



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

Final dissemination 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 Armenia 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 supporting Armenia 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 Nature Protection of Armenia 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 REC Caucasus Armenia Branch Office, which is a national partner implementing current activities on SEA and EIA within the EaP GREEN in Armenia.

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
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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/>.



09.45 – 10.30	<p>Overview of the UNECE technical assistance within EaP GREEN in Armenia</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Introduction by Mr. Martin Smutny, EaP GREEN coordinator, consultant to UNECE</i> • <i>Developing legislative framework – Presentation by Mr. Gor Movsisyan, international legal expert to UNECE</i> • <i>Capacity building on SEA application – Presentation by Ms. Nune Harutyunyan, REC Caucasus Regional Director</i> • <i>Questions and answers</i>
10.30 – 11.00	<p>The progress we have made – an overview of the development of SEA and EIA system in Armenia since 2013, major results and achievement</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Presentation by Mrs. Azganush Drnoyan, Ministry of Nature Protection</i> • <i>Questions and answers</i>
11.00 – 11.30	<p>Coffee break</p>
11.30 – 12.00	<p>Main elements of a well-developed SEA and EIA system – what is important for efficient practice</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Presentation by Ms. Maia Gachechiladze-Bozhesku, consultant to UNECE</i> • <i>Questions and answers</i>
12.00 – 12.45	<p>What needs to be further enhanced – remaining challenges for establishing a fully-fledged SEA and EIA system and way forward</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Introduction by Ms. Nune Harutyunyan, REC Caucasus Director</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	<p>Closing remarks – way forward</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Elyanora Grigoryan, Adviser to the Minister, Espoo Convention Focal Point, Ministry of Nature Protection</i> • <i>Mr. Martin Smutny, EaP GREEN coordinator, consultant to UNECE</i>
13.00	<p>Lunch</p>