

Working group 2 session IV support structure

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Frequency of ministerial meetings

- understanding: meeting in 2012 (not 2011)
- rather 2 years, then max 3, because
- political engagement, push
- enhanced involvement of stakeholders
- extending period would be wrong signal to stakeholders
- secretariat burden/funding/ sharing
- decision can also be reviewed halfway towards 2020
- find innovative ways to keep ministers engaged?
- not everything needs always to be reported

Sharing the process 1

- Find new system for chairing intergovernmental process
- Combining EU + non-EU country
- Knowing beforehand has advantages/is needed
- Electing list for 4 – 5 years of chairs and co-chairs? (EU according to existing list)
- Host could still be responsible for secretariat; Chair could second a person to secretariat, or other member voluntary (ICT/website person?)
- Could members contribute funds (not only EU)

Sharing the process 2

- Most delegates prefer rotating secretariat
- Shared by hosting country and chair
- Meeting in Sarajevo very good example
- Topical meeting very helpful