

Possible capacity-development activities (EIA)

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Technical assistance

- Technical advice
 - Comprises review of current legislation, legal drafting
 - Used for Armenia (2008-9), Azerbaijan (2011), Tajikistan (2010), Ukraine (2009-...)
- Pilot projects
 - Kyrgyzstan-Kazakhstan (mining)
 - Belarus-Lithuania (hydroelectric power)
- Subregional cooperation workshops
 - Exchanges of experiences
 - Dialogue
- Guidance documents



Activities in the workplan

Eastern Europe, Caucasus & Central Asia

- Subregional training courses for authorities and for NGOs
- Pilot bilateral projects between countries of subregions and inter-subregional projects (energy, transboundary watercourses, mining, other), including seminars prior and during the pilot projects with the sectoral ministries, project developers, NGOs, communities and other stakeholders.
- Improvement of guidance on the legislative and normative issues to promote implementation of the Convention
 - See also: Development of general guidance on resolving a possible systemic inconsistency between the Convention and environmental assessment within the framework of State ecological expertise (proposal by Implementation Committee, supported by Bureau)
- Development of recommendations or guidance on implementation of the Convention in the subregion

Activities in the workplan

Eastern Europe, Caucasus & Central Asia

- National workshops on EIA in the context of climate change, biodiversity, desertification (forming platform of collaboration with other environmental treaties)
- [Development of model projects on EIA in main sectors: mining and processing , watercourses] [**Lead country: Uzbekistan**]
- The Bureau proposes that these sub-activities, addressing domestic rather than transboundary EIA, not be included in the workplan.

Activities in the workplan

Eastern Europe, Caucasus & Central Asia

- Seminars (twice per year) for all countries of Eastern Europe, the Caucasus and Central Asia for the exchange of information and good practice between all States, followed by the dissemination of seminar results in each country, including to the public and NGOs. Themes:
 - Exchange among those countries that reformed their national legislation and have experience in strengthening their professional potential (invite experts from EU, for example) -- **Lead countries:** [Ukraine, Uzbekistan, ...](#)
 - On EIA, nature protection areas and mining, and guidance on sectors [such as mining, energy and construction] -- **Lead country:** [Ukraine](#)
- Dissemination of seminar results: All countries of Eastern Europe, the Caucasus and Central Asia

Activities in the workplan

Eastern Europe, Caucasus & Central Asia

- Publications: National reviews of EIA systems with regard to implementation of the Convention.
- Translation into national languages of guidance on subregional cooperation and practical application of the Convention – **Lead country: Armenia**
- Conference on climate change and EIA, Republic of Moldova -- **Lead country: Republic of Moldova, with the support of the secretariat**
- Conference “Silk Road: development and environmental protection in EIA”, Uzbekistan -- **Lead country: Uzbekistan**

Activities in the workplan

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- Numerous – too many for secretariat to manage
- Not specific in terms of how many events, lead countries, outputs, timing -- The Bureau proposes deletion of any sub-activity for which there are no organizational arrangements
- Without funding

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- Pre-accession legislative assistance for Uzbekistan (EIA) – project execution by national authorities supported by UNDP, support from UNECE
- Three pilot (transboundary) EIAs:
 - in Eastern Europe – project execution by national authorities supported by OSCE or UNDP, support from UNECE
 - in Central Asia – project execution by national authorities supported by UNDP or OSCE and REC, UNEP in relation to Caspian Sea, support from UNECE

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- Involving all interested countries:
- Seminar for the exchange of information and good practice in transboundary EIA, Ukraine
- Conference on climate change and EIA, Republic of Moldova
- Conference "Silk Road: development and environmental protection in EIA", Uzbekistan
- project execution by national authorities supported by UNECE and REC

Agreements

Eastern Europe, Caucasus & Central Asia

- Caspian Sea
 - Guidelines
 - Protocol
- Black Sea
 - Recommendations
- South-Eastern Europe
 - Bucharest Agreement
- Numerous bilateral agreements, memoranda, etc.