



## **Training workshop on practical application of strategic environmental assessment (SEA) in Belarus**

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Hotel Being, Minsk

### **Background**

A training workshop on practical application of strategic environmental assessment (SEA) in Belarus 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 EU-funded Programme 'Greening the Economies in the Eastern Neighborhood' (EaP GREEN)<sup>1</sup>. The logistical support is provided by the UNDP office in Belarus.

One-day event will gather up to 30 participants and is targeted at the representatives of the central authorities (ministries) responsible for sectoral planning, and other relevant governmental agencies (e.g. environmental and health authorities).

The objectives of the workshop are:

- To raise awareness and build capacities on the SEA process under the Protocol on SEA to the Convention of Environmental Impact Assessment in a Transboundary Context (Espoo Convention);
- To support implementation of the national legislation on SEA.

The workshop will be jointly delivered by the experts from the Ministry of Natural Resources and Environmental Protection of Belarus and the international consultants to the UNECE.

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## Agenda

Time	Activity
8.30 – 9.00	<b>Registration of participants</b>
9.00 – 9.45	<p><b>Opening the meeting and welcome of the participants</b>  <i>Ms. Ia Malkina, First Deputy Minister of Natural Resources and Environment Protection of the Republic of Belarus</i>  <i>Mr. Martin Smutny, Consultant, Secretariat to the UNECE Espoo Convention and its Protocol on SEA</i></p> <p><i>Tour de table: Introduction of the participants and their expectations from the training</i></p> <p><b>Introduction to the workshop – objectives and agenda</b>  <i>Ms. Nadezhda Zdanevich, Consultant, Ministry of Natural Resources and Environmental Protection</i></p>
9.45 – 10.30	<p><b>Introduction to SEA</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Purpose and main benefits</li> <li>• Key principles of efficient application</li> <li>• Requirements of the UNECE Protocol on SEA</li> </ul> <p><i>Presentation by Ms. Marina Khotuleva, consultant to UNECE, followed by QA session</i></p>
10.30 – 11.00	<b>Coffee break</b>
11.00 – 12.30	<p><b>Main steps in SEA</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• SEA procedure in accordance with the national legislation</li> <li>• Linking SEA and planning</li> </ul> <p><i>Ms. Nadezhda Zdanevich, Consultant, Ministry of Natural Resources and Environmental Protection</i></p>
12.30 – 13.30	<b>Lunch break</b>
13.30 – 14.30	<p><b>Scope of SEA application and screening</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Legislative requirements and criteria to determine a need of SEA</li> <li>• Group work – how to determine if SEA should be applied to the strategic document</li> <li>• Group presentations and discussion</li> </ul> <p><i>Facilitated by Ms. Nadezhda Zdanevich, Consultant, Ministry of Natural Resources and Environmental Protection, and Ms. Marina Khotuleva, consultant to UNECE</i></p>



<p><b>14.30 – 15.15</b></p>	<p><b>Management and coordination of SEA procedure</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Main actors in SEA and their roles and responsibilities</li> <li>• Tasks of planning agencies in specific SEA steps</li> </ul> <p><i>Ms. Nadezhda Zdanevich, consultant, Ministry of Natural Resources and Environmental Protection, and Mr. Martin Smutny, consultant to UNECE</i></p> <p><i>Presentations followed by QA session</i></p>
<p><b>15.15 – 15.45</b></p>	<p><b>Coffee break</b></p>
<p><b>15.45 – 16.30</b></p>	<p><b>Initiation of SEA procedure</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Decision on SEA procedure</li> <li>• ToR for SEA</li> <li>• Budgetary issues</li> <li>• Role of environmental authorities</li> </ul> <p><i>Ms. Marina Khotuleva, and Mr. Martin Smutny, consultants to UNECE</i></p> <p><i>Presentations followed by QA session</i></p>
<p><b>16.30 – 17.00</b></p>	<p><b>Concluding session</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Any remaining questions regarding SEA practice</li> <li>• Closure of the workshop</li> </ul> <p><i>Facilitated by Ms. Nadezhda Zdanevich, consultant, Ministry of Natural Resources and Environmental Protection, and Mr. Martin Smutny, consultant to UNECE</i></p>