



## Training workshop on practical application of Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA)

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Hotel Gallery Palace (5 Ingorokva St.)  
Tbilisi, Georgia

### Background

The training 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).<sup>1</sup>

The aim of the event is to support practical application of 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 participants 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 after adoption of the Environmental Assessment Code.

### Participants

The workshop will invite up to thirty representatives of planning authorities/sectorial ministries, Tbilisi City Hall and municipalities of Rustavi and Mtskheta, as well as consulting companies.

### Agenda

<b>09.30 – 10.00</b>	<b>Registration of participants, and welcome coffee</b>
<b>10.00 – 10.15</b>	<b>Opening of the workshop and welcome of the participants</b> <i>Ms. Tamar Sharashidze, Head of Environmental Impacts Permits Department, Ministry of Environment and Natural Resources Protection</i> <i>Representative of EU Delegation to Georgia (tbc)</i>
<b>10.15 – 10.30</b>	<b>Introduction to the UNECE Protocol on SEA (SEA) and technical assistance within EU funded EaP GREEN Programme</b> <i>Presentation by Mr. Martin Smutny, EaP GREEN Project Coordinator, Consultant to UNECE</i>

<sup>1</sup> The EaP GREEN programme is implemented with the financial support of the European Union and other donors, and is jointly implemented by the four partner organisations: OECD, UN Environment, UNECE and UNIDO. More information can be found at <http://www.green-economies-eap.org/>.



	<i>Questions and answers</i>
<b>10.30 – 11.10</b>	<p><b>Introduction to SEA – principles of efficient application, main stages and key actors, case examples from EU countries</b></p> <p><i>Presentation by Mr. Matthew Cashmore, Senior Lecturer, Swedish University of Agricultural Sciences, Uppsala</i></p> <p><i>Questions and answers</i></p>
<b>11.10 – 11.45</b>	<p><b>Legal requirements on SEA stipulated by the draft Environmental Assessment Code</b></p> <p><i>Presentation by Ms. Tamar Sharashidze, Head of Environmental Impacts Permits Department, Ministry of Environment and Natural Resources Protection</i></p> <p><i>Questions and answers</i></p>
<b>11.45 – 12.15</b>	<b>Coffee break</b>
<b>12.15 – 13.00</b>	<p><b>Scope of SEA application and screening</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Introduction to the topic and case examples from EU countries</b> <i>Presentations by Mr. Matthew Cashmore and Mr. Martin Smutny (25m)</i></li> <li>• <b>Georgian practice</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– <i>Exercise and discussion on how to identify plans and programmes which may require SEA, facilitated by Ms. Tamar Sharashidze, Mr. Matthew Cashmore, and Mr. Martin Smutny (20 min)</i></li> </ul> </li> </ul>
<b>13.00 – 13.45</b>	<p><b>Linking SEA and planning</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Introduction to the topic and case examples from EU countries</b> <i>Presentations by Mr. Matthew Cashmore and Mr. Martin Smutny(25 min)</i></li> <li>• <b>Georgian practice</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– <i>Exercise and discussion on how to identify linkages between urban plan preparation and SEA, facilitated by Ms. Tamar Sharashidze, Mr. Matthew Cashmore, and Mr. Martin Smutny (20 min)</i></li> </ul> </li> </ul>
<b>13.45 – 14.30</b>	<b>Lunch break</b>
<b>14.30 – 15.15</b>	<p><b>Scoping</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Introduction to the topic and case examples from EU countries</b> <i>Presentations by Mr. Matthew Cashmore and Mr. Martin Smutny (25 min)</i></li> <li>• <b>Georgian practice</b> <i>Exercise and discussion on how to carry out scoping, facilitated by Ms. Tamar Sharashidze, Mr. Matthew Cashmore, and Mr. Martin Smutny (20 min)</i></li> </ul>
<b>15.15 – 15.45</b>	<b>Coffee break</b>



<p><b>15.45 – 16.15</b></p>	<p><b>Impact assessment and mitigation measures</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Introduction to the topic and case examples from EU countries</b> <i>Presentations by Mr. Matthew Cashmore and Mr. Martin Smutny (15 min)</i></li> <li>• <b>Georgian practice</b> <i>Exercise and discussion on what methods and tools can be used in Georgia, facilitated by Ms. Tamar Sharashidze, Mr. Matthew Cashmore, and Mr. Martin Smutny (15 min)</i></li> </ul>
<p><b>16.15 – 17.00</b></p>	<p><b>Practical consideration for conducting SEA</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Linking SEA and planning, ToR for SEA, alternatives in SEA, implementation of SEA measures, financial issues etc.</b> <i>Introductory presentation and case examples by Mr. Matthew Cashmore and Mr. Martin Smutny (30 min)</i> <i>Questions and answers (15 min)</i></li> </ul>
<p><b>17.00</b></p>	<p><b>End of workshop</b></p>