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Moderator: Ms. Elena Santer, United Nations Economic Commission for Europe (UNECE)

Speaker	CV
Mr. Martin Smutný Integra Consulting Ltd., Environmental Impact Assessment and Strategic Environmental Assessment Consultant	Martin Smutny, partner in Integra Consulting Ltd, has 17 years of experience in the field of environmental assessment. He coordinated over 40 SEAs and EIAs for various types of strategic documents and projects and was involved in a number of SEA/EIA capacity-building assignments in Central and Eastern Europe, former Soviet Union countries, and South-East Asia. In 2016 – 2018 he assisted the UNECE secretariat to the Espoo Convention in coordinating SEA/EIA component of the ‘Greening Economies in the European Union's Eastern Neighbourhood’ (EaP GREEN) programme, including supervision of the pilot SEA of the National Waste Management Policy in Georgia. Martin is currently involved in quality control of several EIAs for transport infrastructure in Slovakia (for the National Highway Agency), is an environmental assessment expert and lecturer in ‘Strengthening environmental assessment system in Georgia in line with the UNECE Protocol on SEA’ (for UNECE), and is a team member in ‘Baltic-EaP Network on Quality Control and Capacity Development in Environmental Assessment’ which aims to develop an expert network on quality control and capacity development in environmental assessment in Georgia, Moldova, and Ukraine (for Swedish

	Agriculture University).
<p>Ms. Nino Gokhelashvili</p> <p>Head of Sustainable Development Division, Ministry of Environmental Protection and Agriculture, Georgia</p>	<p>Nino Gokhelashvili is a Head of Sustainable Development Division of the Department of Environment and Climate Change at the Ministry of Environmental Protection and Agriculture of Georgia (MEPA). She is responsible for coordination of sustainable development aspects and SDGs in environmental and agricultural directions both at the national and international levels and cooperation with partner countries and organizations. Also, she is involved personally in the implementation of different environmental processes and Multilateral Environmental Agreements to which Georgia is a Party to. Nino Gokhelashvili is the National Focal Point (NFP) to the UNECE Convention on Access to Information, Public Participation in Decision-making and Access to Justice in Environmental Matters (Aarhus Convention) since 2004, the UNECE Strategy for Education for Sustainable Development (ESD) since 2008 and ESD Steering Committee Bureau member since 2017. She is committed to advocate sustainable development, environmental education and good environmental governance activities at national and international levels.</p>
<p>Ms. Rodica Iordanov</p> <p>Chisinau Aarhus Centre, Moldova</p>	<p>Ms. Rodica Iordanov is executive director of Chisinau Aarhus Centre of Moldova and EcoContact since 2013. Ms. Iordanov has a wide working experience with the Ministry of Environment and Natural Resources of the Republic of Moldova and with different international organizations (GIZ, REC CEE, UNDP, UNECE, GEF, FAO) as legal consultant, team leader, and legal expert in the field of environmental law. She is a co-author of several academic papers with focus of environmental rights, civil environmental monitoring, and access to information on environment. She holds a PhD on environmental law from the Academy of Sciences of Moldova, Institute of History, State and Law.</p>
<p>Mr. Yeldos Abakanov</p> <p>Association of ecological organizations, Kazakhstan</p>	<p>Mr. Yeldos Abakanov is Deputy Chairman of the “Association of environmental organizations of Kazakhstan”. He began his career as a leading engineer of the production of technical department of “Kazhydromet”. Mr. Abakanov worked at “Kazakhstan Center for Modernization and Development of Housing and Public Utilities” and was project manager of the Coalition for a Green Economy and the Development of G-global. He led the Public Chamber of Energy Saving and Energy</p>

	<p>Efficiency. Since December 2017, he holds the position of Deputy Chairman of the "Association of Environmental Organizations of Kazakhstan". He gained international experience on energy conservation, green economy and environmental protection in Europe, Asia, the CIS and the USA.</p>
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