

SEA Workshop for Planning Authorities and Consultants

November 30 – December 1, 2016

Venue: Hotel Laerton, 14 Iliko Kurkhuli St, Tbilisi, Georgia

Background

The awareness raising workshop on Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA) is organized by the Ministry of Environment and Natural Resources Protection of Georgia in cooperation with the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe (UNECE) and ‘Georgia’s Environmental Outlook’ (GEO) in the framework of the EU funded Programme ‘Greening the Economies in the Eastern Neighbourhood’ (EaP GREEN) and the EU Project Support to the Approximation in various fields as part of the environmental provisions under the EU-Georgia Association Agreement.

The aim of the event is to introduce the SEA procedure as stipulated by the draft Environmental Assessment Code of Georgia. The objectives of the workshop can be defined as follows:

- To raise awareness among the sectoral ministries about the recent development of the national legislation on SEA;
- To introduce main benefits of SEA, key stages of SEA process, and roles and responsibilities of main actors involved in SEA;
- To facilitate debate about practical steps and arrangements for application of SEA in Georgia at the national and regional levels after adoption of the Environmental Assessment Code.

Participants

The workshop is designed for representatives of the central sectoral authorities having responsibilities for preparation of the plans and programmes to be a subject of SEA. The event will gather up to twenty participants.

Agenda

Day 1, 30 November

09.30-10.00	Registration of participants
10.00-10.15	Opening of the workshop and welcome of the participants <i>Ms. Maia Bitadze, Deputy Minister, Ministry of Environment and Natural Resources Protection</i> <i>Mr. Alvaro Ortega, Program Manager, Delegation of the EU to Georgia</i>
I Introduction	
10.15-10.35	International standards: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Concept of EIA-SEA, Espoo Convention and SEA Protocol, SEA Directive, Aarhus Convention • International standards vs OVOS/ecological expertise

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Legislative reforms in other countries <p><i>Mr. Jerzy Jendrośka, International Consultant</i></p>
10.35-10.55	<p>Introduction to the Code: international obligations, objectives and scope of regulation, structure and current status, SEA legal framework</p> <p><i>Ms. Tamar Sharashidze, Head of Environmental Impact Permits Department</i></p>
10.55-11.05	<p>Questions and answers</p>
11.05-11.25	<p>Introduction to SEA – principles of efficient application, main stages, case examples from EU countries</p> <p><i>Mr. Michal Musil, International Consultant</i></p>
11.25-11.35	<p>Introduction to SEA Guidelines</p> <p><i>Mr. Michal Musil, International Consultant</i></p>
11.35-11.45	<p>Questions and answers</p>
11.45-12.00	<p>Coffee Break</p>
II Definitions	
12.00-12.15	<p>Key definitions and roles of competent authorities and other stakeholders: international requirements</p> <p><i>Mr. Jerzy Jendrośka, International Consultant</i></p>
12.15-12.30	<p>Key definitions and roles of competent authorities and other stakeholders according to the Code</p> <p><i>Ms. Tamar Sharashidze, Head of Environmental Impact Permits Department</i></p>
12.30-12.45	<p>Competent authorities and other stakeholders: practical issues/examples from EU</p> <p><i>Mr. Michal Musil, International Consultant</i></p>
12.45-13:00	<p>Questions and answers</p>
13.00-14:00	<p>Lunch break</p>
III Linking SEA and planning	
14:00-14:05	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Introduction to the topic Identifying linkages between strategic documents preparation and SEA <p><i>Mr. Michal Musil, International Consultant</i></p>

14:05-14:50	Group work <i>Facilitated by Mr. Michal Musil, International Consultant</i>
14:50-15:15	Presentation of results and discussion <i>Facilitated by Ms. Tamar Gugushvili, National Coordinator</i>
IV Strategic documents subject to SEA scheme and exemptions from SEA	
15:15-15:25	Strategic documents subject to SEA scheme and exemptions from SEA: international requirements <i>Mr. Jerzy Jendroška, International Consultant</i>
15:25-15:35	Strategic documents subject to SEA scheme and exemptions from SEA according to the Code <i>Ms. Tamar Sharashidze, Head of Environmental Impact Permits Department</i>
15:35-15:50	Coffee Break
15:50-16:00	Strategic documents subject to SEA scheme and exemptions from SEA: practical issues/Examples from EU <i>Mr. Michal Musil, International Consultant</i>
16:00-16:10	Questions and answers
16:10-16:20	Practical exercise: minor modifications <i>Mr. Jerzy Jendroška, International Consultant</i>
V Screening	
16:20-16:30	Screening: international requirements <i>Mr. Jerzy Jendroška, International Consultant</i>
16:30-16:45	Screening step by step under the Code <i>Ms. Tamar Sharashidze, Head of Environmental Impact Permits Department</i>
16:45-16:55	Screening step by step: practical issues/ examples from EU <i>Mr. Michal Musil, International Consultant</i>
16:55-17:00	Questions and answers
17:00-17:15	Practical exercise: group work on screening <i>Facilitated by Mr. Michal Musil, International Consultant</i>
17:15-18:00	Presentation of results and discussion <i>Facilitated by Ms. Tamar Gugushvili, National Coordinator</i>
18.00	End of Day 1

Day 2, 1 December

VI Scoping	
10.00-10.05	Scoping: international requirements <i>Mr. Jerzy Jendroška, International Consultant</i>
10.05-10.25	Scoping step by step under the Code <i>Ms. Tamar Sharashidze, Head of Environmental Impact Permits Department</i>
10:25-10.45	Scoping step by step: practical issues/examples from EU <i>Mr. Michal Musil, International Consultant</i>
10.45-10.50	Questions and answers
10.50-11.10	Practical exercise: group work on scoping <i>Facilitated by Mr. Michal Musil, International Consultant</i>
11.10-11.30	Presentation of results <i>Facilitated by Ms. Tamar Gugushvili, National Coordinator</i>
11.30-11.45	Coffee Break
VII SEA Report	
11:45-11:55	SEA report: international requirements <i>Mr. Jerzy Jendroška, International Consultant</i>
11:55-12:15	SEA report under the Code <i>Ms. Tamar Sharashidze, Head of Environmental Impact Permits Department</i>
12:15-12:35	SEA report: practical issues/examples from EU <i>Mr. Michal Musil, International Consultant</i>
12:35-12:45	Questions and answers
12:45-13:30	Lunch Break
VIII Recommendations by the Environment and Health Ministries	
13:30-13:45	Recommendations under the Code <i>Ms. Tamar Sharashidze, Head of Environmental Impact Permits Department</i>
13:45-14:15	Recommendations practical issues/ examples from EU <i>Mr. Michal Musil, International Consultant</i>
14.15-	Questions and answers

15:00	
IX Public Participation	
15:00-15:15	Public participation: international requirements <i>Mr. Jerzy Jendroška, International Consultant</i>
15:15-15:30	Public participation under the Code <i>Ms. Tamar Sharashidze, Head of Environmental Impact Permits Department</i>
15:30-15:40	Public participation: practical issues/ examples from EU <i>Mr. Jerzy Jendroška</i>
15:40-15:55	Coffee Break
15:55-16:15	Practical exercise identification and involvement of the public concerned <i>Mr. Michal Musil, International Consultant</i>
16:15-16:25	Questions and answers
X Transboundary Procedure	
16:25-16:40	Transboundary procedure: international requirements <i>Mr. Jerzy Jendroška, International Consultant</i>
16:40-16:55	Transboundary procedure under the Code <i>Ms. Tamar Sharashidze, Head of Environmental Impact Permits Department</i>
16:55-17:00	Questions and answers
17:00-17:10	Practical exercise - screening for transboundary effect <i>Mr. Michal Musil, International Consultant</i>
XI Adoption/approval of Strategic Document	
17:10-17:20	Adoption/approval of strategic document: international requirements <i>Mr. Jerzy Jendroška, International Consultant</i>
17:20-17:35	Adoption/approval of strategic document under the Code <i>Ms. Tamar Sharashidze, Head of Environmental Impact Permits Department</i>
17:35-17:50	Adoption/approval of strategic document: practical issues/examples from EU <i>Mr. Michal Musil, International Consultant</i>
17:50-18:00	Questions and answers
XII Monitoring compliance	



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18:00-18:10	Monitoring compliance under the Code <i>Ms. Tamar Sharashidze, Head of Environmental Impact Permits Department</i>
18:10-18:20	Monitoring compliance: practical issues/examples from EU <i>Mr. Michal Musil, International Consultant</i>
18:20-18:30	Questions and answers
18:30-19:00	Concluding session
19:00	End of the workshop