



# Initial meeting of the working group on 'Recommendations on practical application of SEA in Georgia'

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# Recommendations on SEA

Main focus and expected  
content

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# Guiding documents on SEA

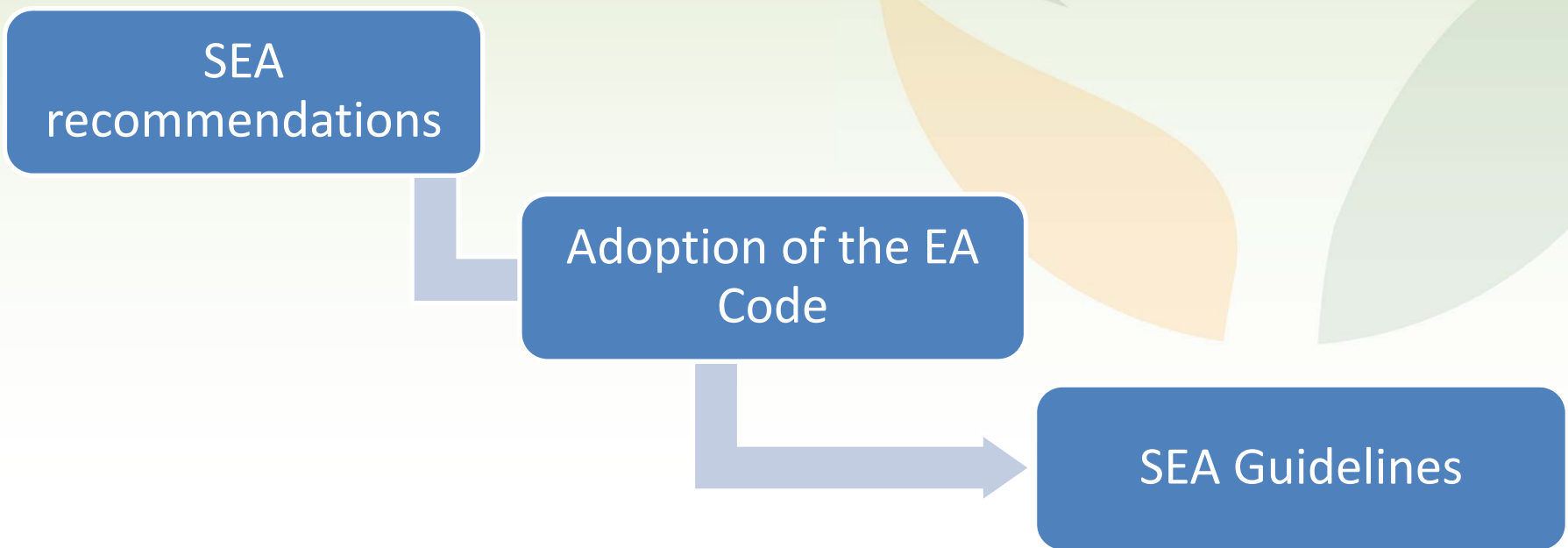
- Represent an important aspect of SEA capacity building and implementation support
- Exist in the most of the countries with SEA system operating
- Complement legal framework
- Binding x non-binding nature
- General or sector-specific or 'topic'-specific

# Guiding documents on SEA

- Focus on various aspects
  - General principles of SEA
  - **Legal context**
  - **Procedural aspects**
  - Technical issues (methods, tools)
- For various target groups
  - **Environmental authorities**
  - **Sectoral agencies**
  - Decision-makers
  - SEA practitioners
  - NGOs
  - Public

# SEA recommendations for Georgia

- To support implementation of the Environmental Assessment Code



# SEA recommendations for Georgia

- Practical recommendations on how to apply the SEA procedure set out in the Code
- Clarification of the roles and responsibilities of the main actors to be involved in SEA processes: environmental and health authorities, planning agencies and institutions, the public, SEA practitioners, and decision-makers
- Suggestions of practical tools for SEA application (forms, guiding questions)
- Case examples to illustrate possible approaches or methods recommended to be applied in SEA practice in Georgia.

# Proposed structure

- Introduction
  - Purpose and aim
  - How to 'read' the document
- Background to SEA
  - What is SEA
  - International legal framework
  - National legal framework
  - Linkages between SEA, EIA, and Ecological Expertise

# Proposed structure

- Application of SEA
  - Main principles of good SEA practice
  - Key actors in SEA and their general roles and responsibilities
  - Scope of SEA application
  - SEA and planning process
  - Overview of main SEA procedural and analytical steps
- SEA procedural and analytical steps
  - Aim and purpose of a given step, expected results and outputs
  - Legal requirements
  - Recommended approach i.e. ‘who should do what and how’
  - Tips for practice



# Proposed structure

- SEA steps to be covered:
  - Identification of the plans and programmes to be a subject of SEA (screening)
  - Determining the scope of SEA (scoping)
  - Analysing the baseline (baseline analysis)
  - Assessing likely effects
  - Formulating mitigation measures including monitoring
  - Compiling SEA Report
  - Quality control
  - Considering SEA in decision-making

# Proposed structure

- Management of SEA process
- List of references
- Annexes (additional sources of information, templates, forms, etc.)

# Background documents

- Resource Manual to Support Application of the Protocol on SEA (UNECE)  
[http://www.unece.org/env/eia/sea\\_manual/welcome.html](http://www.unece.org/env/eia/sea_manual/welcome.html)
  - Exists also in Georgian language
  - Full and simplified versions available
- Manual on SEA for Trainers (UNECE, developed within the EaP GREEN framework for sub-regional ToT on SEA, organized in Georgia in November 2015)
- Guide to SEA (UNDP and REC, 2006)
- Many other international and national guiding documents

# Thank you for your attention!

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