



# **“State Strategy on use of Alternative and Renewable Energy Sources” – “2015-2020”**

## **SEA pilot project**

Final public consultations  
Central Park Hotel, Conference Hall  
9th of December 2015  
Baku

## **International cooperation on implementation of the pilot project**

The project has been implemented by **Ministry of Ecology and Natural Resources** in cooperation and coordination with **State Agency for Alternative and Renewable Energy Sources** within the framework of the **“Action Plan 2014-2017”** adopted at the **sixth session of Meeting of the Parties to the Espoo Convention(MOP 6)** on 2-5 June 2014.

It is the **first pilot project** implemented on SEA by MENR in Azerbaijan. Organisations providing technical and financial support for the implementation of the project:

- ❖ **The UNECE Convention on Environmental Impact Assessment in a transboundary Context (Espoo Convention)**
- ❖ **The “Greening Economies in the Eastern Neighbourhood” EaP Green Program**

Proposed activities within  
**“Action Plan 2014-2017”** in Azerbaijan

- ❖ Review of existing legislation and procedures on SEA (as well as on EIA) (2014-2015);
- ❖ Implementation of SEA Pilot project for practical application of SEA to Draft National Strategy (2015);
- ❖ Organization of the national training activities to raise awareness(2016-2017);
- ❖ Preparing National Guidelines on practical application of SEA (2017).

**Review of national legal framework on SEA, as well as on EIA and development of recommendations to **Draft Law on Environmental Impact Assessment** have been implemented by national and international experts in Phase 1. Draft law redrafted with dispute of international and national MENR experts in the next phase, in compliance with international legislation and national institutional and legal framework on SEA and as well as on EIA, taking into account an importance of specific draft proposals to regulations on SEA/EIA draft legislation.**



**August 28, 2014**



**March 2, 2015**

**Roundtable with governmental bodies and public were held to discuss outcomes in two phases.**

**Activities for development have been implemented by technical support of UNECE EaP Green Programme. Further development of activities are under consideration as well.**

# SEA pilot project

## Objectives of SEA pilot project:

- ❖ Experience for SEA application in national level;
- ❖ Review and testing of opportunities of SEA regulations in the framework of Draft Law on Environmental impact Assessment which have been improved during implementation of a pilot project;
- ❖ Support development of the draft law by legal and institutional proposals for SEA as a result of the pilot project.
- ❖ Prepare optimized proposals on environment under selected draft strategy

## **“State Strategy on use of ARES in 2015-2020-” substantiation of the pilot project selection- “screening”**

Substantiation an importance of SEA application- in accordance with **EU Directive on SEA 2001/42/EC** and **SEA Protocol**, as well as new **Draft EIA Law** :

- ❖ Draft strategy document included in **energy** sector which SEA application is necessary;
- ❖ Prepared by the plenipotentiary governmental body (herein, State Agency on Alternative and Renewable Energy Resources- planner body) and shall require approval by relevant executive body;
- ❖ Objects of “Strategy” implies activities which application of Environmental Impact Assessment will be necessary in future;

***SEA process is started after this phase.***

Stages of SEA process on SEA pilot project have been implemented within the scope of **new Draft EIA law regulations on SEA and State Environmental Expertise**, as well as **SEA protocol**.  
Phases:



# SEA process of determining the scope of SEA - “Scoping”:



## SEA scoping in accordance with database analysis:

The environmental and human health issues  
which is anticipated to be affected significantly  
and which is necessary to evaluate, as well as  
appropriate sources of information has been  
determined for suitable evaluation;





**May 12, 2015**  
**Consultations with relevant executive**  
**bodies and public on “Scoping”**





**Team expert discussions and SEA Report preparation process on the basis of recommendations given by international experts on environmental and human health impact assessment, and mitigation**

**August 27-28 , 2015, Baku  
Aarhus Centre**





In order to become familiar with the evaluation process of the implementation of strategy objectives, SEA Team visited SAARES “Gobustan Hybrid Power Plant” which will be expanded in the future, and visual monitoring were carried out

**August 29, 2015**



# Next phase of the pilot project on Draft EIA Law

- ❖ “Raise public awareness and inform relevant bodies about SEA outcomes for “Strategy”, public consultations (December 9, 2015, Baku)
- ❖ Finalization of the Draft SEA Report for “Strategy” by planner body (December 25, 2015) and introducing to State Expertise Department of the Ministry of Ecology to review (December 29, 2015 or 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);

Monitoring on the Strategy performance and supervising the execution of environmental and human health conditions by MENR, as well as executive bodies and public conducted with public consultations.

## How?

- During consultation carried out by representatives of the relevant governmental bodies and public about future “Action Plan” for Strategy ;
- At the drafting phase(specially by MENR SED);
- Monitoring on fulfillment of an obligation by planner body in accordance with notification.

## Public information and sources

Taking into account the outcomes, comments and suggestions of this consultation, the Draft Final Report on SEA will be sent to addresses that have been registered on **December 15, 2015**.

Please send your comments and suggestions on the Draft Report in a written form to [ayselbabasoylu@yahoo.com](mailto:ayselbabasoylu@yahoo.com) e-mail address no later than **December 25, 2015**. After this period, the document will be considered as approved.

### Sources:

- **Information about SEA Protocol:**

[http://www.unece.org/env/eia/sea\\_manual/welcome.html](http://www.unece.org/env/eia/sea_manual/welcome.html)

- **Guideline of SEA Protocol in Azeri language:**

[http://www.unece.org/fileadmin/DAM/env/eia/documents/SEA%20Manual/translations/SEA\\_Resource\\_Manual\\_Aze.pdf](http://www.unece.org/fileadmin/DAM/env/eia/documents/SEA%20Manual/translations/SEA_Resource_Manual_Aze.pdf)

- **Information about SEA pilot project**

<http://www.unece.org/environmental-policy/treaties/environmental-impact-assessment/about-us/protocol-on-sea/envseaeapgreen/sea-pilot-projects.html>



**Thanks for your attention!**

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