



# Introduction to 'Recommendations on practical application of SEA in Georgia'

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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 operating SEA system
- Complement legal framework
- Can be of binding x non-binding nature
- Can be general, sector-specific or 'topic'-specific

# Recommendations on Practical Application of SEA in Georgia

- Prepared by the Working Group (WG) established by the MENR
  - Representatives of MENR, Ministry of Labour, Health and Social Affairs, national experts, international UNECE consultants
- Process initiated in March 2016
- Several WG meeting (April, June, August, September, October)
  - Initial concept note
  - Extended content
  - Two draft versions
  - Final draft of the Recommendations (currently being finalized)

# Recommendations on Practical Application of SEA in Georgia

- Aim at supporting implementation of SEA procedure as stipulated by the draft Environmental Assessment Code (EAC) i.e. to:
  - Clarify the roles and responsibilities of the main actors to be involved in SEA processes
  - Explain practical aspects of the legal procedure
  - Provide practical tools to be used for certain SEA stages (e.g. templates and/or forms for screening and scoping, or guiding questions for quality control).

# Main sections

- Introduction and background to SEA
- Practical application of SEA
- SEA procedural and analytical steps
  - Screening
  - Scoping
  - SEA Report and its review
  - SEA recommendations
  - Adoption of strategic documents
  - Monitoring
- Public participation
- Transboundary consultations
- Practical considerations for conducting SEA



# SEA procedural and analytical steps – structure of each section

- Definition
- Aim and purpose
- Legal requirements
- Approach
  - Introduction
  - Steps
  - Forms
- Practical recommendations

