











Practical application of the Draft Law on Environmental Impact Assessment in the Republic of Azerbaijan in the renewable energy sector

SEA for the National Strategy on use of alternative and renewable energy sources in the Republic of Azerbaijan in 2015 – 2020

Expert group meeting,

August 27-29, 2015, Baku, Azerbaijan Final agenda

Day 1: Expert Group Meeting Thursday, 27th of August

10:00 – 10:10 Registration of participants

10:10 – 10:30 Opening the Meeting

Welcome of the participants

Representative of EU Delegation (TBC)

Introduction to the meeting's objectives and agenda

Ms. Aysel Babayeva, SEA Pilot Team Leader,

10:30 – 13:00 Scoping follow-up

- Key findings at the scoping stage (to be presented by the national experts)
- Main challenges and difficulties
- Scope for further SEA analyses

Facilitated by Ms. Aysel Babayeva, SEA Pilot Team Leader, and Ms. Marina Khotuleva, UNECE international Consultant on SEA

13:00 – 14:30 Lunch

14:30-15:15 Impact assessment in SEA – part. 1

- Objectives and expected outcomes of this SEA analytical step
- Methods and tools to be used for the impact assessment with focus on policy analysis
- Case examples of approaches to the impact assessment

Presentation by Ms. Marina Khotuleva, UNECE international Consultant on SEA (30 min)

• Questions and answers (15 min)

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15:15-17:30

Assessing impacts (policy analysis) of the National Strategy on use of alternative and renewable energy sources in the Republic of Azerbaijan in 2015 – 2020

- Preliminary inputs on impact assessment and mitigation measures (to be presented by the national experts)
- Group work and follow up discussion

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Day 2: Expert Group Meeting Friday, 28th of August

10:00 - 10:45

Impact assessment in SEA – part. 2

- Methods and tools to be used for the impact assessment with focus on specific impacts
- Case examples of approaches to the impact assessment

Presentation by Ms. Marina Khotuleva, UNECE international Consultant on SEA (30 min)

• Questions and answers (15 min)

10:45 - 13:00

Assessing impacts (impacts related to specific measures and activities) of the National Strategy on use of alternative and renewable energy sources in the Republic of Azerbaijan in 2015-2020

• Group work and follow up discussion

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13:00 - 14:30

Lunch

14:30 - 15:00

Mitigation measures

- Objectives and expected outcomes of this SEA step
- Types of possible mitigation measures (including alternatives)
- Case examples

Presentation by Ms. Marina Khotuleva, UNECE international Consultant on SEA

15:00 – 16:30

Mitigation measures for the National Strategy on use of alternative and renewable energy sources in the Republic of Azerbaijan in 2015-2020

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- Formulating mitigation measures and main proposals to be integrated in the Strategy and/or further planning (Action Plan)
- Group work and follow up discussion

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16:30 – 17:30 Concluding sessions and planning further steps

- Requirements for the inputs to be obtained from the SEA team and other stakeholders
- Integrating SEA recommendations to the Strategy and/or further planning (how it can be ensured)
- Proposed structure of SEA report
- Overview of the tasks, division of responsibilities and fine-tuning the further SEA pilot process, including timeline
- Formal steps to be implemented in accordance with the draft SEA by law

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Day 3: Site visit to Gobustan Hybrid Station of AREA Saturday, 29th of August

Departure to Baku

16:00

08:00	Departure from Baku
09:30	Arrival to Gobustan Hybrid Station of AREA
09:30 - 11:30	Site visit to the station
11:30 – 12:00	Coffee Break
12:00	Departure to Shamakhi
13:00 – 14:30	Lunch
14:30	Departure to Azerbaijan National Academy of Sciences' Astrophisical Cosmic Station named after N.Tusi in Shamakhi.
15:00 – 16:00	Arrival and visit the station

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