



Practical application of strategic environmental assessment (SEA): Role of the environmental authorities in the SEA process

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Hotel Rus, 4 Hospitalna Str., Kyiv 01601, Ukraine

The aim of the seminar is to raise awareness among the environmental authorities about the strategic environmental assessment (SEA) process, which as a tool for improving sectoral planning, as well as about their roles in this process.

The participants of the seminar will be familiarized with the European cases of SEA application in various economic sectors and the benefits of SEA. They will consider the existing experience of Ukraine in conducting a SEA and discuss roles of various stakeholders in the SEA process, as well as the necessary measures for implementing SEA in Ukraine once the new draft Law “On strategic environmental assessment” has been adopted. The new law will require that SEA be conducted in compliance with the provisions of the Protocol on SEA to the Convention on Environmental Impact Assessment in a Transboundary Context (Espoo Convention) and the EU SEA Directive (2001/42/EC).

During the seminar, particular attention will be paid to the consideration of diverse functions and roles of the environmental authorities in the SEA process and to the discussion of a potential pilot SEA project in Ukraine.

The event will gather the representatives of the environmental authorities, as well as the representatives and specialists from civil society organizations and donor agencies/international financial institutions.

The seminar is organized by the Ministry of Ecology and Natural Resources of Ukraine, together with the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe (UNECE) within the framework of the European Union (EU) funded Programme “Greening Economies in the Eastern Neighbourhood” (EaP GREEN).

AGENDA

- 08:00-09:00** **Registration of the participants**
- 09:00- 09:20** **Welcome addresses**
- Mrs. Vronskaya, Deputy Minister for Eurointegration of Ukraine*
- Mr. George Kremlis, Head of Unit, DGENV, "Legal implementation, Cohesion policy, European Semester and SEA/EIA", European Commission*
- Ms. Elena Santer, UNECE secretariat to the Espoo Convention and its Protocol on SEA*
- 09:20-09:30** Introduction of the participants
- 09:30-09:45** **UNECE Protocol on SEA**
- Technical assistance within the EU-funded EaP GREEN Programme**
- Ms. Elena Santer, UNECE secretariat to the Espoo Convention and its Protocol on SEA*
- 09:45-10:30** **SEA: key principles for effective application, role of environmental authorities, and potential benefits of SEA (illustrative examples of successful SEA cases in EU and worldwide for different economic sectors)**
- Mr. George Kremlis, Head of Unit, DGENV, "Legal implementation, Cohesion policy, European Semester and SEA/EIA", European Commission with contributions from Ms. Maia Gachechiladze-Bozhesku and Mr. Martin Smutny, international consultants on SEA*
- 10:30-10:50** **Break**
- 10:50-11:10** **Main requirements of the draft legislation of Ukraine “on Strategic Environment Assessment” (with the focus on practical aspects/steps of SEA)**
- Mr. Sergej Vyhrst, expert at the EU project “Complimentary support to the Ministry of Ecology and Natural Resources of Ukraine for the sector budget support implementation”*
- 11:10-11:40** **Experience in SEA implementation in Ukraine**
- Mr. Gennadii Marushevskiy, the EBED Project Environmental Advisor (tbc); Ms Oksana Aliyeva, Environment Consultant, Ukraine Municipal Local Economic Development*
- 11:40-12:30** **Typical steps of SEA process and the role of environmental authorities in SEA systems in EU countries**

Mr. Martin Smutny, international consultant on SEA

12:30-13:30 Lunch break

13:30 - 15:30- Expected role of the environmental authorities in SEA process in Ukraine in discussed in relation to the potential pilot SEA project for the State Waste Management Program till 2020

Introductory presentation by Ms. Natalya Trofimenko, Ministry of Ecology and Natural Resources of Ukraine

Detailed discussion regarding three main steps where inputs from the environmental authorities are expected i.e.

- When determining the need for SEA (screening)
- Declaration of scoping
- SEA report preparation.

Facilitated by Ms. Maia Gachechiladze-Bozhesku and Mr. Martin Smutny, international experts on SEA, with contributions from Mr. George Kremlis, Head of Unit, DGENV, "Legal implementation, Cohesion policy, European Semester and SEA/EIA", European Commission

15:30 - 16:00 Summary and wrap-up