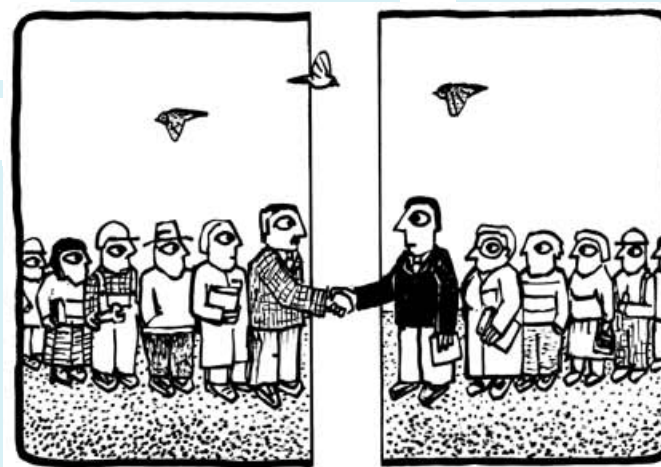


Seminar on Cooperation under the Espoo Convention in the Baltic Sea Subregion

Sopot, Poland, 27-28 October 2011

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Update ...

- Meetings of the Parties, June 2011
- Status of ratification
- Bilateral & multilateral agreements
- Current workplan
 - Compliance with and implementation of the Convention
 - Subregional cooperation and capacity-building
 - Exchange of good practices
 - Promoting ratification and application of the Protocol on SEA
- Resources

Meetings of Parties, GVA, 20-23 June 11

- Workplan 2011-2014 and budget adopted
- Review of compliance: Ukraine cautioned
- Convention's 20th birthday
 - Seminar on 20 years
 - Nuclear panel: Need transparency and public participation
- Declaration on SEA (Finland chaired)
 - SEA's role in sust.dev, green economy, climate mitigation
- Review of compliance + of implementation + reporting extended to SEA
- Working Group on EIA and SEA established
- Officers and Committee members elected
- Next MOPs sessions scheduled in Ukraine, May-June 2014

UNECE any information on expected ratification? Status

State	Espoo	1 st amendment	2 nd amendment	SEA Protocol
Belarus	Party	Party		
Denmark	Party			Signatory
Estonia	Party	Party	Party	Party
Finland	Party			Party
Germany	Party	Party	Party	Party
Latvia	Party			Signatory
Lithuania	Party	Party	Party	Party
Norway	Party	Party	Party	Party
Poland	Party	Party		Party
Russian Federation	Signatory			
Sweden	Party	Party	Party	Party
European Union	Party	Party	Party	Party



any information on progress?

Bilateral & multilateral agreements

- Estonia and Latvia (1997)
- Estonia and Finland (2002)
- Germany and Poland (2006; in force 2007) – revision?
- Lithuania and Poland (2004)

- Belarus and Lithuania? Belarus and Poland?
- Denmark and Germany?
- Latvia and Lithuania?

- **Elsewhere in region:**
 - Multilateral agreement for SE Europe in force
 - Caspian Sea protocol on EIA in a transboundary context
 - Recommendations for Black Sea

Workplan 2011

- Compliance with & implementation of Convention
- Subregional cooperation & capacity-building
- Exchange of good practices
- Promoting ratification & application of SEA Protocol



Compliance & implementation



- **Review of compliance: Implementation Committee**
 - Compliance issues
 - Submissions/follow-up:
 - Romania re. Ukraine (the 'Bystroe Canal Project')
 - Azerbaijan re. Armenia (NPP)
 - Lithuania re. Belarus (NPP)
 - Armenia re. Azerbaijan (6 oil and gas projects)
 - Initiative/follow-up: Azerbaijan, Albania
 - Information gathering: Belarus, Ukraine, Romania (on SEA)
 - Not available to EU member States?
 - Discrepancy between different language versions?

Compliance & implementation (2)

- **3rd Review of implementation (2006-09):**

- Adopted by MOP-5, published
- Source of information for Implementation Committee
 - General compliance issues:
 - Confusion about contact point vs. focal point
 - Activity list in appendix I not fully reflected
 - “Public” not defined
 - Concerned Parties’ responsibility for public participation
 - **Lack of experience in post-project analysis**
 - Need for bilateral and multilateral agreements
 - Other issues identified by Committee?
 - (Possible) specific compliance issues
 - Albania, Croatia, Portugal, the Republic of Moldova

Compliance & implementation (3)

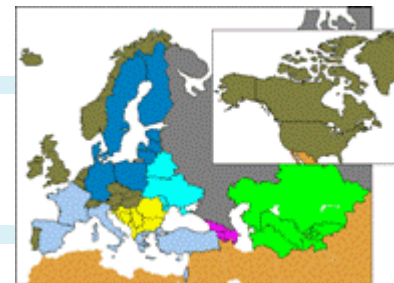
- **4th Review of implementation of the Convention and the Protocol (2010-12) – draft time schedule**
 - **Questionnaire:**
 - Revision by Implementation Committee (simplification, extension to the Protocol)
 - Approval by Working Group in April 2012
 - Finalization and translation
 - **Reporting by Parties**
 - Distribution to the Parties end of 2012
 - Deadline for replying end of March 2013
 - **Draft Review**
 - Preparation by secretariat/ consultant by September 2013
 - Consideration by Working Group October/November 2013
 - Consideration by Meetings of the Parties May-June 2014

Subregional cooperation (1)



- Baltic Sea area
 - Workshop 27-28 Oct 2011, Poland
 - 1-2 Workshop (s) in 2012/2013 - hosted by ?
- Eastern Europe
 - Pilot project in Belarus and Ukraine (2012, Swedish/ENVSEC funds?)
 - on post-project analysis
 - Republic of Moldova, secretariat: Conference on climate change (2012?)
 - Belarus, Ukraine: Workshops for exchange of information, legislation and good practice? (2012-13 ?)
 - Technical advice to Ukraine on EIA legislation (Nov. 2011, EU funding, Not in workplan)
- Mediterranean Sea
 - Morocco, Workshop on SEA (2012)
 - France (+Spain), Workshop on EIA application (2012)

Subregional cooperation (2)



- Caucasus
 - Georgia: Workshop for exchange of information, legislation and good practice (2012-13 ?)
- Central Asia
 - Pilot project on EIA, Kyrgyzstan with Kazakhstan: (2012, ENVSEC?)
 - Kazakhstan: Subregional workshop for EECCA on EIA (climate change, biodiversity, desertification)
 - Pre-accession legislative assistance for Uzbekistan (EIA)



Exchange of good practices

- Workshops or 1/2 day seminars within WG meetings , 2013
 - Biodiversity (Belgium with EC)
 - Renewable energy: wind farms, renewable fuels (inc. biomass), large-scale solar (Poland, Portugal, with of REC-CEE) –

- 1 day Workshop (Spring/Autumn? 2013)
 - Long-term impacts of nuclear energy activities (Austria, Finland and Sweden)




Promoting ratification & application of SEA Protocol (1)

- **National workshops and training**
 - Armenia (2012-13, ENVSEC?)
 - Belarus, 3 workshops at provincial level (2012, Sweden/ENVSEC?)
 - Georgia
 - Kazakhstan (2012)
 - Republic of Moldova (2012, ENVSEC?)
 - Russian Federation (?)
 - Ukraine (?)
- **Joint Workshop with Aarhus Convention on public participation in SEA**
 - Bureau and Aarhus TF on PP in DM, Oct. 2012

Promoting ratification & application of SEA Protocol (2)

- **Pilot SEAs**
 - Armenia (2012-13, ENVSEC?)
 - Azerbaijan (2012-13, ENVSEC?)
 - Republic of Moldova (2012, ENVSEC?)
- **Other activities (not in workplan)**
 - Pilot SEA in Kyrgyzstan (2013)?
 - SEA Workshop in Tashkent, Uzbekistan, Nov. 2011, (co-organized by UNECE and UNDP, co-funded by UNDP and GIZ/Germany)
 - Participation at IAIA Conference on SEA, Prague, Sept. 2011
 - Side event at "Environment for Europe" Ministerial Conference, Kazakhstan, Sept. 2011 (water management and green economy)
 - Input to Rio+ 20 preparatory process

Resources

- (Financially, just coming through: balance of + \$ 50,000 by MOP)
- New pledges down by \$ 100,000 v`a previous MOP
- Staffing:
 - Associate Expert (Finland): Laura Leino 
 - Extrabudgetary staff member: Tea Aulavuo
 - Further regular budget post not feasible
- Bureau expected to write to all Parties to encourage participation



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