

**Ministry of Environment and Natural Resources
Republic of Moldova**

Subregional Workshop on capacity-building for the Espoo Convention

**5-7 November 2008
Chisinau, Republic of Moldova**

Revised Tentative Agenda

Day 1
5 November 2008

12:30 – 14:00	Lunch
14:00 – 14:15	Registration
14:15 – 14:30	Welcome <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Welcome by the Minister of Environment and Natural Resources of the Republic of Moldova- Introduction to the workshop by Mr. Nick Bonvoisin, Secretariat to the Convention on Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) in a Transboundary Context (Espoo, 1991)- Adoption of the workshop agenda
14:30 – 15:00	Item 1: Introduction to the main provisions of the Espoo Convention <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Briefing on the key issues and practical experiences, by Nick Bonvoisin
15:00 – 16:15	Item 2: Introduction to the relevant legislation and administrative regulations for the implementation of the Convention by representatives of the countries of Eastern Europe (Belarus, Republic of Moldova and Ukraine)
16:15 – 16:30	Coffee break
16:30 – 17:30	Item 3: Introduction to the relevant legislation and administrative regulations on EIA, in relation to transboundary impacts by representatives from neighbouring countries (Armenia, Romania, Russian Federation and Turkey)
17:30 – 18:00	Item 4: Review of issues raised during day 1 of the workshop: difficulties in the implementation of EIA in a transboundary context encountered in the subregion
18:00	End of day 1
19:00	Reception hosted by the Ministry of Environment and Natural Resources of Moldova

Day 2
6 November 2008

- 09:00 – 10:30** Item 5: Introduction to possible capacity-development activities:
- A possible pilot project on the Dniester Hydropower Plant, involving Moldova and Ukraine
 - Guidelines on transboundary EIA, with reference to guidelines produced by the countries of Central Asia and by countries around the Caspian Sea, and foreseen by the countries around the Black Sea
 - Bilateral and multilateral agreements implementing the Convention, with reference to, inter alia, the multilateral agreement among the countries of South-Eastern Europe
- 10:30 – 10:45** Coffee break
- 10:45 – 12:30** Item 6: Identification of possible solutions for improving practical experience of EIA, in particular in a transboundary context.
- 12:30 – 14:00** Lunch
- 14:00 – 15:00** Item 7: Identification of key elements for the implementation of EIA in a transboundary context.
- 15:00 – 16:00** Item 8: Wrap-up of day 2 the workshop, including formulation of possible conclusions and recommendations.
- 16:00 – 16:30** Coffee break
- 16:30 – 18:00** Item 9: Progress and future directions of Strategic Environmental Assessment (*tour de table*)
- 18:00** End of day 2

Day 3
7 November 2008

- 09:00 – 10:30** Item 10: Identification of possible elements and priorities for further capacity-building in the subregion.
- 10:30 – 10:45** Coffee break
- 10:45 – 12:00** Item 11: Finalization of the conclusions and recommendations, including proposals for further capacity-building.
- 12:00 – 13:00** Item 12: Wrap-up of the workshop
Chaired by a representative of the Ministry of Environment and Natural Resources of the Republic of Moldova.
- 13:00** End of workshop