



Overview of SEA/EIA-related activities within EaP GREEN in Azerbaijan and the role of the UNECE Secretariat

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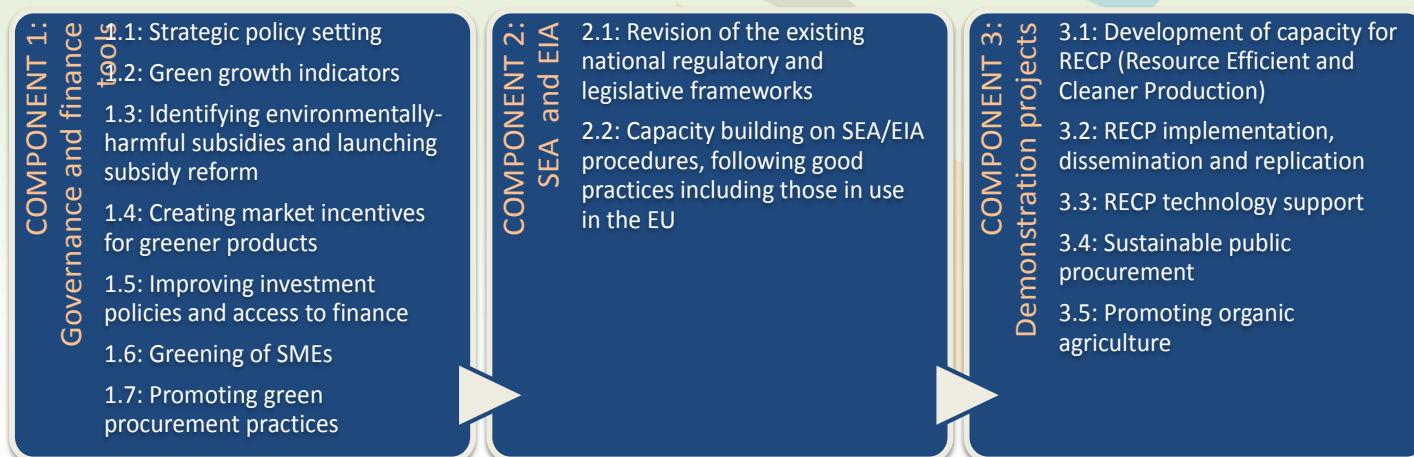
EaP GREEN: general information (1)

- A large sub-regional programme for the period **2013-2016**
- Implemented by **UNECE**, OECD, UNEP, and UNIDO
- Financed by the European Union, the four implementing organisations and other donors
- Aims to assist Armenia, **Azerbaijan**, Belarus, Georgia, the Republic of Moldova and Ukraine, in their transition to green economy

EaP GREEN: general information (2)

Overall objective: To assist the EaP countries to decouple **economic** growth from **environmental** degradation and resource depletion.

Three pillars components



UNECE Component 2 aims to promote the use of SEA and EIA as essential planning tools to achieve the overall objective

EaP GREEN: SEA/EIA Component

Revision of the existing national regulatory and legislative framework

- Legislative review of SEA and, as appropriate, of EIA
- Legal drafting for SEA legislation
- Sub-regional overview

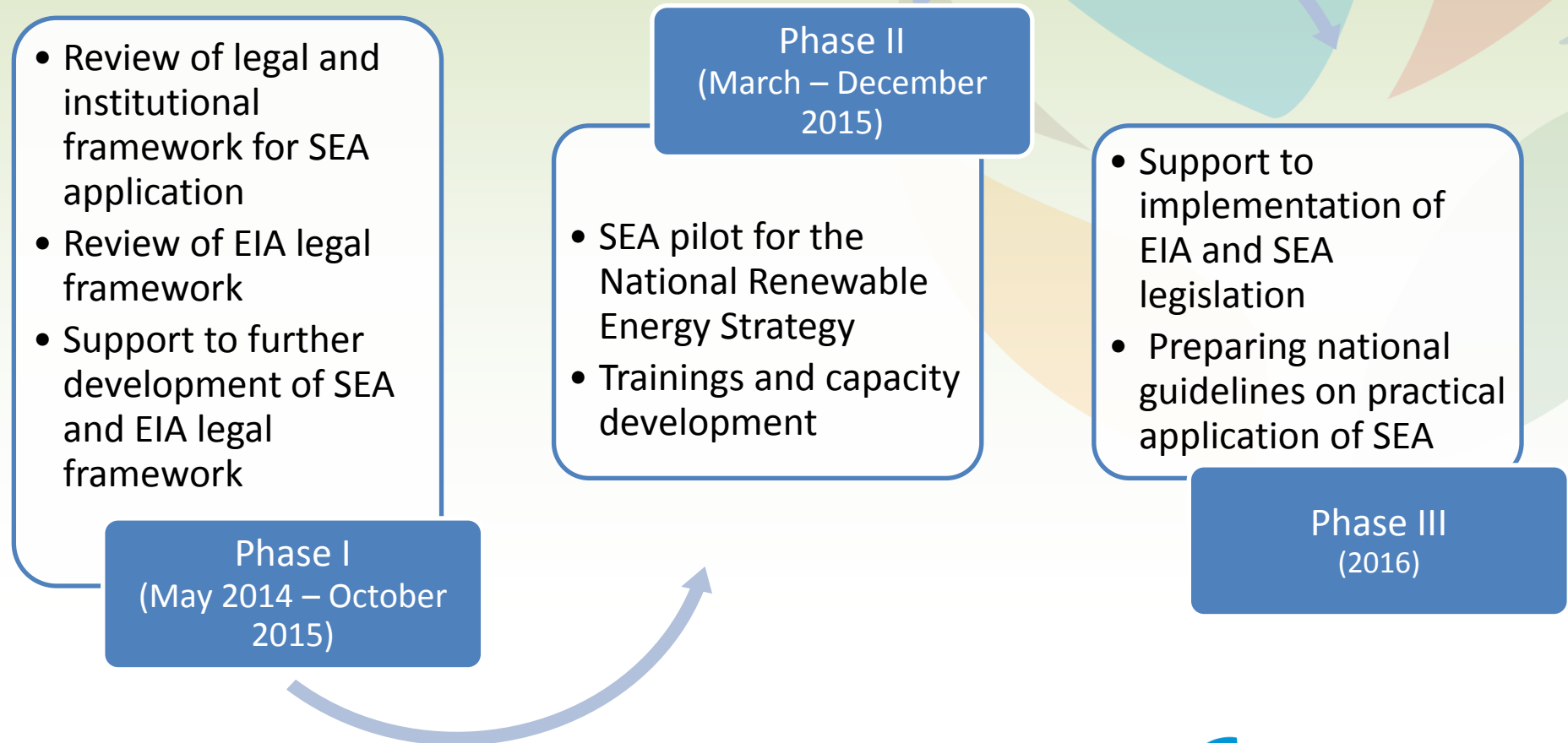
Capacity building on SEA/EIA procedures

- National and sub-national level training on SEA
- Development of national guidance documents
- Coordination and experience-sharing events
- Pilot SEAs and EIAs

Strengthening administrative capacities

- Legislative reviews and development of recommendations
- Policy dialogue
- Institutional reviews and recommendations

Implementation of the EaP GREEN Programme in the Republic of Azerbaijan



Phase I
(May 2014 – October 2015)

Legislative advise: outcomes



REVIEW OF THE NATIONAL LEGISLATION AND
INSTITUTIONAL STRUCTURES FOR THE
IMPLEMENTATION OF THE PROTOCOL ON STRATEGIC
ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT (SEA) IN AZERBAIJAN

1. National Round-table Discussion on Legal Implementation of the Protocol on SEA in Azerbaijan (28 August 2014), Baku
2. National Round-table on Implementing the Espoo Convention and its Protocol on SEA in national legislation in Azerbaijan (2 March 2015)



Assessment of the draft law on environmental assessment prepared by
Azerbaijan
Opinion paper

Background

1. The Committee initiative on Azerbaijan was prompted by Azerbaijan's responses to the questionnaire on its implementation of the Convention in the period 2009–2011, indicating that it lacked national legislation on the application of the Convention and by the request from Azerbaijan for technical assistance from the Committee in that regard. In its decision V/4 (2011), the Meeting of the Parties (MOP), encouraged Azerbaijan to implement the recommendations of its second Environmental Performance Review (ECE CEP/158) with respect to EIA and SEA and welcomed the technical advice for the review of Azerbaijan's current and draft legislation on EIA, which was carried out by an international consultant to the secretariat. Since 2012, has been regularly reviewing reports by Azerbaijan on its progress in implementing the consultant's recommendations. At its thirtieth session (Geneva 25–27 February 2014), it invited the secretariat to explore opportunities to provide further legislative assistance to Azerbaijan in order to ensure its full compliance with the provisions of the Convention and the Protocol, in view of Azerbaijan's accession to it, including a review of its draft framework law on environmental assessment, and other relevant legislation. The draft framework law aims to regulate three assessment frameworks, i.e. EIA, SEA and State Ecological Expertise (SEE). Upon adoption of the law by the Parliament, it is expected that the three procedures will be further detailed through implementing regulations, – instructions of the Cabinet of Ministers, which according to Azerbaijan are of the same legal nature as legislation adopted by Parliament.
2. This assessment is based on the version of the Draft Law on EIA provided on April 28, 2014¹. (The draft Law on EIA is attached to this report, Annex 1)
3. This opinion paper is prepared by Mr. Dmytro Skrylnikov in coordination with Mr. Jerzy Jendroska and Ms. Marzhan Asgarova.

General issues

4. The object of the draft law is to establish a new legal framework for both EIA and Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA) processes.
5. It is noted that since 2012 there has been some progress in implementing the international consultant's recommendations² and some recommendations have been taken into account.

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Phase II
(March – December
2015)

SEA Pilot project and trainings outcomes



“Alternativ və Bərpa olunan Enerji mənbələrindən istifadə üzrə
2015-2020” Strategiyası üzrə

Strateji Ekoloji Qiymətləndirmə nəticələrinə dair
qısa icmal



Bakı- 09 dekabr, 2015
Central Park Hotel, Koufrans Zalı



1. Start-up workshop: SEA scoping and baseline analysis (Baku, 3 – 4 March 2015)
2. Workshop on baseline analysis and impact evaluation of the National Strategy on use of alternative and renewable energy sources in the Republic of Azerbaijan in 2015 – 2020 (May 11 – 12, 2015, Baku)
3. Scoping consultations on SEA for the National Strategy on use of alternative and renewable energy sources in the Republic of Azerbaijan in 2015 – 2020 (May 12, 2015, Baku)
4. Expert group meeting on impact assessment and SEA report (August 27-29, 2015, Baku)
5. Final public workshop (Baku, December 9, 2015)

Phase III
(2016)

Activities for 2016

- Development of the SEA guidance
- National SEA training(s)

Phases I - III
(2013 – 2016)

Sub-regional events

- Technical advice and capacity-building activities to support the implementation of the UNECE Protocol on SEA in Eastern Europe and the Caucasus (15 – 16 April 2014), Minsk
- Study tour in the Czech Republic ‘Application of SEA at the national level in the field of urban planning, waste management, agriculture and energy sector’ (1 - 5 December 2014), Prague
- Sub-regional conference on Developing legislative framework for the strategic environmental assessment in line with the Protocol on SEA (2 November 2015), Georgia
- Training of Trainers Workshop: Design and Delivery of training events on Strategic Environmental Assessment (3 – 6 November 2016), Georgia
- Lessons learnt from the SEA pilot projects, Ukraine 2016

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- Visit UNECE website:
- <http://www.unece.org/env/sea/eapgreen.html>
- OECD website:
- <http://www.oecd.org/env/outreach/eapgreen.htm>



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