↳ <i>Please provide a summary of the main difficulties and challenges encountered for becoming a Party to the Nagoya Protocol: <Text entry></i></p>

Institutional structures and resources for the implementation of the Regulation	
6. Has your country designated one or more competent authorities as provided in Article 6?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes ↳ <i>Please identify the designated competent authority/-ies</i> : ' <i>The aforementioned draft law for the ratification of the protocol includes provisions (article 2), inter alia, for the designation of the competent authorities for the Nagoya Protocol. More specifically, the competent authority is the Hellenic Ministry of Environment and Energy which serve as a coordinator between co-competent Ministries and Agencies.</i>

↳ If more than one competent authority established, please number them in point 6.

	<p>⌞ <i>If selected, please fill in also section 7</i></p> <p>OR <input type="checkbox"/> No</p> <p>⌞ <i>If selected, please move to section 8</i></p>
<p>7. Is (one of) the competent authority (authorities) in your country responsible for:</p> <p>- receiving due diligence declarations under Article 7(1) and 7(2)</p> <p>- transmitting information to the ABS Clearing House under Article 7(3)</p> <p>- carrying out checks on compliance in line with Article 9</p> <p>- recognition and verification of registered collections</p>	<p><input type="checkbox"/> Yes OR <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No</p> <p>⌞ <i>If yes and more than one competent authority established, please indicate which institution is responsible for receiving due diligence declarations²: <Text entry></i></p> <p>⌞ <i>If no, please indicate which other institution is responsible for receiving due diligence declarations: Not applicable</i></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Yes OR <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No</p> <p>⌞ <i>If yes and more than one competent authority established, please indicate which institution is responsible for transmitting information to ABS CH: <Text entry></i></p> <p>⌞ <i>If no, please indicate which other institution is responsible for transmitting information: Not applicable</i></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Yes OR <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No</p> <p>⌞ <i>If yes and more than one competent authority established, please indicate which institution is responsible for carrying out checks: <Text entry></i></p> <p>⌞ <i>If no, please indicate which other institution is responsible for checking compliance: Not applicable</i></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Yes OR <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No</p> <p>⌞ <i>If yes and more than one competent authority established, please indicate which institution is responsible for recognition and verification of collections: <Text entry></i></p> <p>⌞ <i>If no, please indicate which other institution is responsible for recognizing and verifying registered collections: Not applicable</i></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Yes OR <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No</p> <p>⌞ <i>If yes and more than one competent authority</i></p>

² In all point 7, if the first option is selected, it is sufficient to refer to a number/(s) corresponding to the authority indicated under point 6

<p>- cooperation with third countries under Article 7(3)</p> <p>- implementation of complementary measures under Article 13 (awareness raising, training activities, guidance to users etc.)</p>	<p><i>established</i>, please indicate which institution is responsible for cooperation with third countries: <Text entry></p> <p>↳ <i>If no</i>, please indicate which other institution is responsible for the cooperation: Not applicable</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Yes OR <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No</p> <p>↳ <i>If yes and more than one competent authority established</i>, please indicate which institution is responsible for implementation of complementary measures: <Text entry></p> <p>↳ <i>If no</i>, please indicate which other institution is responsible for implementation of complementary measures: We have initiated internal consultations in order to identify the appropriate way to deal with all the abovementioned issues</p>
<p>8. Has your country designated any checkpoints beyond those envisaged in Article 7(1)–7(2) of the Regulation?</p>	<p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No</p> <p>OR</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Yes</p> <p>↳ <i>Please provide information about the additional checkpoints:</i> <Text entry></p>
<p>9. Does your country have specific staff to administer functions directly related to the implementation of the Regulation?³</p>	<p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes</p> <p><i>If selected</i>, please indicate how many (person-months per year): One person/ one month per year</p> <p>Involved in enforcement of the Regulation (person-months per year⁴): One person/ one month per year</p> <p>Involved in other activities (cooperation, awareness-raising, capacity-building, reporting) (person-months per year): One person one month per year</p> <p>This may be subject to changes according the real needs after the adoption of the draft law.</p> <p>OR</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> No</p> <p>↳ <i>Please provide a summary of the main difficulties and challenges encountered in assigning specific staff to administer functions related to the implementation of the Regulation:</i> limited humal resources. .</p>

³ This information could be useful for the evaluation of the effectiveness of the Regulation under Article 16.

⁴ Note that this information can be provided in a aggregated format (average per year for the reporting period);

10. An estimate of external annual budget for implementation of the Regulation	An estimate for total external ⁵ annual budget for EU ABS Regulation implementation, including cooperation, awareness-raising, capacity-building, reporting: _____ EUR it has not yet been estimated
11. Additional information	<i>Please provide any additional relevant information, including – where relevant – a summary of the main difficulties and challenges encountered when establishing the institutional structure for the implementation of the Regulation:</i> For the implementation of the EU ABS regulation, we had launched a funded program for the adoption of the required legislative acts and management measures and the establishment / definition of the necessary structures to support the implementation. Unfortunately, the program has not been completed due to force majeure and now we initiate internal procedures for a new contractor

Legislative measures	
Penalties (Article 11)	
12. Has your country set up a penalty system as required by Article 11?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <i>↳ If selected, please fill in sections 13-15</i> OR <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <i>↳ If selected, please explain why not and provide a timetable for adoption of penalties: we are in the process of identifying the control mechanisms and propose the appropriate sanctions in compliance with Article 11 of Regulation</i>
13. What are the types of penalties foreseen for infringements of Article 4 and 7 of the Regulation?	<input type="checkbox"/> Notice of remedial action <input type="checkbox"/> Administrative fines <input type="checkbox"/> Criminal sanctions <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Others <i>↳ If selected, please specify: They have not been identified yet. We are planning to set up a penalty system with mixed options</i>
14. What is the level of penalties established for breaches of the Regulation?	Not applicable <i>Please provide examples for penalties applicable to offences that are considered to be severe, medium, and of lower importance.</i>

⁵ Such as public procurement procedures, consultancies, studies, outsourced communication campaigns, etc.

15. Additional information	<p><i>Please provide any additional relevant information, including – where relevant – a summary of the main challenges when putting penalty systems in place: <Text entry></i></p> <p><i>Please provide link(s) to the relevant legislation: <URL and website name></i></p>
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Administrative measures put in place for implementation of the Regulation
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Monitoring of user compliance (Article 7)
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16. Has your country put in place measures to ensure that a request is made to all recipients of research funding involving utilisation of genetic resources and traditional knowledge associated with genetic resources, to declare that they exercise due diligence?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <i>↳If selected, please fill in section 17 below</i> OR <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <i>↳If selected, please explain why not and indicate if there is any other way of ensuring compliance with Article 7(1): under preparation</i>
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17. How is the request under Article 7(1) made?	<input type="checkbox"/> By law or other legislative measures <i>↳If selected, please provide reference to relevant legal provisions: <Text entry></i> OR/ AND <input type="checkbox"/> By direct requests to applicants for funding <i>↳ If selected, specify which organization is responsible for making the request: <Text entry></i> <i>↳If selected, please indicate how many requests have been made so far: <Text entry></i> OR/ AND <input type="checkbox"/> By means of a website <i>↳If selected, please provide URL and explain the reasons for the choice of that site: <Text entry></i> OR/ AND <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> By other means <i>↳If selected, please specify: Not applicable</i>
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18. Additional information	<p><i>Please provide any additional relevant information, including – where relevant – a summary of the main difficulties related to implementing a request referred to in Article 7(1): administration measures are under preparation</i></p>
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Risk-based plan for checks on user compliance (Article 9(3)(a))
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19. Has your country developed a plan as referred to in Article 9(3)(a)?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <i>↳If selected, please fill in sections 20 to 22 below</i> OR
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	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <i>↳ Please explain why not and provide a timeline for when the plan is expected to be developed: still in process to identify potential users</i>
20. What are the risk factors applied in the preparation of the plan and any other criteria considered in its development?	Please describe the risk factors: <Text entry> Please describe any other criteria: <Text entry>
21. Which period does the current plan cover? When and how often will the plan be revised?	<Text entry>
22. Additional information concerning development of the plans	<i>Please provide any additional relevant information, including – where relevant – a summary of the main difficulties and challenges when preparing the plan: <Text entry></i> <i>Please provide link to the plan: <URL and website name> and/or <Attachment></i>

Enforcement and compliance measures	
Monitoring of user compliance (Article 7) ⁶	
23. How many due diligence declarations have been received based on Article 7(1)?	<i>None</i>
24. How many due diligence declarations have been received based on Article 7(2)?	<i>none</i>
25. Number of checkpoint communiques transferred to the ABS Clearing House	<i>None</i>
26. Number of checkpoints communique transferred to the competent authority referred to in Article 13(2) of the Protocol for confidentiality reasons	<i>None</i>
27. Additional information	<i>Please provide a summary of the main difficulties related to</i>

⁶ With regard to Questions 23 to 25, information needs to be provided for the current reporting period, while in the future it will need to be provided only if the DECLARE system was not used.

	<p><i>monitoring of user compliance as per Article 7(1), if any: <Text entry></i></p> <p><i>Please provide a summary of the main difficulties and challenges in relation to implementation of Article 7(2), if any: <Text entry></i></p>
Checks on users (Article 9)	
28. How many checks have been carried out during the reporting period?	<i>None</i>
29. What types of checks were carried out?	<input type="checkbox"/> Examination of documents provided upon request <input type="checkbox"/> On-site visits <input type="checkbox"/> Inspections <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other ↳ <i>Please specify: Not applicable</i>
30. Were all the checks carried out in line with the plan developed based on Article 9(3)(a)?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes OR <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No ↳ <i>Please specify what were the reasons/triggers for carrying out the other checks: <Text entry></i>
31. In how many situations the checks were initiated due to substantiated concerns as referred to in Article 9(3)(b)?	Not applicable
32. In how many cases were shortcomings identified?	Not applicable
33. Additional information	<p><i>Please provide a summary of the main types of shortcomings identified: <Text entry></i></p> <p><i>Please provide a summary of the main difficulties and challenges in relation to checks: <Text entry></i></p>
Penalties (Article 11)	
34. Penalties imposed during the reporting period	<p><i>Please specify if your country imposed any penalties</i></p> <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of remedial action ↳ <i>If selected, please specify how many:</i> <input type="checkbox"/> Fines ↳ <i>If selected, please specify how many:</i> <input type="checkbox"/> Criminal sanctions ↳ <i>If selected, please specify how many:</i> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Others ↳ <i>If selected, please specify how many: No penalty was imposed during the reporting period</i>
35. If penalties were applied during the	Infringement of duties stemming from:

reporting period, which types of infringements were penalised?	<input type="checkbox"/> Article 4 – due diligence <input type="checkbox"/> Article 7 – duty to file due diligence declaration <input type="checkbox"/> Other ↳ <i>Please specify:</i>
36. Additional information:	<i>Please provide a summary of the main difficulties and challenges concerning enforcement measures (if any):</i> No additional information provided
Register of collections (Article 5)	
37. Are you aware of any interest by institutions in your country to become a registered collection?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes ↳ <i>Please indicate how many collections expressed their interest:</i> OR <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
38. Number of applications received	None
39. Number of verifications carried out	None
40. Additional information	<i>Please provide any additional information, including on what might explain the level of interest in becoming a registered collection:</i> the low level of interest is mainly due to concerns about liability

Cooperation and complementary measures	
Cooperation (Article 12)	
41. Has your country ⁷ cooperated with competent authorities or other relevant organizations in other EU Member States?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes ↳ Please specify countries with which the cooperation was undertaken: <Text entry> ↳ Please provide examples of such cooperation: <Text entry> OR <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No However, we are open for any kind of cooperation that has the potential to contribute to the implementation of the legal provisions.
42. Has your country cooperated with (third countries') competent national authorities referred to in Article 13(2) of the Protocol?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes ↳ Please specify the countries with which the cooperation was undertaken: <Text entry> ↳ Please specify areas of cooperation: <Text entry> Was the cooperation related to any identified shortcomings? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes OR <input type="checkbox"/> No ↳ If yes, please specify the shortcomings: <Text entry> OR <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No as above
Complementary measures (Article 13)	
43. Has your country carried out any training and awareness-raising activities to assist the stakeholders and interested parties in building understanding of their obligations arising from the EU ABS Regulation and relevant provisions of the Protocol and the Convention? ⁸	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes ↳ Please specify type and number of activities carried out: Training sessions: <Text entry> Workshops: <Text entry> Conferences: <Text entry> Others: <Text entry> ↳ Please estimate the number of users that participated in the activities carried out or that received other assistance (e.g. in the form of responses to requests for clarification etc.): <Text entry> OR <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No

⁷ When reference to “country” is made in this part, it shall be understood as covering activities carried out by the authorities, or carried out on their behalf;

⁸ See also response to question 54 from the Nagoya Protocol reporting format

<p>44. Has your country organized any activities addressed specifically to academic, university and non-commercial researchers, and small and medium enterprises?</p>	<p><input type="checkbox"/> Yes</p> <p>↳ Please specify type and number of activities carried out:</p> <p>Training sessions: <Text entry></p> <p>Workshops: <Text entry></p> <p>Conferences: <Text entry></p> <p>Others:</p> <p>↳ Please estimate number of users that participated in the activities carried out/ that received assistance: OR</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No but we are planning to organize such activities.</p>
<p>45. Have any complaints been received from users in relation to implementation of the EU ABS Regulation?</p>	<p><input type="checkbox"/> Yes</p> <p>↳ Please summarise the nature of complaints received: <Text entry></p> <p>OR</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No</p>

Submission addresses:

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