SEA and EIA: ACCOMPANYING SCP POLICY IMPLEMENTATION

Progress in the implementation until May 2015

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EaP GREEN: SEA/EIA Component

to promote the use of SEA and EIA as essential planning tools to achieve the overall objective

Revision of the existing national regulatory and legislative framework

- Legislative review of SEA and, as appropriate, of EIA
- Legal drafting for SEA legislation
- Sub-regional overview

Capacity building on SEA/EIA procedures

- National and sub-national level training on SEA
- Development of national guidance documents
- Coordination and experience-sharing events
- Pilot SEAs and EIAs

Strengthening administrative capacities

- Legislative reviews and development of recommendations
- Policy dialogue
- Institutional reviews and recommendations
Implementation approaches (1)

Sub-regional events to exchange experiences

Phase I
- Legislative review on SEA
- Drafting of the SEA legislation

Phase II
- Local/national pilots
- Training

Phase III
- Training / Pilot
- National SEA guidance
- Drafting implementing legislation

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Revision of the existing national regulatory and legislative framework (1)

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| *up to 5 national reviews to be conducted in 2013-2014*                         | Armenia (June – October 2014)  
Azerbaijan (June – October 2014)  
Belarus (June – October 2013)  
Moldova (June – October 2015)  
Georgia (June – December 2013 (EIA); June – August 2014 (SEA))                  |
| *Up to 2 legal drafting of SEA legislation (2014-2015)*                          | Armenia (planned for end 2015 - 2016)  
Azerbaijan (*Phase I: October 2014 – March 2015; Ph. II?*)  
Belarus (*Phase I: March 2015 – December 2015*)  
Georgia (*Phase I: September 2014 – September 2015; Phase II – January 2016*)  
Moldova (*Phase I: completed in July 2014; Phase II – until July 2016*)          |
legislative advise: outcomes

1. National round-table on Legal Implementation of the Protocol on SEA in the Republic of Moldova, 3 September 2013

2. National round-table meeting: Draft Law on Strategic Environmental Assessment in the Republic of Moldova and its pilot application to urban plans and programmes, 29 July 2014

Implementing legislation: bylaws on EIA
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Revision of the existing national regulatory and legislative framework (2)

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<td>Sub-regional overview to understand the different approaches taken across the sub-region (2015)</td>
<td>Initiated: need more added value Guidance for drafting SEA legislation?? (under discussion)</td>
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### Capacity building on SEA/EIA procedures (1)

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| national level training workshops (up to 3 in each of the six EaP countries)   | 2013 - **110 participants** completed the training course on application of SEA (31 in Armenia, 55 in Belarus, and 24 in Ukraine).  
2014 – approx. **150 participants** (total) got in-depth understanding of SEA through the awareness raising events and training courses, study tours (in the events of all 5 countries)  
16 experts have hands on experience in the pilot application of the SEA  
2 pilots completed = 1 SEA + 1 post-project analysis  
2 pilots initiated = 1 Azerbaijan + 1 Georgia                                                                                                                                                                          |
| local level training workshops (up to 3 in each of the six EaP countries)      |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
| Pilot SEAs and EIAs (up to six per region),                                     |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
|                                                                                 | Changes in the training approach and quantity                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
pilot project and trainings outcomes (2)


2. First public consultation meeting to inform local stakeholders about the Orhei Town Master Plan preparation process and the preliminary results of the strategic environmental assessment, Orhei 17 December 2014

3. Public participation workshop on the draft SEA report and the Master Plan of Orhei Town (Advisory mission to supervise the implementation of the pilot project on application of SEA to the Orhei Master Plan), Chisinau 12-13 February 2015

4. Presentation of the results of the Orhei MasterPlan pilot project at the "Strengthening National Capacities for Sustainable Housing" event organised by the UNECE Housing and Land Management department, Chisinau 14 - 15 May 2015

5. Public hearing on law on SEA and Final event on Pilot: Strategic Environmental Assessment for Master Plan of the city of Orhei, Chisinau 17 June 2015
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<td>sub-regional coordination and experience-sharing events (up to 3 events)</td>
<td>Technical advice and capacity-building activities to support the implementation of the UNECE Protocol on SEA in Eastern Europe and the Caucasus (15 - 16 April 2014), Minsk</td>
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<td>Study tour in the Czech Republic “Application of SEA at the national level in the field of urban planning, waste management, agriculture and energy sector” (1 - 5 December 2014), Prague</td>
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<td>participation in regional meetings on SEA/EIA (up to 3 government or civil society representatives from each of the 6 countries each year) = short coordination meeting</td>
<td>Carried out regularly (1 per year) in conjunction with the Working Group Meetings and Meeting of the Parties</td>
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<td>development of national guidance documents (up to six per region)</td>
<td>Under discussion with the governments (not initiated) Planned for 2016</td>
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<td>fact-sheets on application of SEA/EIA,</td>
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Nuclear guidelines
Challenges

• Political stability
• Engagement of sectoral authorities (their commitments in the pilot projects)
• Reduction of funds (fluctuation of the exchange rates)
• Ensuring sustainability of results beyond the project in the absence of the SEA legislative framework
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