



Major legislative dilemmas for implementing the Espoo Convention and its Protocol on SEA in UNECE region and ways to address them in national legislation

20 January 2015
Moscow, Russia

Provisional Agenda

- 9:30 - 10:00 **Registration of Participants**
Welcome coffee
- 10:00 - 10:15 **Opening of the Meeting**
Welcome Speech, *Vladimir Ivlev, Deputy Director of the Department of International Cooperation, Ministry of Natural Resources and Environment Russian Federation*
Welcome Speech, *Evgeny Shvarts, Director of Conservation Policy WWF Russia*
- 10:15 – 10:30 **Presentation:** Introduction to the UNECE Convention on Environmental Impact Assessment in a Transboundary Context (Espoo Convention)
Viviane Brunne, Secretariat Espoo Convention and Protocol on SEA
- 10:30 – 10:45 **Presentation:** Introduction to the UNECE Protocol on Strategic Environmental Assessment to the Espoo Convention
Viviane Brunne, Secretariat Espoo Convention and Protocol on SEA
- 10:45 – 11:00 **Presentation:** Existing environmental assessment framework in the Russian Federation
Viktoriya Venchikova, Deputy Director of the Department of the state policy and regulation in the sphere of environmental protection, Ministry of Natural Resources and Environment Russian Federation
- 11:00 – 11:30 **Presentation (20 min):** Existing dilemmas regarding legislative reform of environmental impact assessment (EIA) and strategic environmental assessment (SEA) frameworks in the countries with the Environmental Expertiza and OVOS systems *Mr. Jerzy Jendroska, UNECE Consultant*
Discussion (10 min)
- 11:30 – 11:50 **Coffee break**
- 11:50 – 12:25 **Presentation (20 min):** Place of EIA and SEA in development control and the role of authorities and other actors

Jerzy Jendroska, UNECE Consultant

Discussion (15 min)

12:25 – 13:00 **Presentation (20 min):** EIA elements of an environmental assessment framework in light of practical experience in UNECE region

- List of activities subject to EIA procedure
- Approaches to screening
- Scoping methods and preparation of an EIA report

Jerzy Jendroska, UNECE Consultant

Discussion (15 min)

13:00 – 14:00 **Lunch**

14:00 – 14:35 **Presentation (20 min):** SEA elements of an environmental assessment framework in light of practical experience in UNECE region

- List of strategic documents subject to SEA procedure
- Approaches to screening
- Scoping methods and preparation of an SEA report

Jerzy Jendroska, UNECE Consultant

Discussion (15 min)

14:35 – 15:10 **Presentation (20 min):** Procedures for consultations with the competent authorities and public participation in EIA and SEA systems

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Discussion (15 min)

15:10 – 15:50 **Presentation (20 min):** Transboundary consultations in EIA and SEA systems in light of international obligations

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Discussion (20 min)

15:50 – 16:05 **Break**

16:05 – 16:30 **Presentation (15 min):** Incorporating results of EIA and SEA procedures into final project and strategic documents and final development decisions

Jerzy Jendroska, UNECE Consultant

Discussion (10 min)

16:30 – 16:45 Final discussion and reflections on environmental assessment system in Russian Federation in light of international obligations

17:00 Closure of the meeting