



# The role of public finance in application of the Espoo Convention: experience from Ukraine

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# Role of IFIs

Promote effective implementation

Transfer knowledge

- Require clients to do EIAs and SEAs
  - Provide TA for SEAs
  - Condition loan disbursement to compliance with applicable law - Aarhus and Espoo Convention
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# Ukraine and Espoo

- Convention ratified in 1999
- SEA Protocol not ratified to date
- One opened case and two information gathering
  - Rivne NPP 1,2 lifetime extension
  - Khmelnitsky NPP 3,4 construction
  - Muzhiivske gold mine
- No EIA legislation in place

# SEAs commissioned by the EBRD

- **Ecological Assessment (EA)** of Ukraine's nuclear power plant safety upgrade programme 2011
- **Strategic Environmental Review (SER)** of Ukraine Sustainable Energy Lending Facility (USELF) 2011-2012

ECOLOGICAL ASSESSMENT REPORT  
MAIN REPORT

date: 30 September 2011  
version 4



SE NNEGC ENERGOATOM  
Ukraine NPP Safety Upgrade Program:  
Ecological Assessment



## Positive effects

- Introduction of two-stage public consultation process
- Example for Energoatom of good quality EIA report
- Public hearings in Kiev and regions
- Q&A report
- “Screening tool” developed to address most critical issue – small hydropower in Carpathians

# Shortcomings

## **Ukraine NPP safety upgrade programme:**

- Limited scope, not addressing strategic issues (programme being part of preps for LTE)
- Little input from public taken into account

## **SER for USELF:**

- Unclear objectives
  - Limited scope, not addressing cumulative effects
  - “Screening tool” still not finalized/used
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## Recommendations to IFIs

- **Keep promoting the effective application of the Espoo Convention**
  - Set binding requirements for implementation of international law obligations and commitments
  - Ensure meaningful consultation and enable public scrutiny through disclosure of conditions and indicators
  - **Avoid weakening of the requirements or limiting the scope for SEAs**
  - Ensure effective utilizations of SEAs results
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# Thank you for your attention!

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