



Final public consultation

Strategic Environmental Assessment results on “State Strategy on Alternative and renewable Energy Resources Use In 2015-2020” in Azerbaijan in line with Draft Law on EIA

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REPORT

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This Report summarizes the final Public Consultation and SEA team meeting organized within SEA Pilot project on “State Strategy on Alternative and Renewable Energy Resources Use for 2015-2020” at the 9th of December 2015, in Baku, Azerbaijan.

Public consultation aimed to introduce environmental impact assessment results and proposals on the Draft SEA Report by SEA team





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1. Background

Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA) effectively promotes sustainable development by mainstreaming environment into economic development at a national and local level. SEA is a well-established, practical and efficient planning and environmental governance tool/system set out in the UNECE Protocol on SEA to the Convention on Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) in a Transboundary Context. It ensures that development plans in key sectors such as energy, water and waste management with likely significant adverse environmental impacts are efficiently developed taking into account environmental (and health) considerations. SEA, in particular, will allow identification of the most sustainable and cost-effective strategic development alternatives in Azerbaijan for attracting new investments and for improving its environment.

SEA also helps strengthen the country's environmental governance through fostering transparency and consultation with relevant stakeholders and the public prior to the approval of plans and programmes. SEA in a transboundary context can also greatly facilitate regional cooperation on environmental matters. Since 2004 the UNECE secretariat has provided technical assistance and capacity building support to foster ratification of, and accession to, the Espoo Convention and its Protocol on SEA in the countries of Eastern Europe, Caucasus and Central Asia. The secretariat has a broad experience in assisting the countries in improving their legislative and institutional frameworks for the implementation of both treaties. The tailor made training and pilot projects provided by the UNECE have proven to be efficient in building the necessary institutional and human capacities in countries for the effective application of EIA and SEA to their development projects, plans and programmes.

At the six session of the Meeting of the Parties to the Espoo Convention, in June 2014 in Geneva, the Government of Azerbaijan confirmed the request to the secretariat to assist in addressing the above mentioned challenges. The request was reflected in the Work Plan for 2014–2017 containing the following activities:

- (a) Review of the existing strategic environmental assessment (SEA) legislation and procedures;
- (b) Pilot application of the SEA procedure to a draft Government plan or program (hereinafter also 'SEA pilot');
- (c) Organization of a national and local level training workshops on SEA; and
- (d) Development of national guiding documents on application of SEA.

These activities are implemented by financial support of Greening Economies for the EU Eastern Partnership countries- "EaP Green" Programme. EaP Green Programme is implemented to support EU Eastern Partnership countries for transition into green economy on basis of cooperation with UNECE, UNEP and UNIDO by the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development. Programme is funded by EU, 4 abovementioned organizations and other donors.

First stage on legal analysis and improvements of SEA legislation, as well as support on drafting SEA/EIA chapters of the draft Law on Environmental Impact Assessment (which includes SEA, EIA and State Environmental expertise process as framework law) are implemented in 2014-2015. The Draft Law on EIA were revised and improved by international and national experts.



Second stage for 2015 is considered to test and demonstrate opportunities of practical application of the draft SEA legal and institutional base on the Draft law on EIA within the implementation of a pilot project. It was also important to learn the gaps in the Draft Law and to have an opportunity to identify and develop SEA legal and institutional base in consistency with national system (for example, with expertise system) in future to achieve more practical and applicable legislation on this respect.

Based on the communication with the representatives of the Ministry of Ecology and Natural Resources of Azerbaijan and the coordination by them with State Agency on Alternative and Renewable Energy Resources, 'State Strategy on Alternative and Renewable Energy Resources Use for 2015-2020' (hereinafter "Strategy") has been selected for pilot application of the SEA procedure. The SEA pilot was initiated in January 2015 and shall last until end of December 2015.

The overall aim of SEA pilot is to further develop legislation on SEA, build capacities in application of SEA procedures at a national level and to raise awareness of SEA benefits among various national stakeholders. The specific objectives include:

- To provide support in the development of the draft law on SEA;
- To test and demonstrate opportunities of practical application of the draft law on SEA based on the implementation of a pilot project;
- To provide recommendations for environmental optimisation and modifications of the selected plan/programme;
- To develop recommendations for further improvement of national legislative and institutional frameworks on SEA in a country.



2. SEA public consultation design

The SEA public consultation was organised by the Ministry of Ecology and Natural Resources (hereinafter also 'MENR'), the State Agency on Alternative and Renewable Energy Resources (hereinafter also the 'SAARES'), the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe (UNECE) Greening Economies for the EU Eastern Partnership countries- "EaP Green" Programme. The logistical support for the event was provided by the Regional Environmental Centre for Caucasus.

The general objective of the event was to support implementation of the pilot project on application of strategic environmental assessment (SEA) during preparation of the National Strategy on Renewable and Alternative Energy Use (hereinafter also the 'Strategy'). Before this on **12th of May 2015 it was held scoping consultations.**

The purpose of this consultation was to introduce to the public the assessment results of identified impacts and mitigation measures, as well as the proposals for the SEA and development of the Strategy by SEA team based on their analysis and previous scoping results and consultations.

The public consultation workshop also aimed to 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 would help to verify the planning outputs as well as SEA findings and recommendations. Furthermore, it aimed to get the opinion and proposals by interested public representatives and public authorities to be considered and integrated in the final version of the SEA Report.

Together with abovementioned reasons, the other general purpose of the consultation was also to illustrate information on SEA procedure and national draft legislation on this respect, to raise awareness of civil servants and public referring to our own practice on SEA application.

More than 45 representatives from relevant ministries and other state agencies, international organizations, research institutions, non-governmental organizations, independent experts, professors from the universities took part at the event.

Taking into account abovementioned reasons, at the same time considering that this was first SEA pilot project which carried out by MENR, it was prepared printed leaflets on brief information about SEA and SEA pilot project, supporting organisations and existing information sources on this regard in Azerbaijan and English languages.

To be more understandable **Summary of Draft SEA Report** (about 35 pages) and short information leaflet about SEA and Espoo Convention Action Plan activities within 2014-2015 years was prepared for the participants in paper format to be distributed during the consultation (see the published version at www.unece.org event web-page). The Summary included in brief information about the UNECE Espoo Convention and its SEA Protocol, Improved Draft EIA law, SEA pilot project and chosen Strategy, applied SEA steps and results of them before this consultation, especially impacts assessment results, evaluation tables on impacts and relations with other economic sectors and proposals on this regard which formulated by SEA team. One week before all invited participants were contacted and prepared documents send them via online to be ready for discussions in the upcoming event. Conference hall also was provided with UNECE publications on Espoo Convention,



SEA Protocol, also brochures and leaflets published by Alternative and Renewable Energy Agency about their activities and plans for future.

The event designed with back to back internal SEA team discussion:

- i. SEA public consultation focusing on the introduction of the Strategy and assessed environmental, health impacts, as well as mitigation measures on them, proposals formulated by SEA team and getting the public opinion (0,5 day);
- ii. SEA team meeting to discuss next steps and Finalizing SEA Report (0,5 day)

On 9th of December in 2015 the public consultation started at 10:00 am with the opening speech of **Mr. Teymur Shakaraliyev**, the Head of Law Department of Ministry of Ecology and Natural Resources of Azerbaijan. Welcoming the participants and UNECE Espoo Convention Secretariat and EaP Green Program representative Mr. Martin Smutny, he mentioned the importance of the event stressing the benefits of practical application of Draft EIA Law within SEA pilot project in chosen field.

After that, the Head of Alternative and Renewable Energy Resources Use Sector at AREA, **Mr. Ramiz Kalbiyev** took the floor for welcoming speech on behalf of the Agency expressing their gratitude for the fruitful coordination between AREA and MENR on application SEA to the Strategy and invited the participants of active involvement to the process and further discussions during the event.

Making the speech on behalf of EU Delegation in the Republic of Azerbaijan, **Ms. Ulviyya Abdullayeva**, welcomed the participants and spoke about the projects between EU and Azerbaijan on environmental issues, in particular mentioning the future TAEX Twining project with MENR.

It was also the floor was given to UNECE Espoo Convention Secretariat and EaP Green Program representative **Mr. Martin Smutny**. Mr. Martin Smutny gave information about the Espoo Convention SEA Protocol and EaP Green Program tools on EIA and SEA for better address environmental and health issues in the regions, in particular he mentioned step by step activities done under the Espoo Convention's Action plan for 2014-2017 years on SEA in Azerbaijan. At the end of presentation it was showed short video demonstrating information on SEA and its steps for the participants by Mr. Martin Smutny.

After the introductions the public consultations facilitated by national coordinator to Espoo Convention by Azerbaijan, SEA team leader **Ms. Aysel Babayeva** and project coordinator **Mr. Fikrad Jafarov**. Referring to the Strategy content and its next development scheme on the Action Plan, for facilitation the discussion of participants in this context, all presentations were prepared on the practical examples related to the introduction of the Strategy, its further Action Plan and specific measures and proposals on impact assessment results which can be acceptable for the National Strategy and its further development.

During the first part SEA consultation, **Ms. Aysel Babayeva** presented the steps and achievements done in the framework of UNECE Espoo Convention "Action Plan for 2014-2017" on SEA within 2014-2015 years and also support done by EU EaP Green Program stressing fruitful results of coordination by both organisation on implementation of SEA Pilot project in 2015. Illustrating the goals and future expectations on implementation of SEA pilot project in Azerbaijan she noted that these process enabled them to reveal gaps and opportunities on SEA in national institutional and legislative system, and give an idea of preparation of such legislation based on national and international legislation



together by using the both systems' benefits and appropriate capacity in the country that could make the new draft Law on EIA more durable and applicable in the country. Stressing these factors, she mentioned the application need of SEA steps based on national Draft EIA Law in Azerbaijan in collaboration with SEA Protocol and EU SEA Directive to this pilot project.

At the same time she illustrated previously SEA team work – meetings and results step by step done before these consultations calling the participants to actively comment to the Strategy and SEA results. It is also announced the deadlines for last written comments to the Draft SEA Report by participants (by 25th of December).

After the presentation the Strategy goals and targets and further plans, as well as current activities were introduced to the participants by **Ms. Sabina Najafova** on behalf of SAARES.

Afterwards, consultation were opened for discussion and started with the questions on the “Strategy” goals and targets.

Participant from MENR, expert on waste management Mr. Tofiq Hasanov mentioned that there is not any information of how waste energy will be used, also it is not indicated how to coordinate biogas energy activity with the waste management activities by other organisations. For example, he said that currently in Azerbaijan it is ongoing the construction of Waste Water Treatment Plants which can be biogas energy sources and by this method the contamination can be avoided. Mr. Ramiz Kalbiyev explained that Strategy target on getting the energy from biomass includes specially biogas energy and also other activities and these are the targets which will be developed further in Action Plan, thus, in current stage, Strategy can be accepted as a conception document covering main alternative and renewable energy resources use. It is also mentioned that for this purposes consultation with relevant organisations responsible on preparation waste management conception and plans which is under consideration is an important point. Mr. Fikrad Jafarov also commented that it will be developed under the target on “biomas energy” under the Strategy.

It was also sounded to take into account the water use for cleaning the solar panels which will be set in semi-arid regions.

Mr. Islam Mustafayev, director of NGO “Ruzgar” raised the questions about the using energy individually, thus (especially to set the solar panels on the roofs and etc.) conditions to provide its connection to central grid system and tariffs. Mr. Ramiz Kalbiyev said that costs, tariffs will be further reviewed by the Agency and it includes in its activity framework. Thus, currently, tariff proposals had been prepared and were given to the Cabinet of Ministers and it is given the Tariff Committee to be reviewed. According tto the national legislation, government allows to each user to connect to central grid system via technical conditions and special permission from relevant organisation. Approximately till 10 Kvt energy can be used individually.

Participant Mr. Shaig Ibrahimov (zoologist) from the Azerbaijan National Academy of Sciences asked about the cost of SEA and financial sources for it referring that it will take approximately 5-10% of whole project cost. Mr. Martin Smutny replied that costs should be covered by governmental institutions, planning authorities or there is also an opportunity for international support.

Expert from Institute of Water Problems also raised that he designed hydropower energy facilities and he needs patent and support to test the objects. Mr. Ramiz Kalbiyev answered that SAARES has such council which proposal can be revised by them.



Mr. Shamil Huseynov commented that it should be focused on assessment of environmental impacts and social and health assessment, not the Strategy. Ms. Aysel Babayeva replied that it is necessary for public and relevant organisation to get acknowledge with the Strategy targets to further clearly comment to the assessment results.

In the second part of the meeting team experts performed their initial impact assessment results and proposal to the Strategy which illustrated individually by each expert on several environmental issues and supported with the prepared GIS maps on biodiversity (landscape, migratory bird routes, bats, special protection zones), soil (soil erosion and very dry areas), water (water stress zones, ecological sensitive rivers).

Discussion started with the comment of participant from Azerbaijan Amelioration and Water JSC Research Institute of Water problems that raised that sea wave energy use evaluation is not considered properly. Experts answered that Strategy target is not included in the sea wave energy use, therefore, it is not evaluated. Mr. Ramiz Kalbiyev said that the main priorities for Azerbaijan currently and till 2020 is solar, wind and water energy use, while others geothermal, biomass energy use are in next priority activities.

Experts from Azerbaijan National Academy of Sciences asked that what special measures considered for biodiversity protection, especially for fishes during the Hydropower energy use in the rivers.

Mr. Mehman Nabiyeu answered that HPP will be small and it is intended to apply the derivation method. However technological design is very important to take into account, thus depending on this, ladders and access to downstream and high stream water ways for migratory fishes should be provided in the river. It is also mentioned that although derivation method are the most secure method for protection of ecosystem, however more than two small Hydro power installation in one little river should be considered serious impact for the river water flow and its ecosystem as it can dry. At the same time, other measures on voice, pollution of river during the construction process should be mitigated during the project level and all these has to be considered in EIA process for each project.

Participant from City Planning and Architecture Committee Mr. Gorkhmas Sadigov indicating that there is an error in the evaluation table stressed that it is not correct to say that development of these targets has positive impacts, thus there is not such an activity which can be considered positive impact to nature. He also mentioned to previous discussion indicating the requirement a lot of water for biomass production from plants indicated it less effective. He also questioned the data sources on air quality and said that atmospheric pollution is not high as indicated in the report. SEA team responded that the data was taken from the data base of monitoring results by Ministry of Ecology and Natural Resources which has 8 air quality monitoring stations in the regions. At the same time it is obvious fact that air pollution in Absheron Peninsula (especially in Baku city) is very high due to industrial activities and construction. It is also replied that under the biomass energy target it is only considered to produce biogas energy from cattle farms.

Participant of the Parliament Mr. Shamil Huseynov speaking about then importance the biogas energy production from waste, indicated that this case which should be included to the Strategy.



Discussion continued with the question of Ms. Tatyana Javanshir, independent expert asking about the current ratification process of SEA Protocol by Azerbaijan. Ms. Tanya Javanshir said that joining to Espoo Convention was mistake by Azerbaijan, at the same time SEA can be done without SEA Protocol that only includes public consultations which Azerbaijan also has separately Law on this.

Ms. Aysel Babayeva indicated that the position of Azerbaijan to join to the SEA Protocol will be considered after the launching SEA system in the country, thus currently the goal of the support by UNECE Espoo Convention and EaP Green Program on implementation of Action Plan on SEA for 2014-2017 is to help Azerbaijan in this way to accelerate the adoption of SEA Protocol.

She also mentioned that as nature protectors their intention is to apply best innovative approaches and tools in Azerbaijan other than identification of political orientation. Although in Azerbaijan environmental expertise of plan and programs exists according to legislation, however SEA is a systematic assessment tool during the planning process which has its proper stages and can be applied in compliance with national system.

At the same time stressing the importance of the Espoo Convention in the region, she gave an example of Decision of Espoo Convention 6th Meeting of Parties on 2-4 June in 2014 in Geneva supporting the rights of Azerbaijan public on access environmental information about the the construction of New Metsamor Nuclear Power Plant in Armenia which notification process of the public of Azerbaijan was breached under the provision 3.1 of the Convention (Decision VI/2). Thus, she indicated the Espoo Convention as an essential international body for transboundary environmental cooperation and supporting the rights of public on access to information on environment surrounding them.

Mr. Martin Smutny commenting the conversation said that although SEA can be conducted without having Protocol transposed, it still can be used as a 'driving force' for introducing a full SEA system in the country.

From NGO "Ecolex" Mr. Samir Isayev told that as other international agreements, Espoo Convention together its benefits also reduces 'sovereignty of rights' as well. Mr. Martin Smutny stressed that nor Espoo, neither SEA Protocol limit anyhow right to 'make a decision' by the country.

At the same time, taking into account request about the necessity of publishing the SEA Report and information on Strategy, it was stressed that finalized SEA Report will be published in planning authority's and UNECE web-page. For this purpose, it was given information about the next plans and requested from all the participants to give their written comments to the SEA Report till 25th of December 2015, after the Draft SEA Report distributed them by 15th of December.

At the end the summary of discussion were given and the consultation closed.

It can be summarized that public consultation was very informative and fruitful for the public to let them an opportunity not only to get familiar with the Strategy and SEA results, but also The discussions showed some progress on SEA understanding and interest to be applied in future , thus it helped to raise awareness about the SEA and its application process itself.

After the lunch the discussion continued with SEA team on the next activities (See results in the chapter "Next Steps").



3. Summary of main outcomes

There are following major outcomes from the meeting:

- I. Proposals on the Strategy and comments on the results of impact assessment and mitigation measures
- II. Methods and tools introduction of Final Draft SEA report
- III. Work plan for the next activities by team experts

4. Next steps

Following the results of the internal SEA team discussion, next steps and tasks defined in order to further proceed after the final consultation:

- Finalization of the Draft SEA Report according to the proposals by public and distributing the Draft SEA Report by December 15, 2015 for their final comments (deadline 26th of December)
- Translation of the SEA Report and comments by international consultants by mid of January
- Introducing Final SEA Report to State Expertise Department of the Ministry of Ecology and Natural Resources by SAARES to review (January 2016);
- State Expertise Department review and conclusion, preparation of Statement by SAARES taking into account SEA outcomes and submission it to consulted relevant authorities (January 2016);
- Placement of Final SEA Report of "Strategy" on the website and build public awareness. (January 2016);

It was also agreed that the meeting with the SAARES will be organized in order to introduce the actual SEA outcomes and discuss formal steps in accordance with the draft SEA by law.

Annex 1: Public consultation agenda

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.



09:30 – 10:00	Registration of Participants
10:00 – 10:30	<p>Opening the Meeting and Welcome Speeches</p> <p>Mr. Rasim Sattarzade, Head of the Division of Environmental and Nature Protection Policy at the Ministry of Ecology and Natural Resources</p> <p>Mr. Rajab Mammadov, Director of Monitoring Department at the State Agency on Alternative and Renewable Energy Resources</p> <p>Ms. Ulviya Abdullayeva, Programme Manager of the EU Delegation to Azerbaijan</p> <p>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>
10:30 – 10:45	<p>Introduction to the SEA for the 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"> Brief overview of steps and analyses Approach and methodology for the SEA <p>Ms. Aysel Babayeva, SEA Pilot Team Leader</p> <p>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"> Brief overview of main priorities Implementing scheme and follow-up planning i.e. preparation of the Action Plan <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"> Major impacts on the key issues (to be presented by the SEA experts) Participants' feedback and comments <p>Facilitated by Ms. Aysel Babayeva, SEA Pilot Team Leader, and Mr. Fikret Jafarov, SEA Pilot Project Coordinator</p>
12:45 – 13:15	<p>Concluding discussion</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Summary of comments received Outline of further steps in finalizing the SEA Pilot <p>Ms. Aysel Babayeva, SEA Pilot Team Leader</p> <p>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

Annex 2: Invitation letter

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

Invitation to the Public Consultation Workshop

Dear Madam/Sir,

Hereby we kindly invite you to the public consultation workshop on the SEA for the National Strategy on use of alternative and renewable energy sources in the Republic of Azerbaijan in 2015 – 2020 (hereinafter also the 'Strategy'), which will take place **at Central Park hotel Conference Hall, S. Rahimov st. 165, Baku, on Wednesday, 9 December 2015. The meeting will be opened at 10.00am.**

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Yours sincerely



Annex 3: List of Participants

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Annex 4: Proposals raised in the consultation

Organisation	Theme	Proposals
Parliament, MENR	Strategy targets	Waste energy should be included to the Strategy as biogas source
MENR, Parliament, Azerbaijan National Academy of Sciences	Coordination with relevant bodies	Coordination with relevant authorities responsible on waste management development
NGO	Strategy development scheme	Conditions on providing individual user's connection to central grid system
Azerbaijan National Academy of Sciences	SEA for Strategy	To take into account the water consumption for cleaning the solar panels that intended to be set in semi-arid regions
State City Planning and Architecture Committee	Strategy targets	Biomass production from plants indicated as less effective
Azerbaijan Melioration and Water Use Institute of Water Problems	SEA for Strategy and targets	Necessity sea wave energy use evaluation
Azerbaijan National Academy of Sciences	SEA for Strategy	biodiversity protection, especially for fishes during the Hydropower energy use



MENR		To avoid more than two small Hydro power installation in one little river and to consider it serious impact for the river water flow and its ecosystem.
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