

Date: 28th January 2026

To:

National Focal Points of CLRTAP and

National Focal Centers of Task Force on reactive Nitrogen

Subject: 2026-2027 Call for Data on National Nitrogen Budgets

Dear Madam or Sir,

on behalf of the Executive Body, the Task Force on Reactive Nitrogen (TFRN) and its Expert Panel on Nitrogen Budgets (EPNB) are pleased to invite you to participate in the Call for Data (CfD) 2026-2027 on National Nitrogen Budgets. This invitation follows the 45th session (see: [decisions](#)) of the Executive Body, adopting the revised Guidance document on National Nitrogen Budgets, [ECE/EB.AIR/WG.5/2025/3](#) and inviting Parties to the Gothenburg Protocol to submit voluntarily such budgets in line with article 7(3d) of the Protocol.

National Nitrogen Budgets (NNBs) are efficient instruments for visualizing the N cascade and its potential impact on the environment and health. They provide policy makers with information for identifying intervention points and developing efficient emission reduction measures, they help to monitor the impact of policies implemented and they are useful for comparisons across countries. NNBs allow to quantify various indicators (per-capita emissions, nitrogen use efficiency, achievement of halving nitrogen losses) and to compare them over time and between countries. UNECE guidance on NNBs is specifically referred to in the Gothenburg Protocol (Article 7 (3) d) and in the EU NEC Directive (Annex 3 part 2). Further information about NNBs is provided in a “Summary for Policy Makers” (https://www.clrtap-tfrn.org/sites/default/files/2025-05/NNB_policy_summary.pdf).

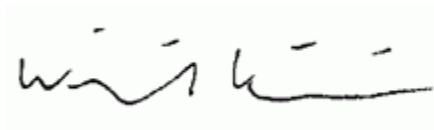
EPNB not only provided the above-mentioned revised Guidance Document on National Nitrogen Budgets, but it also developed detailed technical annexes and a reporting template. With this Call for Data you are requested to use this guidance to establish an NNB and to submit your most up-to-date national data following the detailed technical instructions (attached). To support parties, EPNB is preparing training sessions and a peer-2-peer-network.

Implementation of the Call for Data requires national activities and appropriate resources. National focal centres are requested to respond to the Co-Chairs of EPNB whether they plan to participate, and if so provide a brief outline of planned activities by July 2026. The resulting data should be submitted in June 2027. Please contact the Co-Chairs of EPNB also, if you are interested in training sessions or wish to participate in a peer-2-peer network. The EPNB will evaluate the results and prepare a summarizing report and conclusions for EB-47.

Yours sincerely,



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