

Report on costs and feasibility of option B for monitoring progress toward the Paris Goals

Note by the secretariat

I. Background and mandate

1. Options provided by the Secretariat at the 25th Steering Committee Meeting of THE PEP for reporting on progress in the implementation of THE PEP

(a) Improve the quality of the present reporting mechanism, by requiring respondents to the annual monitoring questionnaire also to provide evidence of the information reported, for example through the provision of links to relevant supportive documentation (e.g. publications, reports of events, national policies/legislation, as applicable). Compared to the present reporting system, the additional costs to be incurred are estimated in terms of approximately 3–4 additional days for the member States to collect the supportive documentation and of approximately 1 month for the secretariat to perform the analysis of replies and validate them against the evidence provided.

(b) Explore the development of an indicator-based assessment of progress in the achievement of THE PEP goals at the national or pan European level, in collaboration with relevant institutions such as the EEA, and with due consideration of the reporting burden of the member States. This would result in a proposal that would work to the extent feasible with existing indicators and tools that could be applied for monitoring progress in the integration of transport, health and environment policies. The costs associated with the establishment and maintenance of such a reporting framework would depend on the number of indicators, their availability, and the sources from which they would be collected. Should the Steering Committee be interested in further exploring this option, it could request the Secretariat to develop a proposal for such a monitoring framework, including estimated costs, for consideration by the 13th meeting of the Steering Committee.

2. The Bureau considered the two proposed options for alternative monitoring of implementation and decided to explore the costs and feasibility of option B. The secretariat was tasked with preparing an appropriate report for consideration by the Bureau at its next meeting.

II. Costs and feasibility of option B

3. As requested, the Secretariat has developed the initial cost estimates for carrying out Option B:

Budget in USD (initial costs for 2015 are higher given the need to design and develop the reporting framework)

	2015	2016-2017	2018-2019 (and so on for other biennia)
Design of the reporting framework in consultation with other partners (i.e. EEA, UNSD) Secretariat and the members of the Bureau (40 work days at 350USD/day)	14000		
Establishment and maintenance of the reporting framework: collection of data, analysis of the data, preparation of the report (24 work days at 350USD/day)	8400	8400	8400
Total	22400		