



Developing national legislative framework for SEA

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THE PROCESS

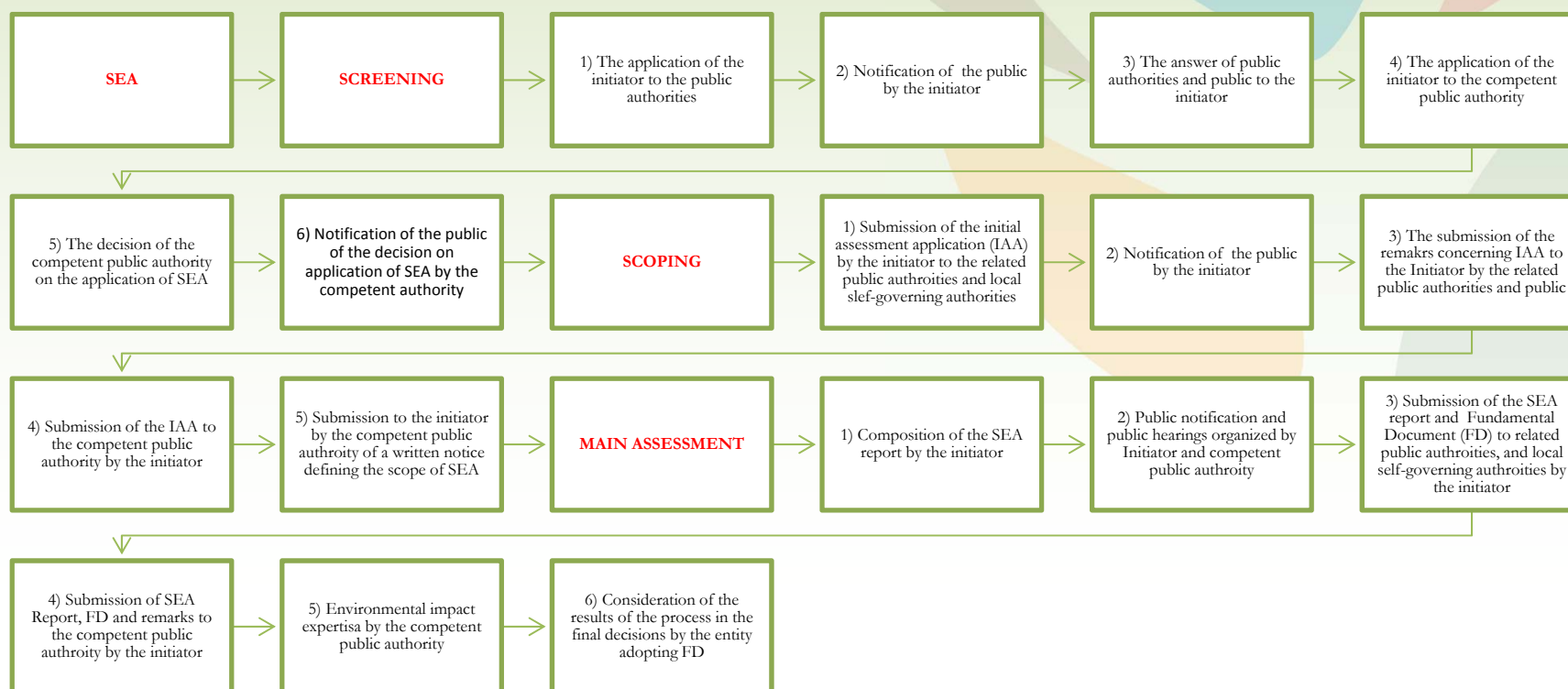
- Almost 1900 email exchanges
- Concept papers and specific suggestions by the international experts:
 - “Report on the assessment of the draft Law of the Republic of Armenia on “Environmental Impact Assessment and Expertise”, “Overview of the legislation of Armenia to implement UNECE Protocol on Strategic Environmental Assessment”;
 - Concrete proposals on amending the legislation
- Development of legal drafts by the national experts August 2016 to June 2017

THE RESULT

- Draft Amendments to the Law on EIA and expertisa:
 - Substantive distinction between SEA and EIA,
 - Revised and newly incorporated definitions,
 - Revised types of fundamental documents subject to SEA,
 - Revised principles of SEA,
 - Revised rules on the provision of information in the transboundary SEA and EIA
 - Significant revision of provisions on public participation and consideration of the public opinion

THE RESULT

Draft Governmental Decision on SEA



WAY FORWARD

- Evaluations by the international experts
 - Considerable progress but still necessity for;
 - more precise regulation of the concept of “final decision” in the context of EIA of proposed activity,
 - more detailed regulation of the post-project monitoring of the proposed activities subject to EIA and fundamental documents subject to SEA,
 - more detailed regulation of the principles of public notifications and of submission of remarks by public predominantly based on the respective provisions of the Aarhus Convention,
 - Minor modifications to the existing drafts.

THANK YOU

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