

# Remaining challenges for establishing a fully-fledged SEA and EIA system and way forward

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## A full-fledged SEA/EIA system...

- Legislative framework is in line with requirements of international documents
- SEA/EIA is recognized as a standard practice
- There are sufficient capacities for coordination, administration and conducting SEAs and EIAs
- It is conducted for relevant plans, programmes, and projects in accordance with existing legislation
- Outcomes and results are accepted by relevant stakeholders/decision-makers
- Public is aware of opportunities offered by SEA and EIA











### Capacity building 'elements' for consideration

- System capacity
  - Legislative framework (secondary legislation)
  - Specific methodologies and guidelines
- Institutional capacity
  - Capacities of environmental and health authorities
  - Financial aspects (especially for SEA to ensure planning agencies have sufficient budgets to cover SEA)
  - Information sharing system (e.g. SEA/EIA database)
- Human capacity
  - Training schemes and awareness raising (national SEA/EIA Conference, network of practitioners etc.)
  - Quality mark









#### Group discussion

Please discuss the questions below and present you opinion:

- 1. What are the main existing challenges related to SEA/EIA in Belarus and the ways to overcome them?
- 2. What are the benefits and costs of application of SEA/EIA in Belarus?
- 3. What needs to be done to make SEA and EIA operational (i.e. that is it applied as a standard tool)?

You may suggest:

- Up to three priorities for further capacity building on SEA/EIA;
- Up to three specific actions/activities to be organized in 2018 2019











#### Questions or comments?









