



Public participation under the Protocol on SEA, the Espoo Convention, and the Aarhus Convention

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Capacity Building activities: Geographical coverage

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Eastern Europe & the Caucasus



Central Asia





CURRENT OPPORTUNITIES (2019-2020) CAPACITY BUILDING ON SEA REGIONAL PROJECT

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МЕРОПРИЯТИЯ/ ACTIVITIES	КАЗ/ KAZ	КЫР/ KYR	ТАДЖ/ TAJ	ТУРК/ TURK	УЗБ/ UZB
Национальные семинары / National one-day workshops	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Образовательный тур в Германию / study tour to Germany	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Субрегиональный семинар / Sub regional seminar	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Опрос-исследование / needs assessment	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Пилотный проект по СЭО / SEA pilot project					



CURRENT OPPORTUNITIES (2018-2020): LEGISLATIVE REVIEWS AND DRAFTING LEGISLATION

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ACTIVITIES	KAZ	KYR	TAJ	TURK	ЎЗБ/ UZB
EIA					
SEA					

Combined funding!

EU
OSCE
UNECE
Germany
Switzerland



Pilot application of strategic environmental assessment to the Government of Kazakhstan's draft Strategy for the Development of its Fuel and Energy System until 2030 (2017 – 2018)



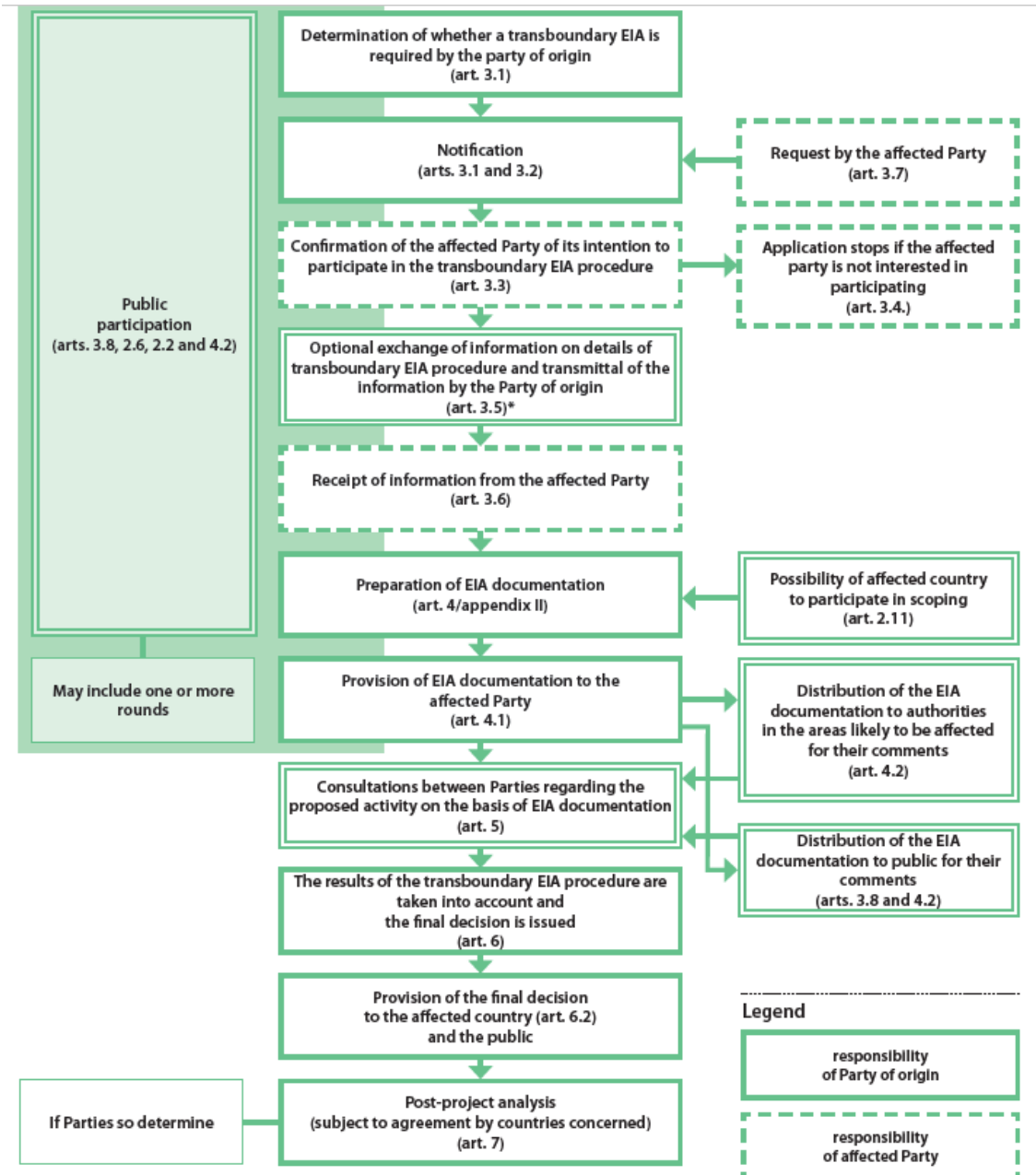
Aarhus Convention	Espoo Convention
National Transboundary	Transboundary ONLY

- Related articles of the Aarhus Convention**
- Preamble, including para. 23 referring to the Espoo Convention
 - Objectives (article 1)
 - Definitions (Article 2)
 - Access to information (article 4)
 - Collection and dissemination of environmental information (article 5)
 - Public participation in decisions on specific activities (article 6, including Annex I)

Joint responsibility of governments of Party of origin and affected Parties

If there is transboundary procedure - public from affected Party (from areas likely to be affected) must have equivalent opportunities (Espoo Convention Art.2.6)

Espoo Convention



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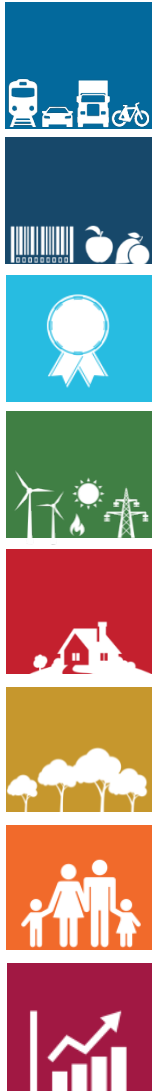


Capacity Building activities: Substantive coverage 2013-2018 (EaPGREEN)

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Overview of the main outputs from UNECE activities financed through the EaP GREEN

Establishing legislative framework for SEA and EIA						
Legislative review carried out	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
Support to drafting the legislation provided including awareness raising events to support adoption of the legislation	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Draft legislation in intergovernmental discussion or submitted for adoption		✓		✓		✓
Legislation adopted	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Implementing SEA/EIA pilots						
SEA/EIA pilots finalized		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓



Capacity Building activities: Substantive coverage 2013-2018

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Preparing national SEA guidelines						
National SEA guidelines prepared				✓		✓
Organizing trainings on SEA						
The training manual prepared English and Russian as a background for future trainings and workshops in the countries	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Training materials on SEA tailored to national and local conditions produced	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Relevant governmental staff, experts, representatives of NGOs trained on SEA	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Participation of the country representatives at the sub-regional events	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓



Further steps 2019-2021 (EU4ENVIRONMENT)

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Adoption of the legislation is a first step: enforcement mechanisms and further support to build national capacities are needed

Assistance for finalising legislation

Legal drafting: secondary legislation

National awareness raising events for legislation

Comprehensive capacity and institutional building

Pilot SEAs

Sector/issue specific guidelines

Training workshops on SEA/national training schemes on SEA and EIA

Awareness raising events to promote application of SEA (tr. EIA)

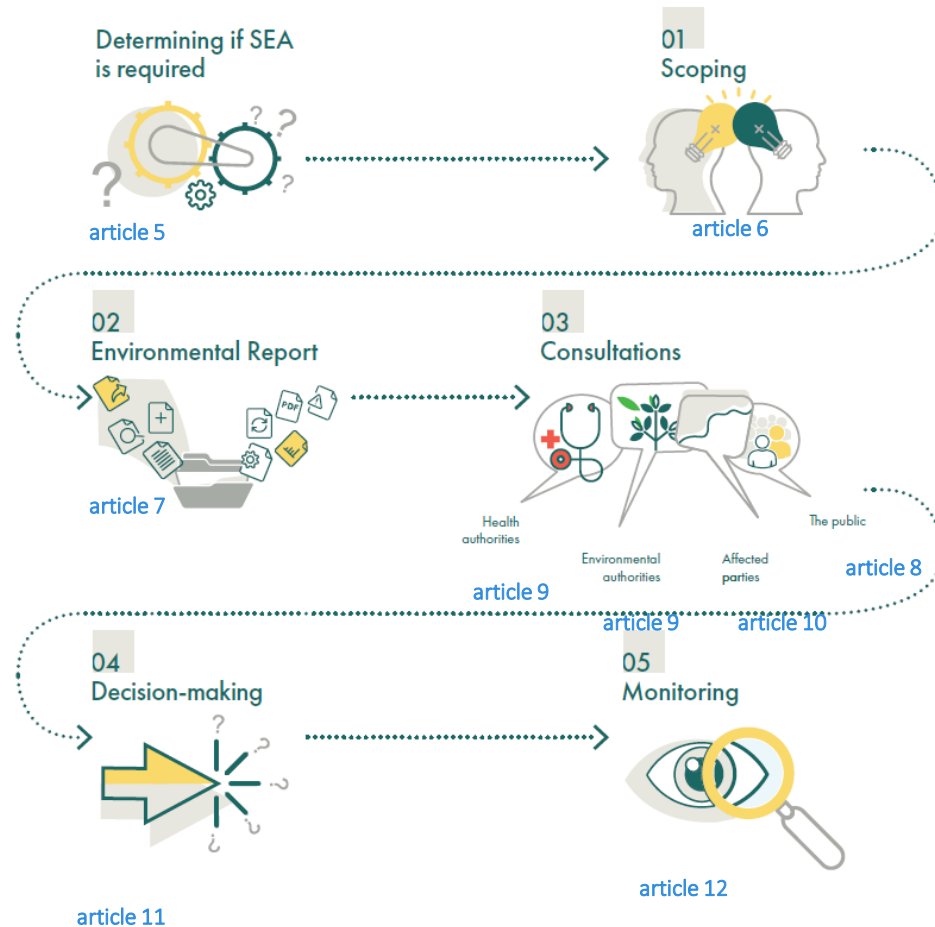
Sub-regional events

A model for a SEA database



Protocol on Strategic Environmental Assessment

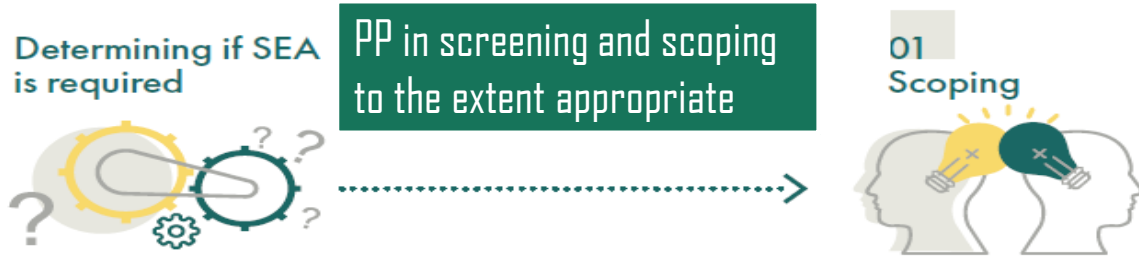
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SEA IS OBLIGATORY FOR PLANS AND PROGRAMMES IN:

- Agriculture
- Forestry
- Fisheries
- Energy
- Industry, including mining
- Transport
- Regional development
- Waste management
- Water management
- Telecommunications
- Tourism
- Town and country planning
- Land use

Protocol on Strategic Environmental Assessment



Protocol on SEA requires public to be given an opportunity to comment:

- on draft plans or programmes
- the associated environmental report

After the plan or programme is adopted, the public must be provided with information about the adopted plan and the SEA process in an "SEA statement"

Due account of public comments must be taken in decisions about the plan or programme.

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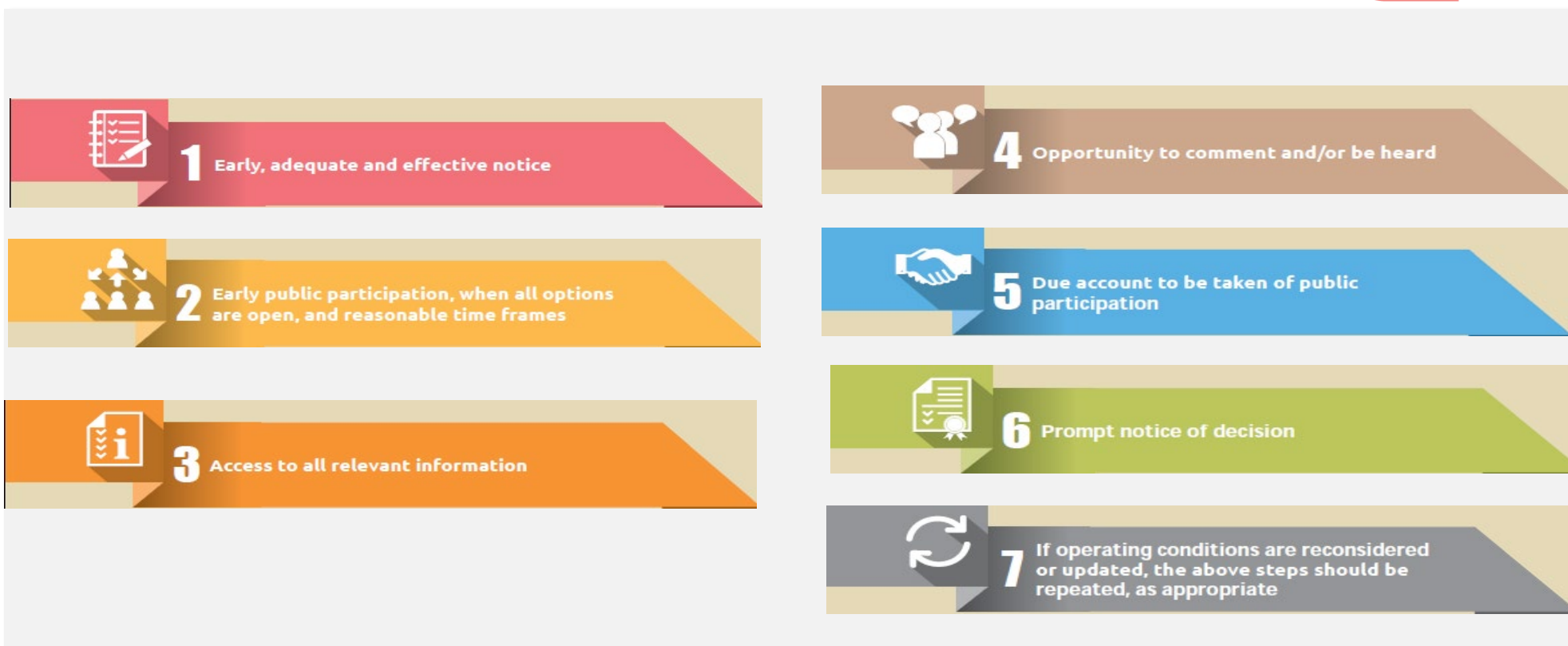
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Article 3 of the Protocol on SEA additionally provides a number of general rights to the public, similar to those of article 3 of the Aarhus Convention, including to:

- a. Relevant assistance and guidance from officials and authorities;
- b. Recognition of and support for relevant associations, organizations or groups (e.g., non-governmental organizations (NGOs));
- c. Exercise rights under the Protocol without being penalized, persecuted or harassed, and without discrimination as to citizenship, nationality or domicile.



Aarhus model for effective public participation in decision-making

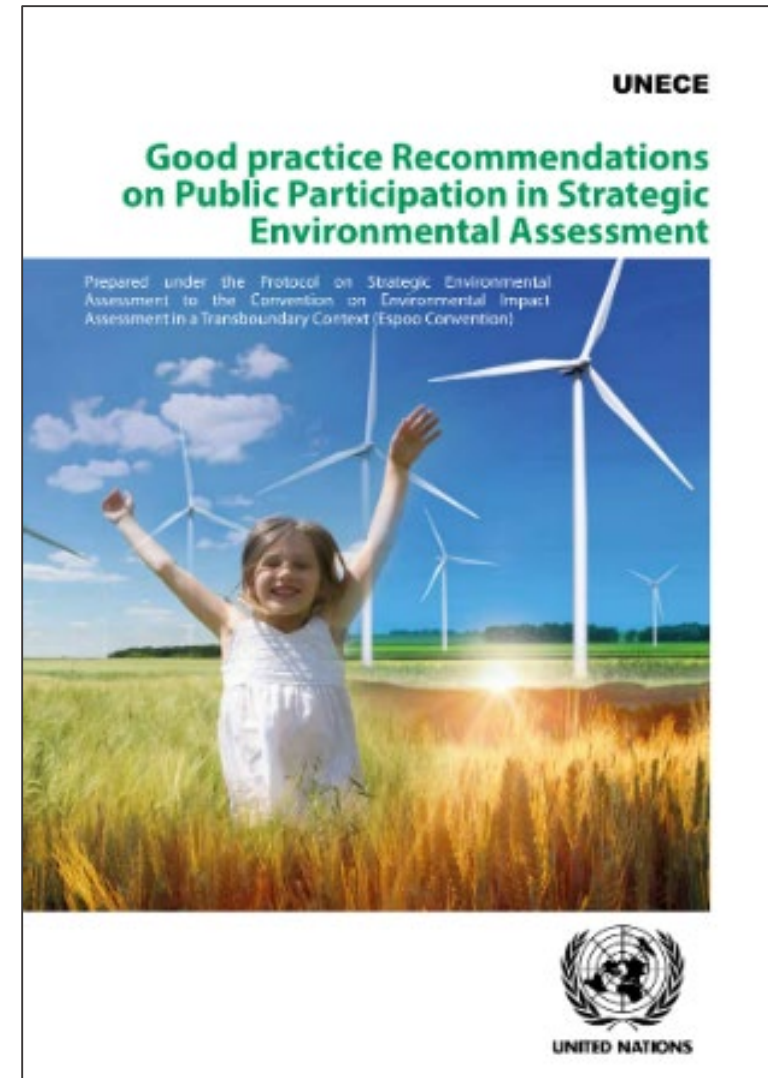


To learn more, follow Task Force on Public Participation and use the Maastricht Recommendations and Good practice online database

Resources: Protocol on SEA & Espoo Convention

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- Protocol on SEA: Facts and Benefits
- Good Practice Recommendations on Public Participation in SEA
- Resource Manual to Support Application of the SEA Protocol + Simplified Resource Manual
- Upcoming Guidance on assessment of potential health impacts of plans and programmes and for the involvement of health authorities in SEA
- Good practice recommendations on application of the Convention to Nuclear related activities
- Upcoming Guidance on the applicability the Convention to the lifetime extension of nuclear power plants





Thank you!

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