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PILOT SEA OF THE NATIONAL WASTE MANAGEMENT STRATEGY AND ACTION PLAN OF GEORGIA

Public scoping consultations

22 September 2015

Venue: Hotel “Betsy”, 32/34 Makashvili Str. 0108, Tbilisi, Georgia

AGENDA

The pilot SEA of the National Waste Management Strategy and Action Plan of Georgia (hereinafter also ‘SEA pilot’) is carried out by the Ministry of Environment and Natural Resources Protection of Georgia with support of the Secretariat to the UNECE Convention on Environmental Impact Assessment in a Transboundary Context (Espoo Convention) and its Protocol on Strategic Environmental Assessment (Protocol on SEA) provided since 2013 in the framework of the EU funded programme “Greening Economies in the Eastern Neighbourhood” (EaP GREEN).

A public scoping consultation meeting is the initial public event in the SEA pilot aiming at:

- Informing stakeholders about the National Waste Management Strategy and Action Plan preparation process and its preliminary results
- Presenting initial findings of the SEA of the National Waste Management Strategy and Action Plan in order to obtain a feedback from the stakeholders, including the concerned public
- Raising awareness about the new draft law on SEA, the SEA procedure in general as well as its pilot application in Georgia
- Identifying/verifying environmental and health issues that are related to the National Waste Management Strategy and Action Plan
- Presenting opportunities for further stakeholder involvement into the SEA process and the National Waste Management Strategy and Action Plan finalization

The meeting is organized by the Ministry of Environment and Natural Resources Protection of Georgia with support of the UNECE Secretariat. It will gather together SEA experts (pilot SEA team members), Waste Management planning authority representatives and experts (expert level), representatives of NGOs, environmental and health authorities, sectoral ministries, as well as general public.

The results of the public scoping consultation meeting will be noted and reflected in the further analysis and the final SEA Report.

- 13.00 – 14.00 **Registration of Participants**
- 14.00 – 14.10 **Opening of the Meeting**
- Legal framework for SEA in Georgia**
Ms. Maia Bitadze, Deputy Minister, Ministry of Environment and Natural Resources Protection of Georgia
- 14.10 – 14.30 **Introduction of the UNECE pilot SEA project: SEA of the National Waste Management Strategy and Action Plan**
- The purpose of the public consultation meeting**
Ms. Irma Melikishvili, National SEA Team Leader
- 14.30 – 14.40 **Presentation of the National Waste Management Strategy and Action Plan preparation process and current phase of planning outputs**
Ms. Khatuna Gogaladze), Team Leader
- 14.40 – 15.00 **Scoping in SEA: Main principles and expected outcomes**
Mr. Michal Musil and Dr. Maia Gachechiladze-Bozhesku, Consultants to UNECE
- 15.00 – 15.30 **Preliminary scoping results: Overview of the key environmental and health issues likely related to the National Waste Management Strategy and Action Plan**
- Questions and answers session*
- Ms. Irma Melikishvili and SEA Team experts*
- 15.30 – 16.30 **Scoping discussion:**
- Key environmental and health issues to be addressed by SEA and related specific problems and concerns
 - Areas to be likely affected
 - Linkages of the identified key environmental and health issues to the National Waste Management Strategy and Action Plan
 - Further consultations necessary for the process / additional stakeholders
 - Data resources
- Discussion facilitated by Ms. Irma Melikishvili*
- 16.30 – 16.40 **Initial SEA Recommendations and the feedback of the waste management planning team**
Discussion facilitated by Ms. Irma Melikishvili and Ms. Khatuna Gogaladze, Team Leader of the waste management planning team
- 16.40 – 17.00 **Summary of the results of the consultation meeting and next steps**
Ms. Irma Melikishvili, National SEA Team Leader and Ms. Khatuna Gogaladze, Team Leader of the waste management planning team
- 17.00 – 17.10 **Final remarks and closure of the meeting**