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Items 3 (a) and 5 of the provisional agenda

**Outstanding issues: draft joint decisions**

**Review of the workplan**

## Informal assessment of the completion of the workplan

### Note by the secretariat

This note summarises the status of the implementation of activities in the 2014–2017 workplan under the Convention on Environmental Impact Assessment in a Transboundary Context (Espoo Convention) and its Protocol on Strategic Environmental Assessment (Protocol on SEA) (adopted through decision VI/3–II/3) until April 2017. It also anticipates the status of the activities until the seventh and third sessions of the Meetings of the Parties to the Convention and the Protocol, respectively (Minsk, 13–16 June 2017) indicating whether they will be completed by that time. In addition, the notes presents implementation of related activities not included in the workplan.

To facilitate the review of the workplan, the following colours are used to indicate the degree of implementation.

<i>Degree of implementation</i>	<i>Workplan activities</i>	<i>Carried over and additional activities</i>
No arrangements made, or no funding, or cancelled.	5 (9%)	-
Outline arrangements, including funding	0 (0%)	-
Firm arrangements with funding or ongoing	8 (14%)	2 (20%)
Completed	43 (77%)	8 (80%)
<b>Total</b>	<b>56</b>	<b>10</b>

## Annex I

### Workplan for the implementation of the Convention and its Protocol for the period up to the seventh session of the Meeting of the Parties to the Convention and the third session of the Meeting of the Parties to the Convention serving as the Meeting of the Parties to the Protocol

<i>Activity / sub-activities</i>	<i>Organizational arrangements/lead countries</i>	<i>Time schedule</i>	<i>Budget</i>	<i>Status</i>
<b>Compliance with and implementation of the Convention and the Protocol</b>			Most items included in Implementation Committee and secretariat costs. Exceptions are identified below.	
1. Consideration by the Implementation Committee of compliance submissions.	Implementation Committee, with the support of the secretariat.	2014–2017, presented to MOP7 and MOP/MOP3	May require funding for translation of submissions (\$10,000 is budgeted). <sup>a</sup>	Completed by MOP and MOP/MOP (No submissions were put forward but Committee considered its initiatives).
2. Report on the Committee's activities to MOP7 and MOP/MOP3.	Implementation Committee, with the support of the secretariat.	2014–2017, presented to MOP7 and MOP/MOP3		Completed. (ECE/MP.EIA/2017/4–ECE/MP.EIA/SEA/2017/4)
3. If necessary, review of the Committee's structure and functions and operating rules.	Implementation Committee, with the support of the secretariat.	2014–2017, presented to MOP7 and MOP/MOP3		Completed. The rules were reviewed but no revision proposals were made.
4. Examination of the outcome of the fourth review of implementation of the Convention and the first review of implementation of the Protocol.	Implementation Committee, with the support of the secretariat.	By the end of 2014	—	Completed.
5. Modification of the questionnaires for the report on implementation of the Convention and, as appropriate, the Protocol, in	Implementation Committee, with the support of the secretariat and, where appropriate,	Presentation of draft modified questionnaires to the Working Group in 2015	—	Completed.

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2013–2015.	of WHO			
6. Distribution of the questionnaire to the Parties to the Convention and to the Protocol for them to complete and return.	Secretariat.	Issue of questionnaires, one by end of October 2015 and the other by end of December 2015	—	Completed. Both questionnaires were issued at the end of October 2015, as requested by the Working Group.
		Return of questionnaires, one by end of February 2016 and the other by end of April 2016		Completed. The deadline for return of both questionnaires moved to the end of March 2016 by the Working Group.
7. Preparation of draft reviews of implementation of the Convention and the Protocol.	Secretariat.	Presentation of the draft reviews to the Committee and the Working Group in autumn 2016 and to MOP7 and MOP/MOP3	Requires external consultants and translation of national reports (\$25,000 is budgeted). <sup>a</sup>	Completed. Finalized based on comments received. (ECE/MP.EIA/2017/9 and ECE/MP.EIA/SEA/2017/9)
8. Reviews of legislation, procedures and practice, and technical assistance in drafting legislation, to strengthen Parties' implementation of and compliance with the Convention and the Protocol. Prompted by the Implementation Committee or requested by Parties themselves, as follows:  (a) Country-specific reviews, including a period in-country examining national legislation and based on earlier reviews further to decision IV/2. Parties	External consultant(s), with the support of the secretariat and, where appropriate, WHO. Supervised by members of the Committee (if further to a Committee initiative).	As decided by the Implementation Committee and the Party concerned	Costs: approximately \$25,000 per review, plus in-kind contributions from Parties providing experts and from target country for interpretation.	

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<p>experiencing similar problems might be assisted jointly:</p> <p>(i) Technical advice to Armenia on improving legislation to implement the Protocol and advice in drafting necessary amendments and legislation;</p>		2014–2017	Funding from the EU (EaP-GREEN). <sup>b</sup>	Completed. Amendments to the Law on EIA and environmental expertise, and the Governmental Decision on SEA finalized in April 2017.
<p>(ii) Technical advice and support to Kyrgyzstan on improving legislation as well as the institutional framework to implement the Convention;</p>	External consultant and the national expert group on EIA.	2014	Funding (approximately \$25,000) from Switzerland.	Completed in 2015. Draft national guidelines on practical implementation of the transboundary EIA procedure prepared (to be finalized after adoption of new legislation).
<p>(iii) Technical advice to Azerbaijan on improving legislation to implement the Convention;</p>	External consultant.	2015 - 2017	Funding from the EU (EaP-GREEN). <sup>b</sup>	Completed. Draft law finalized in August 2015. Due to changes introduced during inter-ministerial consultations in spring 2016, further advice provided in March 2015.

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(b) Subregional overview based on legislative reviews on EIA and SEA combined with information gathered when developing general guidance on enhancing consistency between the Convention and environmental assessment within the framework of State ecological expertise.	Lead countries: Armenia, Azerbaijan, Belarus, Georgia, Republic of Moldova and Ukraine. Undertaken by external consultant(s), with the support of the secretariat.	2015 – 2017	Funding from the EU (EaP-GREEN). <sup>b</sup>	Completed.
9. Pre-accession legislative assistance:	External consultant(s), with the support of the secretariat.			
(a) Technical advice to Azerbaijan on improving legislation to implement the Protocol and advice in drafting necessary amendments;		2014–2017	Funding from the EU (EaP-GREEN). <sup>b</sup>	Completed. Draft law finalized in August 2015, and amended during inter-ministerial consultations in 2016. Further advice provided in April 2017.
(b) Technical assistance to Belarus in drafting legislation to implement the Protocol (building on the existing legislative review);		2014–2017	Funding from the EU (EaP-GREEN). <sup>b</sup>	Completed. A new law on environmental expertise, SEA and EIA was elaborated in 2015 and adopted in July 2016, followed by adoption of secondary legislation (regulations on EIA, SEA and environmental expertise) in January 2017. Further advice on adopted documents provided in February 2017.

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(c) Technical assistance to Georgia in drafting legislation to implement the Convention and the Protocol (building on the existing legislative review);		2014–2016	Funding from the EU (EaP-GREEN). <sup>b</sup>	Completed. The draft Environmental Assessment Code was adopted by the Government and submitted for approval to the Parliament in February 2017.
(d) Technical advice to Kazakhstan on improving legislation to implement the Protocol and advice in drafting necessary amendments;		2015–2017	EU funding for Kazakhstan. <sup>c</sup>	Completed phase I. Legislative review on SEA initiated with the first round table and the fact-finding mission in 14-17 November 2016 and the final round-table organized on 25 January 2017. The legislative review finalized by 31 March 2017. Priorities for phase II under 2017-2020 workplan were identified in April 2017.
(e) Technical advice to the Russian Federation.	To be specified by the Russian Federation.	2015	Funding (approximately \$28,000) from Sweden (carried forward).	Completed: Legal advice to support development of national legislation in accordance with the Protocol. In addition, support to participation of Russian experts to subregional events; SEA pilot and preparation of guidance on SEA.

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10. Collection of findings and opinions from the Committee regarding the Convention and the Protocol, posted on website.	Secretariat.	Annual updates	—	Completed by the MOP sessions.
11. Alignment of the authentic language versions of the Protocol and the two amendments to the Convention:  (a) Identification and review of inconsistencies;  (b) Preparation of proposals for addressing the inconsistencies (through correction or amendment procedures).	Secretariat (with UN editors); <i>ad hoc</i> task force and the Working Group to review	2015	—	Completed.
12. Preparation of guidance on the implementation of the Convention (drawing on opinions of the Implementation Committee).	External consultant(s), with the support of the secretariat and, as needed, the Implementation Committee and the Working Group on EIA and SEA.	2015–2016	Funding for a consultant (\$10,000) from EIB	Cancelled. Consultant to EIB withdrew. Work continued by the Committee Chair and a member on a voluntary basis but their proposal in April 2016 to enlarge the guidance's scope beyond that foreseen in the workplan was not accepted by the Working Group. Co-authors might develop guidance later in their individual capacity.
13. Further development and update of the Guidelines on Environmental Impact Assessment in a Transboundary Context for Central Asian Countries.	Lead country: Kyrgyzstan  Regional workshops to discuss and update the Guidelines.	2015–2016	Funding from Switzerland in 2015 (\$25,000) and 2016 (\$10,000) for consultants and organization of up to two workshops.	Ongoing. The second draft updated guidelines completed by the MOP sessions. To be presented to the Working Group in

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14. Preparation of a video to promote the benefits of the Convention and the Protocol in Eastern Europe and the Caucasus	Secretariat to prepare a draft script, Bureau/ the Working Group to review it and external contractor to produce the video clip.	2015–2016	Funding from the EU (EaP-GREEN). <sup>b</sup>	Spring 2018. Completed in English, Russian, Georgian, Azerbaijani, and Ukrainian languages.
<b>Subregional cooperation and capacity-building to strengthen contacts between the Parties and others, including States outside the ECE region</b>			Participants cover their own travel and accommodation costs to the extent possible, while host countries cover organizational and venue costs in kind (approximately \$5,000–\$20,000 per workshop).	
<b>South-Eastern Europe subregion</b> 1. Workshop(s) on implementation of the Convention, Protocol and Bucharest Agreement in the subregion: workshop to prepare for the first Meeting of the Parties to the Bucharest Agreement.	Lead country: Romania.	2015	Donor/in-kind	Cancelled for the 2014–2017 period. (Romania wishes to postpone to 2017–2020 but funding tbc.).
<b>Mediterranean subregion, including Adriatic Sea</b> 2. Carried forward workshop for the Mediterranean.	Lead country: Morocco, with support from other interested countries.	2015	Funding largely available (\$20,000).	Completed in April 2015.
<b>Baltic Sea subregion</b> 3. Holding of three meetings on:	Lead countries:		In kind.	

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(a) SEA for programmes of measures under the EU Marine Strategy Framework Directive (art. 13) and the experience of large-scale transboundary projects;	Germany.	2014		Completed.
(b) (i) Assessment and reduction of transboundary impacts on transboundary watercourses and international lakes in the context of the Espoo Convention, the Protocol on SEA and the Helsinki Convention;	Lithuania.	2015		Completed.
(ii) Effective public participation in SEA/EIA in the context of the Espoo Convention, the Protocol on SEA and the Aarhus Convention;				
(c) Long – distance projects (railways) and maritime spatial plan and strategic environmental impact assessment.	Latvia.	2016		Completed (in December 2016.)
<b>Eastern Europe, the Caucasus and Central Asia</b>			Require donor and/or in-kind contributions by beneficiary countries.	
4. Subregional coordination and experience-sharing events to share successes, challenges, solutions and experiences as well as the results of capacity-building activities on SEA and EIA, followed by the dissemination of seminar results in all countries of Eastern Europe, the Caucasus and Central Asia, including to the	Lead countries: Armenia, Azerbaijan, Belarus, Georgia, Kazakhstan, Republic of Moldova, Ukraine, Russian Federation			

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public and NGOs. The events can focus one or several challenges in SEA or EIA implementation (e.g., public participation; monitoring; interministerial cooperation/consultations) or on a sector (energy, mining, etc.) Countries to propose themes/topics for the events:				
(a) Practical experience in application of SEA to various plans and programmes in the EU countries, comparison of legal, institutional and procedural frameworks;	Czech Republic	Autumn 2014	Funding from the EU (EaP-GREEN) and Sweden for participants from Russian Federation. <sup>b</sup>	Completed
(b) Lessons learned from national and subregional reviews of legal and institutional frameworks for application of EIA and SEA; (including a training for trainers workshop on the practical application of SEA)	Georgia	2015	Funding from the EU (EaP-GREEN) <sup>b</sup> from Sweden for the participants from Russian Federation; and from the EU for Kazakhstan.	Completed
(c) Lessons learned from the SEA pilot projects in Armenia, Azerbaijan, Belarus, Georgia, the Republic of Moldova and Ukraine.	Ukraine.	2017	Funding from the EU (EaP-GREEN). <sup>b</sup>	Ongoing, to be prepared in October – November 2017, as the EaP GREEN has been extended until December 2017.
5. Joint capacity-building activities with the Aarhus Convention for Armenia, Azerbaijan and Georgia on public participation in decision-making, including to strengthen the capacities of national Aarhus Centres and the regional Aarhus	Lead countries: Armenia, Azerbaijan, Georgia, involving Aarhus Centres in these countries, with support from OSCE and inputs from Aarhus and	2015–2016 (tbc)	Funding from the Environment and Security Initiative.	Project proposal approved by EnvSec in 2015. However, due to changes in donor's (Sweden) priorities, funding was cancelled.

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Centres Network in the EIA and SEA processes. Use the Good Practice Recommendations on Public Participation on SEA and the general guidance on enhancing systemic consistency.  (a) Development and compilation of capacity-building materials;  (b) Regional and national training workshops.	Espoo secretariats.			
<b>Exchange of good practices</b>  1. Workshops or half-day seminars within meetings of the Working Group on:			Costs (e.g., costs for speakers, provision and translation of materials) to be covered in kind by lead countries, to the extent possible (approximately \$10,000 per seminar).	
(a) Post-project analysis;	Lead countries: Belarus, in cooperation with Ukraine.	2015	In kind and some funding from the EU (EaP-GREEN) to cover costs for speakers.	Completed in May 2015.
(b) Global application of the Convention and the Protocol: focus on non-ECE countries and IFIs.	Lead organization EIB	2016	In kind. (Travel costs for non-ECE countries should be covered from the budget.)	Completed in November 2016 by EIB with support from a consultant and in cooperation with the secretariat. (Travel for one participant and per diem for another participant paid by the Trust Fund).
2. Development of good practice recommendations on the application of the Convention to nuclear energy-related activities.	By external consultant(s), in line with agreed terms of reference, under the supervision of an editorial group including Austria,	2015–2016	In kind.  Requires consultant(s) for drafting (\$10,000–20,000)  Co-funding from Austria and	Completed.

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	Belarus, Finland, France, Germany, the Netherlands, Poland, Ukraine, the European Commission and European ECO Forum, and with support from the secretariat.		Germany (\$5,000 each) and the EU (EaP-GREEN) (€10,000). <sup>b</sup>	
<b>Promoting ratification and application of the Protocol on SEA</b>	Lead: secretariat in cooperation with the concerned countries.	2014–2017		
1. Preparation of fact-sheets on application of SEA, e.g., on industrial reconversion and investment plans or sustainable agricultural practices.	Lead: All Parties, including Armenia, Azerbaijan, Belarus, Georgia, Republic of Moldova and Ukraine, as well as the secretariat in cooperation with UNEP.  (The Party preparing the fact-sheet will be responsible for its layout.)	2014–2017	Funding from the EU (EaP-GREEN) for translation and publication.	Ongoing: One fact sheet produced by consultant on SEA in Energy sector in Estonia and sent to Estonia for review. Additional fact-sheets to be completed by the end of 2017.
2. Preparation of two-page informal pamphlets on key issues in SEA practice (e.g., on <a href="#">Health Impact Assessment, Non-technical Summary</a> ).	Lead organization: IAIA, with the support of WHO, SEA and health experts and the secretariat.	Ongoing.	In kind.	Completed and will continue 2017–2020.
3. Workshops, including training, on the application of the Protocol for countries in the ECE region and other Parties to the Protocol, in particular countries of South-Eastern and Eastern Europe, the Caucasus and Central Asia:	Lead countries: Armenia, Azerbaijan, Georgia, Republic of Moldova and Ukraine.	Countries to specify the timing.		

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(a) One national training event, one local training event;	Armenia.	2015–2017	Funding from the EU (EaP-GREEN).	Completed. National training event held, and one local level event replaced by awareness raising event for sectoral authorities (March 2017).
(b) Two national training events, two local training events;	Azerbaijan.	2014–2017	Funding from the EU (EaP-GREEN).	Completed, with requested changes: One national training event and, one national awareness-raising event on the legislation held. One local training cancelled (with funding reallocated to supporting the drafting of legislation).
(c) One national training event;	Belarus.	2015–2016	Funding from the EU (EaP-GREEN).	Completed: held on 19-20 September 2016
(d) One national training event;	Georgia.	2014–2016	Funding from the EU (EaP-GREEN).	Completed.
(e) Two national training events, two local training events;	Republic of Moldova.	2014–2016	Funding from the EU (EaP-GREEN).	Completed. One national event and one awareness-raising event for high-level officials organized. The two local training events were cancelled and replaced by a second SEA pilot.
(f) One national training event, one local training event;	Kazakhstan.	2015–2017	EU funding for Kazakhstan. <sup>c</sup>	Ongoing. The high-level awareness raising

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				roundtable organized on 6 April 2017 (instead of the national training event).
(g) One national training event, two local training events.	Ukraine	2015–2016	Funding from the EU (EaP-GREEN).	Completed. One training event for environment ministry and local environmental authorities, one awareness raising event for high-level officials and another one for sectoral ministries organized in 2015.  Another high-level round table organized on 28 February 2017.  Two training events completed – for local authorities (25-27 October 2016) and for representatives of central and regional executive authorities (15-16 March 2017).
4. National guidance documents on SEA.	Lead countries: Armenia, Azerbaijan, Belarus, Georgia, Kazakhstan, Republic of Moldova, and Ukraine.	2015–2017	Funding from the EU (EaP-GREEN); and from the EU for Kazakhstan. <sup>c</sup>	
4 (a)	Georgia			Completed.
4 (b)	Republic of Moldova			Completed.
4 (c)	Ukraine			Completed.

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4 (d)	Azerbaijan			Ongoing for to be finalized in September – October 2017.
4 (e)	Armenia			Funding available. Will be completed in summer/autumn 2017
4 (f)	Belarus			Funding available. Will be completed in summer/autumn 2017
4 (g)	Kazakhstan			Funding available. Will be completed in the next period.
5. Pilot SEAs in selected countries, in selected sectors.	Lead countries: Armenia, Azerbaijan, Georgia, Republic of Moldova, Tajikistan and Ukraine, in collaboration with UNEP and WHO, where relevant.			
	(a) Armenia;	2014–2016	Funding from the EU (EaP-GREEN).	Completed in the sector of waste management.
	(b) Azerbaijan;	2014–2016	Funding from the EU (EaP-GREEN).	Completed in the sector of renewables, results disseminated at the 7 <sup>th</sup> Int. Forum on Energy for Sustainable Development, Baku, October 2016
	(c) Georgia;	2014–2015	Funding from the EU (EaP-GREEN).	Completed in the sector of waste management. Results disseminated at a

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				high level event for sectoral authorities in December 2016 (Kakheti, Georgia).
	(d) Republic of Moldova;	2014–2015	Funding from the EU (EaP-GREEN).	One pilot completed at the local level in 2015.  (An additional pilot SEA for the National Green Economy Road Map completed in April 2017).
	(e) Ukraine;	2015–2016	Funding from the EU (EaP-GREEN).	Cancelled at the country's request.
	(f) Kazakhstan.	2016–2017	EU funding for Kazakhstan.	Funds not available.

*Abbreviations:* ECE = United Nations Economic Commission for Europe; EIA = environmental impact assessment; EIB = European Investment Bank; EU = European Union; IAIA = International Association for Impact Assessment; MOP7 = the Meeting of the Parties to the Convention at its seventh session; MOP/MOP3 = the Meeting of the Parties to the Convention serving as the Meeting of the Parties to the Protocol at its third session; NGOs = non-governmental organizations; OSCE = Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe; SEA = strategic environmental assessment; UNEP = United Nations Environment Programme; WHO = World Health Organization.

<sup>a</sup> The financing of the activities foreseen in the budget of the Convention and its Protocol for the period up to the seventh session of the Meeting of the Parties to the Convention and the third session of the Meeting of the Parties to Convention serving as the Meeting of the Parties to the Protocol, as set out in annex I to decision VI/4–II/4, will be contingent on sufficient funds being made available by Parties through their voluntary contributions to the Convention trust fund.

<sup>b</sup> “Greening Economies in the European Union’s Eastern Partnership” (EaP-GREEN), a European Union-funded regional multi-stakeholder project. Funding subject to applicable procedures under the project. **The project foreseen for 2013-2016 will be extended by one year, i.e. until end of 2017.**

<sup>c</sup> “Supporting Kazakhstan's transition to a Green Economy Model” a European Union-funded multi-stakeholder project foreseen for 2015–2018.

## Annex II

### Activities carried over from the previous workplans and additional activities not listed in the workplan

<i>Activity / sub-activities</i>	<i>Organizational arrangements/lead countries</i>	<i>Time schedule</i>	<i>Budget</i>	<i>Status</i>
Subregional cooperation workshop for the Mediterranean Sea	Lead/beneficiary country: Morocco, together with Algeria, France, Mauritania, Spain and Tunisia etc. Carried out with the support from the secretariat	Carried over from 2008-2011.	Approximately \$20,000	Completed in April 2015.
Technical advice to the Russian Federation	Lead/beneficiary country: Russian Federation	Carried over from 2008-2011	Funding (some \$20,000) from Sweden	Completed.
Support to the implementation of a pilot SEAs in Russian Federation and drafting the national guidelines on practical implementation of SEA (Zabaikalje region)	Lead/beneficiary country: Russian Federation (WWF Russian and UNECE international consultants)	2015-2016	Funding (approximately \$8,000) from Sweden (carried forward), in-kind contribution from Zabaikalje region	Completed: two training events to support pilot; chapters on quality control of SEA, biodiversity assessment, and SEA monitoring drafted and provided to national counterparts for incorporating into the national guidelines on

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Preparation of a brochure to promote the benefits of the Convention and the Protocol in Eastern Europe and the Caucasus	Secretariat to prepare a draft text and external contractor to produce the video clip.	2015–2016	Funding from the EU (EaP-GREEN). <sup>b</sup>	SEA; Quality of the draft SEA report reviewed in 2016 and in January 2017. The SEA report shall be finalized by the WWF Russia in spring 2017.  Completed in English, Russian, Georgian and Ukrainian.  Additional requests from Armenia, Azerbaijan, and the Republic of Moldova to translate the brochure to their national languages (subject to availability of funds).
Development of joint good practice guidance including recommendations on land use planning, with the Industrial Accidents Convention and the ECE Committee on Housing and Land Management*	EIB	2015–2016.	Consultant for drafting funded by EIB	Completed. Final document (in two parts) revised and agreed by the Working Group in November and accepted by Industrial Accidents COP.
Organization of a workshop to exchange experiences on approaches to land use planning with due account to the SEA Protocol's and the TEIA Convention's provisions and agreed approaches to land use planning in the framework of the work of the ECE housing and land management programme*	EIB, Espoo secretariat, Industrial Accidents secretariat, and secretariat to the ECE housing and land management programme	2015–2016	EIB	Completed: Held on 13 April 2016, during the Working Group meeting. Outcomes included in the meeting report.

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Support to Belarus in carrying out bilateral consultations with Poland and Lithuania on development of the bilateral agreements on transboundary EIA	Secretariat, Belarus	2016	Funding from the EU (EaP-GREEN). <sup>b</sup>	Completed in October 2016 (at the request of the Government)
Workshops, including training, on the application of the Protocol Promotion of the ratification and implementation of the Protocol	Armenia	2017	Funding from the EU (EaP-GREEN). <sup>b</sup>	Ongoing. An additional final awareness-raising event will be organised tentatively in summer/autumn 2017.
	Azerbaijan	2017	Funding from the EU (EaP-GREEN). <sup>b</sup>	Ongoing. An additional second national level awareness-raising event for sectoral authorities to will organized in September – October 2017.
	Georgia	2015–2016	Funding from the EU (EaP-GREEN). <sup>b</sup>	Completed. Awareness raising event for high-level officials to promote the draft law on EIA and SEA organised with savings from the pilot project.  Additional training events requested were carried out in 19 April and 28 November 2016 (training on the role of environmental authorities

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				in SEA scoping and quality control), and 30 November – 1 December 2016 (SEA awareness raising workshop for planning authorities and consultants, organized in cooperation with the EU Delegation in Georgia.)

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\*Activities agreed by the Working Group on EIA and SEA at its fourth meeting in May 2015.

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### Annex III

#### List of activities awaiting funding for the implementation of the Convention and its Protocol for the period up to the seventh session of the Meeting of the Parties to the Convention and the third session of the Meeting of the Parties to the Convention serving as the Meeting of the Parties to the Protocol

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<b>Compliance with and implementation of the Convention and the Protocol</b>  1. Reviews of legislation, procedures and practice and technical assistance in drafting legislation to strengthen Parties' implementation of and compliance with the Convention and the Protocol. Prompted by the Implementation Committee or requested by Parties themselves  (a) Country-specific reviews, including a period in-country examining national legislation and based on earlier reviews further to decision IV/2.  (b) Technical advice further to possible Committee initiatives (as decided by the Implementation Committee).	By external consultant(s), with the support of the secretariat.		Funding for up to two reviews is budgeted. <sup>a</sup>	No Committee initiatives initiated.

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2. Pre-accession legislative assistance: technical advice to Uzbekistan to review its national legislation for implementation of the Protocol and to propose amendments.		2016–2017		No funding identified. No further requests from Uzbekistan.
<b>Subregional cooperation and capacity-building to strengthen contacts between the Parties and others, including States outside the ECE region</b>			Participants cover their own travel and accommodation costs to the extent possible, while host countries cover organizational and venue costs in kind (approximately \$5,000–\$20 000 per workshop).	
South-Eastern Europe subregion	Lead countries: Croatia, and Slovenia.		Donor/in-kind (e.g., project) funding required.	
1. Workshop(s) on implementation of the Convention, the Protocol and the Bucharest Agreement in the subregion.				
(a) Workshop;	(a) Croatia with Slovenia..	(a) 2015	(a) No funding confirmed yet.	No funding identified.
(b) First Meeting of the Parties to the Bucharest Agreement.	(b) Romania.	(b) Late 2015	(b) No funding confirmed yet.	The preceding preparatory meeting for the First Meeting of the Parties has not been organized (in absence of resources)

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<p><b>Mediterranean subregion, including Adriatic Sea</b></p> <p>2. Carried forward workshop on practical application of the Convention on the basis of the results in the previous workshops.</p> <p><b>Exchange of good practices</b></p> <p>Workshops or half-day seminars within meetings of the Working Group on:</p>	Lead country: Italy, to be confirmed.	2014–2015	In kind.	
A topic related to SEA (e.g., based on IAIA “FasTips”).	Lead organization: IAIA.	2016	In kind and some funding from the EU (EaP-GREEN) to cover costs for speakers. <sup>b</sup>	No funding identified.
<p><b>Promoting ratification and application of the Protocol on SEA</b></p> <p>Pilot SEAs in selected countries, in selected sectors.</p>	Requested by Tajikistan.	2015–2016	Requires funding (\$80,000–\$100,000).	No funding identified.

*Abbreviations:* ECE = United Nations Economic Commission for Europe; EIA = environmental impact assessment; EU = European Union; NGOs = non-governmental organizations; IAIA = International Association for Impact Assessment; SEA = strategic environmental assessment.

<sup>a</sup> The financing of the activities foreseen in the budget of the Convention and its Protocol for the period up to the seventh and third sessions of the Meetings of the Parties to the Convention and Protocol, respectively, as set out in annex I to decision VI/4–II/4, will be contingent on sufficient funds being made available by Parties through their voluntary contributions to the Convention trust fund.

<sup>b</sup> “Greening Economies in the European Union’s Eastern Partnership” (EaP-GREEN), a European Union-funded regional multi-stakeholder project. Funding subject to applicable procedures under the project.