



STRATEGIC ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT – PROMOTION AND CAPACITY BUILDING IN UKRAINE

Concluding workshop

SEA – Promotion and Capacity Building in the selected EECCA countries

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Target countries: Armenia, Georgia, Moldova, Ukraine,
and Belarus

Overall objective: to improve decision-making process in the selected NIS countries, by promoting the implementation of Strategic Environmental Assessment as the key instrument for integrating environmental concerns into the development frameworks of the countries.

Transfer of experience from SEA application in countries of
Central and Eastern Europe



Project outcomes

National capacity building needs for the SEA Protocol implementation analysed

Concrete capacity development activity in each country implemented

Effectiveness and quality of the implemented capacity building activities evaluated

National CD strategies for the SEA Protocol developed



Phase I: CD needs identified by needs assessment reviews

- Legal framework for SEA (incl. Terminology)
- National SEA guidelines, manuals and training materials
- Training
- Pilot projects
- Procedural schemes for different types of strategic documents
- Public participation and consultation procedure
- EIA/SEA associations/centers
- Accreditation systems for SEA experts



Phase II: Capacity building activities implemented

Armenia: pilot SEA of the Yerevan city Master plan

Belarus: pilot SEA of the National Programme for the Tourism Development (2006-2010)

Georgia, Moldova and Ukraine:
elaboration of manuals / resource kits for the SEA Protocol



Process of CD activities implementation

- Identification and agreement with environmental ministries (kick-off workshops)
- National SEA teams creation
- Assistance by the external international experts
- Consultation and public participation
- Evaluation and presentation of results (concluding workshops)



Results and lessons learned

Overall challenge:

Aligning the national OVOS/SER procedures with internationally accepted SEA principles (inlc. SEA Protocol)



Results and lessons learned

- Need to continue in CD; one CD activity not sufficient for significant capacity increase;
- Awareness raised on SEA benefits, needs and concept;
- Knowledge and experience of SEA team members increased;
- Pilot SEA projects – more effective CD activities than manuals development;
- Manuals transformed to materials interpreting the SEA Protocol – awareness rising role
- Creation of informal national SEA networks
- Initiation of national dialogue to promote SEA