



Training Needs Assessment questionnaire

Enhancing strategic environmental assessment in selected countries of Eastern Europe, the Caucasus and Central Asia

Sub-regional conference, 2 November 2015
&
Training of trainers workshop, 3-6 November 2015

Please answer the questions below considering your experience with strategic environmental assessment (SEA) and/or other types of the environmental assessment applied in your country as well as taking into account draft or approved national legal framework for SEA. We would kindly ask you to return completed questionnaire by email to Elena.Santer@unece.org with copy to martin.smutny@integracons.com by **Wednesday October 28, 2015**, at the latest.

1. Have you participated so far in any SEA/EIA trainings or any other capacity building? If so, what training parts and topics were the most useful for you?
2. What stage or analysis usually performed in SEA you consider as the most important and why?
3. Please describe the key challenges that you can foresee in your country in regard to the practical application or development of legal framework when it comes to the usual steps and analyses to be performed in SEA as listed below. When doing so, you may wish also to indicate how existing problems could be solved.
 - Screening i.e. deciding whether the plan or programme requires SEA.
 - Scoping i.e. determining the focus and scope of the SEA



- Linking SEA to planning i.e. how to integrate SEA in the planning process and reach planning authorities when introducing SEA schemes.

 - Assessing likely effects and formulating mitigation measures

 - Stakeholders' participation

 - Quality control

 - Decision-making i.e. taking due account of SEA outcomes in the preparation of plans and programme

 - Monitoring
4. Please indicate what specific issues related to the SEA legal framework or its practical application you would like to be addressed during the sub-regional conference and/or the ToT?
5. What support materials (guidance on certain SEA analyses, forms for specific SEA steps, explanatory notes on the legal provisions, bylaws) should be optimally developed to support further application of SEA in your country?