

Peer learning sessions of the 2021 Regional Forum on Sustainable Development for the UNECE Region

Presentation of policy practices as a basis for the peer learning discussion

Choose an item.

Title of intervention, country and name of presenter	Electronic permit exchange (EPIX) of CITES permits The role of the UNECE Task Force and the Swiss experience Matthias Lörtscher, Switzerland.
Brief description	The digitalization of permitting processes and the digital exchange of permits is of key importance to the CITES Convention. It will support the Convention to make legal trade traceable, legal and sustainable. The presentation will discuss the role that the UNECE EPIX Task Force has in supporting an implementing EPIX projects and describe the Swiss experience in developing such an EPIX system.
Policy goal(s) or challenge(s) to be addressed	Strengthening sustainable trade through ICTs to promote inclusive, transparent and traceable value chains
Instruments and proposals	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Use and adhere to existing international standards for electronic information exchange - Support global and regional initiatives to implement EPIX systems - Make use of available “out of the box systems” for parties with limited financial resources - Exchange knowledge and lessons learned between interested parties for example through the UNECE EPIX Task Force
Constraints and difficulties	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Financial and technical gaps between different regions - Weak political will to support EPIX initiatives -
Lessons	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Using stakeholder leverage to support EPIX initiatives - Defining and adhering to international standards from the start - Involving all stakeholders and parties to learn the needs and experiences - Creating platforms and possibilities for exchange of information and lessons learned
Links to additional materials	eCITES CITES

