



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

Public Consultation Workshop

9 December, 2015

Venue: Central Park hotel Conference Hall, S.Rahimov st. 165
Baku, Azerbaijan

A public consultation workshop aims at presenting and discussing the draft National Strategy on use of alternative and renewable energy sources in the Republic of Azerbaijan in 2015 – 2020 (hereinafter also ‘Strategy’) and the main findings and recommendations formulated by the Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA) applied for the Strategy.

The workshop is organised by the Ministry of Ecology and Natural Resources (MENR’), the State Agency on Alternative and Renewable Energy Resources (hereinafter also the ‘Agency’), and the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe (UNECE) in the framework of ‘Greening Economies in the European Neighbourhood (EaP GREEN)’ programme, financed by the European Commission, UN Economic Commission for Europe, OECD, UNEP, and UNIDO. The logistical support for the event is provided by the Regional Environmental Center for Caucasus.

The public consultation workshop should result in obtaining feedback from the key stakeholders on the draft Strategy and preliminary conclusions of the SEA. The comments and suggestions from the workshop will help to verify the planning outputs as well as SEA findings and recommendations. Furthermore, they will be integrated in the final version of the SEA Report.

The workshop will gather representatives of the relevant ministries and other state agencies, international organizations, research institutions, and non-governmental organizations.

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| 09:30 – 10:00 | Registration of Participants |
| 10:00 – 10:30 | <p>Opening the Meeting and Welcome Speeches</p> <p><i>Mr. Rasim Sattarzade, Head of the Division of Environmental and Nature Protection Policy at the Ministry of Ecology and Natural Resources</i></p> <p><i>Mr. Rajab Mammadov, Director of Monitoring Department at the State Agency on Alternative and Renewable Energy Resources</i></p> <p><i>Ms. Ulviya Abdullayeva, Programme Manager of the EU Delegation to Azerbaijan</i></p> <p><i>Mr. Martin Smutny, 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)</i></p> |
| 10:30 – 10.45 | Introduction to the SEA for the National Strategy on use of alternative and renewable energy sources in the Republic of Azerbaijan in 2015 – 2020 |



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| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Brief overview of steps and analyses</i> • <i>Approach and methodology for the SEA</i> <p>Ms. Aysel Babayeva, SEA Pilot Team Leader Mr. Fikret Jafarov, SEA Pilot Project Coordinator</p> |
| 10:45 – 11:15 | <p>National Strategy on use of alternative and renewable energy sources in the Republic of Azerbaijan in 2015 – 2020</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Brief overview of main priorities</i> • <i>Implementing scheme and follow-up planning i.e. preparation of the Action Plan</i> <p>Mr. Ramiz Kalbiyev, Deputy Head of Department on Alternative and Renewable Energy Use, the State Agency on Alternative and Renewable Energy Resources</p> |
| 11:15 – 11:45 | Coffee Break |
| 11:45 – 12:45 | <p>Main SEA findings and recommendations</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Major impacts on the key issues (to be presented by the SEA experts)</i> • <i>Participants' feedback and comments</i> <p><i>Facilitated by Ms. Aysel Babayeva, SEA Pilot Team Leader, and Mr. Fikret Jafarov, SEA Pilot Project Coordinator</i></p> |
| 12:45 – 13:15 | <p>Concluding discussion</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Summary of comments received</i> • <i>Outline of further steps in finalizing the SEA Pilot</i> <p>Ms. Aysel Babayeva, SEA Pilot Team Leader Mr. Martin Smutny, 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)</p> |
| 13:15 | Closure of the workshop |