



Training workshop on practical application of strategic environmental assessment (SEA) for representatives of central and regional executive authorities in Ukraine

15-16 March 2017

Venue: Congress-hotel "Puscha", Puscha-Vodytsia,
20 M. Yunkerova str., Kyiv, Ukraine

Background

The training workshop on practical application of strategic environmental assessment (SEA) in Ukraine is organized by the Ministry of Ecology and Natural Resources of Ukraine 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). The logistical support is provided by the NGOs.

The two-day workshop will gather up to 35 participants and is targeted at the representatives of the central and regional (oblast) environmental and health authorities, also responsible for planning, from 10 oblasts of Ukraine, i.e., Zhytomyrska, Kyivska, Luhanska, Odeska, Rivnenska, Sumska, Ternopil'ska, Kherson'ska, Cherkaska and Chernihiv'ska Oblasts (where the preparation of various strategic initiatives is planned to be initiated in the close future).

The objectives of the workshop are:

- To raise awareness and build capacities of the central and regional environmental and health authorities from 10 oblasts of Ukraine on the SEA process under the Protocol on SEA to the Convention of Environmental Impact Assessment in a Transboundary Context (Espoo Convention);
- To discuss the content of the draft SEA Guidelines for Ukraine prepared within the framework of EaP GREEN and to gather feedback on its feasibility within the national context; and
- To enhance the capacities of the central and regional environmental and health authorities from 10 oblasts of Ukraine to organize and manage the SEA process as per the Protocol on SEA, the draft Law of Ukraine on SEA and the draft SEA Guidelines.

Thus, as a result of the workshop, the participants will get familiar with:



- the SEA procedure as required by the Protocol on SEA and draft Law of Ukraine on SEA;
- the roles and responsibilities envisioned by the Protocol on SEA and recommended by the SEA Guidelines following the best international practice;
- selected methodological aspects of SEA; and
- selected practical aspects (how to prepare a Terms of Reference for SEA, how to organize/conduct the SEA scoping procedure, what to include in the SEA scoping report, and so forth).

During the workshop, the participants will be invited to discuss the draft SEA Guidelines for Ukraine and thus contribute to its improvement.

The workshop will be delivered by the international and national consultants to the UNECE, experts from the Ministry of Ecology and Natural Resources of Ukraine, national environmental experts from PLEDDG's, and Law-Making and Information Technologies Institute NGO (Ukraine).



AGENDA

Day 1: Wednesday, 15 March 2017

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| 9.30 – 10.00 | Registration of participants |
| 10.00 – 10.15 | <p>Opening the meeting and welcome of the participants</p> <p><i>Ms. Lesya Karnaukh, Head of Department of Strategic Environmental Policy, Ministry of Ecology and Natural Resources of Ukraine</i></p> <p><i>Mr. Volodymyr Buchko, Head of Legal Department, Ministry of Ecology and Natural Resources of Ukraine</i></p> <p><i>Mr. Martin Smutny, Consultant, Secretariat to the UNECE Convention on Environmental Impact Assessment in a Transboundary Context (Espoo Convention) and its Protocol on Strategic Environmental Assessment (Protocol on SEA)</i></p> |
| 10.15 – 10.45 | <p>Presentation of the participants and determination of their expectations</p> <p><i>Moderator - Galina Sierova, Project Coordinator, NGO "Law-Making and Information Technology Institute"</i></p> |
| 10.45 – 10.50 | <p>Introduction to the workshop objectives and agenda</p> <p><i>Dr. Maia Gachechiladze-Bozhesku, National SEA Team Leader and International SEA Consultants to UNECE</i></p> |
| 10.50 – 11.20 | <p>Introduction to the EaP GREEN programme, Protocol on SEA, and international good SEA practice (key principles, main actors, benefits and costs)</p> <p><i>Dr. Maia Gachechiladze-Bozhesku, National SEA Team Leader and International SEA Consultants to UNECE</i></p> |
| 11.20 – 11.40 | Coffee break |
| 11.40 – 12.10 | <p>Main steps in SEA, relationship between the SEA, EIA and ecological expertise in the Ukrainian context</p> <p><i>Natalia Trofimenko, Deputy Director of Department – Head of Division of Environmental Policy and Scientific Activities of the Department of Strategic Environmental Policy, Ministry of Environment and Natural Resources of Ukraine</i></p> <p><i>Presentation and discussion</i></p> |
| 12.10 – 13.00 | <p>Exercise 1: Is your draft public planning document subject to SEA?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Introduction to the assignment - Work in pairs/groups - Presentation of results <p><i>Facilitated by Natalia Trofimenko (lead), Olexandr Tarasenko, Gennadii Marushevsky, Vyacheslav Potapenko, Maia Gachechiladze-Bozhesku</i></p> |

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| 13.00 – 14.00 | Lunch break |
| 14.00 – 14.50 | <p>Exercise 2: What projects or public planning documents require EIA or SEA?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Introduction to the assignment • Work in groups • Presentation of results <p><i>Facilitated by Olexandr Tarasenko (lead), Natalia Trofimenko, Gennadii Marushevsky, Vyacheslav Potapenko, Maia Gachechiladze-Bozhesku</i></p> |
| 14.50 – 15.20 | <p>Strategic planning process and integration of SEA into it: national legal requirements and practical considerations</p> <p><i>Natalia Trofimenko, Deputy Director of Department – Head of Division of Environmental Policy and Scientific Activities of the Department of Strategic Environmental Policy, Ministry of Environment and Natural Resources of Ukraine</i></p> <p><i>Presentation and discussion</i></p> |
| 15.20 – 15.50 | <p>Determining the scope of SEA (scoping): international practice (role of the planning authorities, consultation), and approach proposed by the draft SEA Guidelines</p> <p><i>Dr. Vyacheslav Potapenko, Lead Author and National SEA Expert to UNECE and welcome of comments on the Guidelines</i></p> <p><i>Presentation and discussion</i></p> |
| 15.50 – 16.10 | Coffee break |
| 16.10 – 16.40 | <p>How to prepare the terms of reference for SEA: practical considerations</p> <p><i>Dr. Maia Gachechiladze-Bozhesku, National SEA Team Leader and International SEA Consultants to UNECE</i></p> <p><i>Presentation and discussion</i></p> |
| 16.40 – 17.10 | <p>Analyses in SEA on the basis of Ukrainian experience – Part I: baseline data analysis, objective-led analysis</p> <p><i>Dr. Gennadii Marushevskyi, Environmental Consultant to PLEDDG</i></p> <p><i>Presentation and discussion</i></p> |
| 17.20 – 17.40 | Wrap-up and agenda for Day 2 |

Day 2: Thursday, 16 March 2017

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| 09.30 – 10.00 | <p>Summary of Day 1: Participants' feedback and expectations for Day 2</p> <p><i>Reflection on the results of Day 1</i></p> <p><i>Facilitated by Ms. Natalia Trofimenko and Dr. Maia Gachechiladze-Bozhesku</i></p> |
| 10.00 – 10.50 | <p>Analyses in SEA on the basis of Ukrainian experience – Part II: assessment of effects, identification of alternatives, consideration of SEA results</p> <p><i>Dr. Gennadii Marushevskiy, Local Environmental Consultant to PLEDDG</i></p> <p><i>Presentation and discussion</i></p> |
| 10.50 – 11.10 | <p>Coffee break</p> |
| 11.10-12.00 | <p>Exercise 3: Elements of analyses in SEA</p> <p>3.1. Analysis of baseline data / the state of the environment</p> <p>3.2. Objective-led analysis</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Introduction to the assignment • Work in groups • Presentation of results <p><i>Facilitated by Gennadii Marushevsky (lead), Alexander Tarasenko, Natalia Trofimenko, Vyacheslav Potapenko, Maia Gachechiladze-Bozhesku</i></p> |
| 12.00 – 12.35 | <p>Preparation of the SEA Report: approach proposed by the draft national SEA Guidelines and practical considerations</p> <p><i>Dr. Vyacheslav Potapenko, Lead Author and National SEA Expert to UNECE and welcome of comments on the Guidelines</i></p> <p><i>Presentation and discussion</i></p> |
| 12.35 – 13.10 | <p>Consultations with environmental and health authorities and public: approach proposed by the draft national SEA Guidelines</p> <p><i>Olexandr Tarasenko, Deputy Head of International Activities and European Integration Unit - Head of the Division of multilateral and bilateral agreements, international commitments, the Ministry of Ecology and Natural Resources of Ukraine</i></p> <p><i>Presentation and discussion</i></p> |
| 13.10 – 14.10 | <p>Lunch break</p> |
| 14.10 – 15.10 | <p>Exercise 4: Consultations with stakeholders in SEA</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Introduction to the assignment • Work in groups • Presentation of results <p><i>Facilitated by Olexandr Tarasenko (lead) Vyacheslav Potapenko, Natalia Trofimenko, Maia Gachechiladze-Bozhesku, Gennadii Marushevsky,</i></p> |

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| 15.10– 16.00 | <p>Taking SEA results into account in planning documents and the related decision-making process: approach proposed by the draft national SEA Guidelines and practical considerations</p> <p><i>Vyacheslav Potapenko, lead author of the Methodological recommendations of SEA in Ukraine and the National expert on SEO UNECE</i></p> <p><i>Presentation and discussion</i></p> |
| 16.00 – 16.50 | <p>Exercise 5: Integrating SEA in strategic planning process</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Introduction to the assignment • Work in groups • Presentation of results <p><i>Facilitated by Vyacheslav Potapenko (lead), Olexandr Tarasenko, Natalia Trofimenko, Maia Gachechiladze-Bozhesku, Gennadii Marushevsky</i></p> |
| 16:50 - 17.30 | <p>Final remarks and closure of the workshop</p> |