

Implementing the Espoo Convention



A REGIONAL INITIATIVE IN THE CASPIAN



Outcomes

Regional cooperation regardless of status of ratification of Espoo Convention

Agreed procedure for transboundary EIA

Two languages of communication (Russian and English)

Specific timeframes for notification/response (30 days), and review of transboundary EIA (60 days)

Respect for different cultures and practices of consultation

Tools developed:

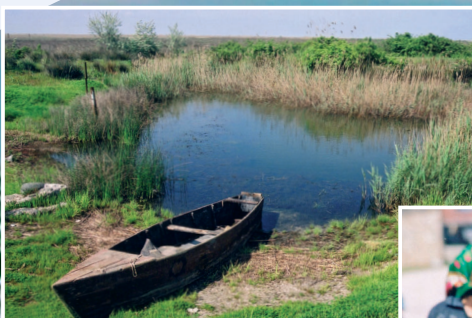
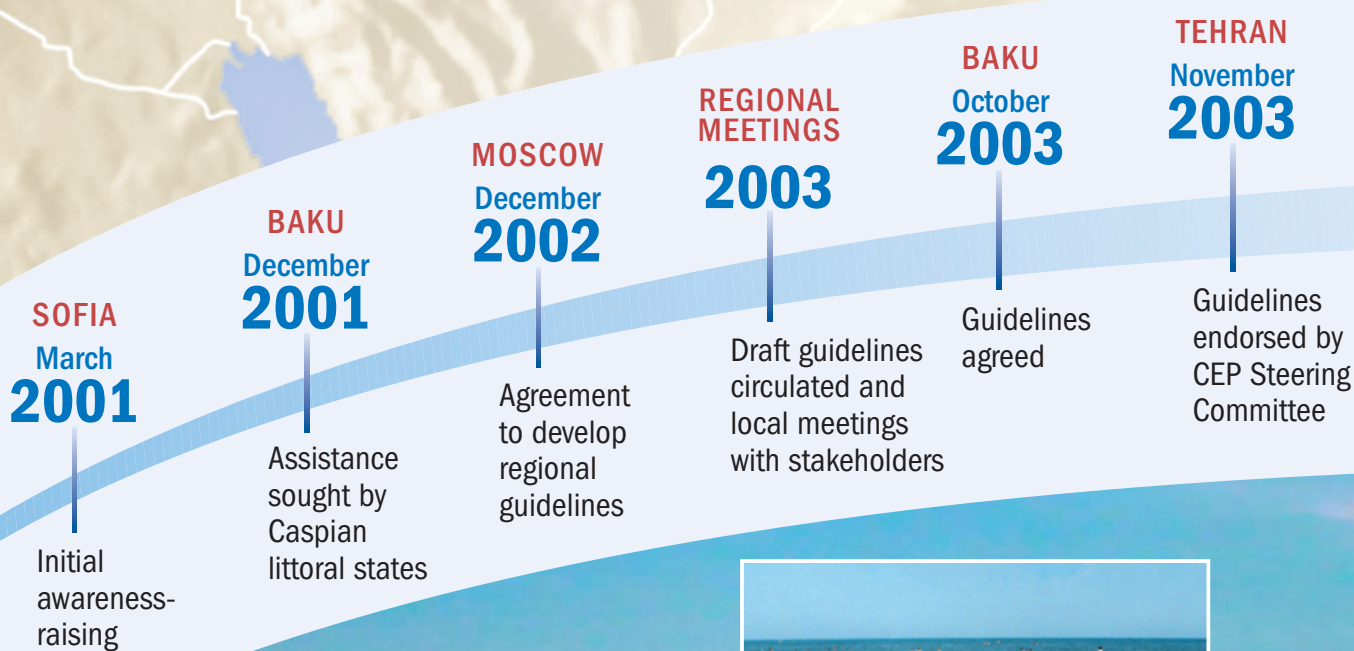
- Guidelines for Countries of Origin, Affected Countries, Project Developers
- Dedicated section for transboundary issues on CEP web site

Next Steps

Training for local environmental authorities

Information database on public consultation

Greater involvement of NGOs



UNECE www.unece.org/env/eia
UNEP www.unep.org
EBRD www.ebrd.com

Caspian Environment Programme (CEP)
www.caspianenvironment.org
www.caspianenvironment.org/transboundary.htm

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