





#### Проект ПРООН / ГЗФ / Минприроды России «Задачи сохранения биоразнообразия в политике и программах развития энергетического сектора России»









### Conference on dissemination of experience with Strategic Environmental **Assessment (SEA)**

25 October 2016, Moscow

#### **Preamble**

The Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA) means the assessment of likely environmental and socioeconomic (including health) implications of policies, strategies, plans, on programmes prepared in various economic sectors. Although SEA is internationally recognized as the key instrument for integrating environmental and socio-economic (including health) concerns into strategic planning and related decision-making, it has not been systematically applied in Russia. The objective of SEA is to ensure high-level environmental protection by careful consideration of sustainability issues in planning and programming processes through objective and transparent procedure which takes into account views of relevant stakeholders.

The purpose of the conference is to familiarize participants with the practice of SEA in different countries including the existing Russian experience of SEA and assessments based on the SEA approaches. During the opening part, the participants will be provide with introduction to SEA i.e. its key principles of efficient application as well as benefits it can bring.

The national conference is jointly organised by The Ministry of Natural Resources and Environment (Minprirody of Russia), UNDP/GEF/Minprirody of Russia project «Mainstreaming biodiversity conservation into Russia's energy sector policies and operations», United Nations Economic Commission for Europe (UNECE) secretariat of the Convention on Environmental Impact Assessment in a Transboundary Context and its Protocol on Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA), and WWF Russia.

The event will gather representatives of interested Federal and regional authorities, whose activity is connected with the development and adoption of strategic documents, including programs in the energy and other sectors, as well as impact assessments of proposed activities on the environment, experts, and representatives of business sphere.

Reports and presentations of the representatives of the Ministry of natural resources and Environment, Secretariat to the Espoo Convention and Protocol on SEA, international and Russian experts will be presented within the conference and it will provide an opportunity for discussions with experts on emerging issues.

#### **Invited speakers:**

Rob Verheem, The Netherlands Commission for Environmental Assessment (NCEA)

Martin Smutny, EaP GREEN Project Coordinator, UNECE Secretariat to the Espoo Convention and its Protocol on SEA

Vesna Kolar Planinšič, Ministry of Environment and Spatial Planning (Slovenia)

Marina Khotuleva, Ecoline

Sergey Vasiliev, Shaneco

Elena Perfileva, INECA Consulting

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#### Date and venue:

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Analytical Center under the Government of Russian Federation (12, Academica Sakharova prospect, Moscow, Russia)





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## Provisional agenda

9:30 – 10:00	Welcome coffee. Registration of participants.
10:00 – 10:30	Opening of the conference. Welcome speech.
	Representatives of The Ministry of Natural Resources and Environment, The Secretariat to the Espoo Convention and Protocol on SEA, UNDP Russia and WWF Russia
10:30 – 11:00	Legal framework for SEA in Russia: current status and developed draft documents
	Representative of The Ministry of Natural Resources and Environment (tbc)
	Discussion 10 min
11:00 – 11.30	Introduction to SEA, UNECE Protocol on SEA, and UNECE Secretariat
	(20 min)
	Martin Smutny, UNECE Secretariat to the Espoo Convention and Protocol on SEA, EaP GREEN Project Coordinator
	Discussion 10 min
11:30 – 11:45	Coffee break
11:45 – 12:45	SEA systems in EU countries
	Rob Verheem, The Netherlands Commission for Environmental Assessment
	Vesna Kolar Planinšič, Ministry of Environment and Spatial Planning (Slovenia)
	20 min for each presentation + 10min for discussion

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