



BRS HIGHLIGHTS

The monthly newsletter of the Basel,
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2022: A YEAR IN RETROSPECTIVE

471%

increase in
social media
followers

56

small grants &
pilot projects
on plastic waste
launched

42

webinars &
workshops
carried out

25

hybrid
meetings
organised

20

Regional Centre
activities
organised

42

new
publications
launched

HIGHLIGHTS



The Secretariat of the Basel, Rotterdam and Stockholm Conventions participated in several events during the 2022 United Nations Climate Change Conference, managing to place chemicals and wastes in the agenda, as key drivers of climate change.



The Plastic Waste Partnership held its third meeting in Uruguay, ahead of the first session of the Intergovernmental Negotiating Committee to develop an international legally binding instrument on plastic pollution, including in the marine environment.



The fifteenth meeting of the Implementation and Compliance Committee of the Basel Convention, and the first meeting of the Compliance Committee of the Rotterdam Convention held individual meetings and a joint session, in a marathon 'compliance week'!



The Secretariat of the Basel, Rotterdam and Stockholm Conventions participated in the International Symposium on Electronic Waste and End-of-Life Vehicles, held in Korea, addressing the negative impact of the e-waste pollution stream.



The countdown to the 2023 meetings of the Conferences of the Parties to the Basel, Rotterdam and Stockholm Conventions has already begun! Invitation letters have been sent out, and provisional agendas are now available to download on the official websites.



Read it, play it, own it! The #PlasticsForever social media challenge has been launched on Tik Tok! Top scorers will win a hard copy of the Plastic is Forever coffee table book, featuring the finalist entries from the Plastic is Forever photography competition.

DONORS' CORNER

During the Bureaux meetings of Conferences of the Parties to the Basel, Rotterdam and Stockholm Conventions (BRS COPs), which were held in October 2022, the Secretariat gave an update on the fundraising situation for the 2023 BRS COPs and Regional Preparatory Meetings, revealing a funding gap of two million United States Dollars. The exceptionally short intersessional time between the previous and upcoming COPs rendered the provision of funds even more urgent, a fact which was taken well into account by the BRS Convention Parties.

We can now proudly announce that, thanks to the generous contributions of Germany, Japan, Norway, Sweden and Switzerland, the 2023 BRS COPs and Regional Preparatory Meetings are now fully funded. Your generosity is much appreciated!

FROM THE REGIONS

The Stockholm Convention Regional Centre (SCRC Czechia) is hosted at the RECETOX (Research Centre for Toxic Compounds in the Environment) facilities in Brno. In addition to the Central and Eastern European region, the Centre also serves Africa, the Pacific Islands, and Latin America and the Caribbean. SCRC Czechia offers support in monitoring the presence of Persistent Organic Pollutants (POPs) in the atmosphere. As such, it has been instrumental in collecting, compiling and reporting on POPs data for the Global Monitoring Plan.



MORE TO COME!

28 NOV - 2 DEC

63rd GEF Council Meeting
online

5-7 DEC

5th meeting of the expert working group on the review of Annexes to the Basel Convention
Geneva, Switzerland

5-7 DEC

6th Meeting of the Small Intersessional Working Group on PCB
Port of Spain, Trinidad and Tobago

8-10 DEC

3rd Small Intersessional Working Group on the Technical Guidelines on Plastic Waste
Geneva, Switzerland

11 DEC

International Mountains Day

18-19 JAN

Joint meeting of the Bureaux of the Conferences of the Parties to the Basel, Rotterdam and Stockholm Conventions
Geneva, Switzerland

COMINGS AND GOINGS

A big 'welcome' to Siobhán Rose, the new intern of the Legal and Policy Unit team! Siobhán is currently working remotely, but she will join us in Geneva as of January.

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