



‘Towards a fully-fledged SEA and EIA system in Belarus’

Final event on SEA and EIA component within the EaP GREEN

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The "Greening Economies in the European Union's Eastern Neighbourhood" (EaP GREEN) project assists six countries of the European Union Eastern Neighbourhood Partnership including Belarus in progressing faster towards a green economy framework.¹ Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA) and Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) have been promoted within the EaP GREEN as tools to integrate green economy targets and other sustainability issues into strategic and project-related decision-making to ensure that environmental and health implications of decisions are taken into account before they are made.

Since 2013, the UNECE within the EaP GREEN framework has been assisting Belarus in developing the national SEA and EIA system. The objective of the final event is to:

- To present the outcomes and results regarding SEA and EIA achieved within the EaP GREEN;
- To summarize the key principles of efficient SEA and EIA practice and its benefits;
- To discuss priorities and needs regarding further development of SEA and EIA system in the country.

The event is organized by the Ministry of Natural Resources and Environmental Protection of Belarus in cooperation with the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe (UNECE) within the framework of the EaP GREEN. The logistical support is provided by the UNDP office in Belarus.

The workshop will invite representatives of all relevant stakeholders – environmental and health authorities, planning agencies and institutes, local authorities, experts and practitioners, as well as representatives of NGOs.

Agenda

09.00 – 09.30	Registration of participants and welcome coffee
09.30 – 09.45	Opening the meeting and welcome of the participants <i>Ms. Ia Malkina, First Deputy Minister of Natural Resources and Environment Protection of the Republic of Belarus</i> <i>Mr. Martin Smutny, EaP GREEN coordinator, consultant to UNECE</i>
09.45 – 10.30	The progress we have made – an overview of the development of SEA and EIA system in Belarus since 2013, major results and achievement <i>Ms. Nadezhda Zdanevich, Consultant, Ministry of Natural Resources and Environmental Protection</i>

¹ 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>
10.30 – 11.00	Overview of the UNECE technical assistance within EaP GREEN in Belarus <i>Presentation by Mr. Martin Smutny, EaP GREEN coordinator, consultant to UNECE</i> <i>Questions and answers</i>
11.00 – 11.15	Coffee break
11.15 – 11.45	Main elements of a well-developed SEA and EIA system – what is important for efficient practice, case examples <i>Presentation by Ms. Marina Khotuleva, consultant to UNECE</i> <i>Questions and answers</i>
11.45 – 12.45	What needs to be further enhanced – remaining challenges for establishing a fully-fledged SEA and EIA system <i>Ms. Nadezhda Zdanevich, Consultant, Ministry of Natural Resources and Environmental Protection</i> <i>Group work – identification of priorities and needs to further develop national SEA and EIA system</i> <i>Presentation of results</i>
12.45 – 13.00	Closing remarks – way forward <i>Ms. Nadezhda Zdanevich, Consultant, Ministry of Natural Resources and Environmental Protection</i> <i>Mr. Martin Smutny, EaP GREEN coordinator, consultant to UNECE</i>
13.00	Lunch