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Introduction to UNECE Protocol on SEA and UNECE technical assistance to Azerbaijan within EaP GREEN

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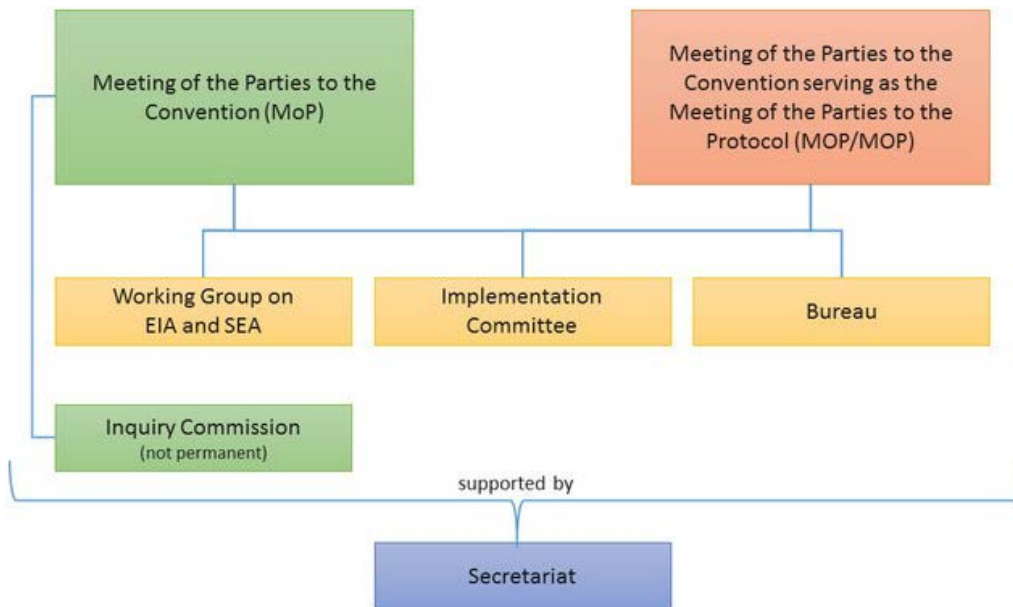
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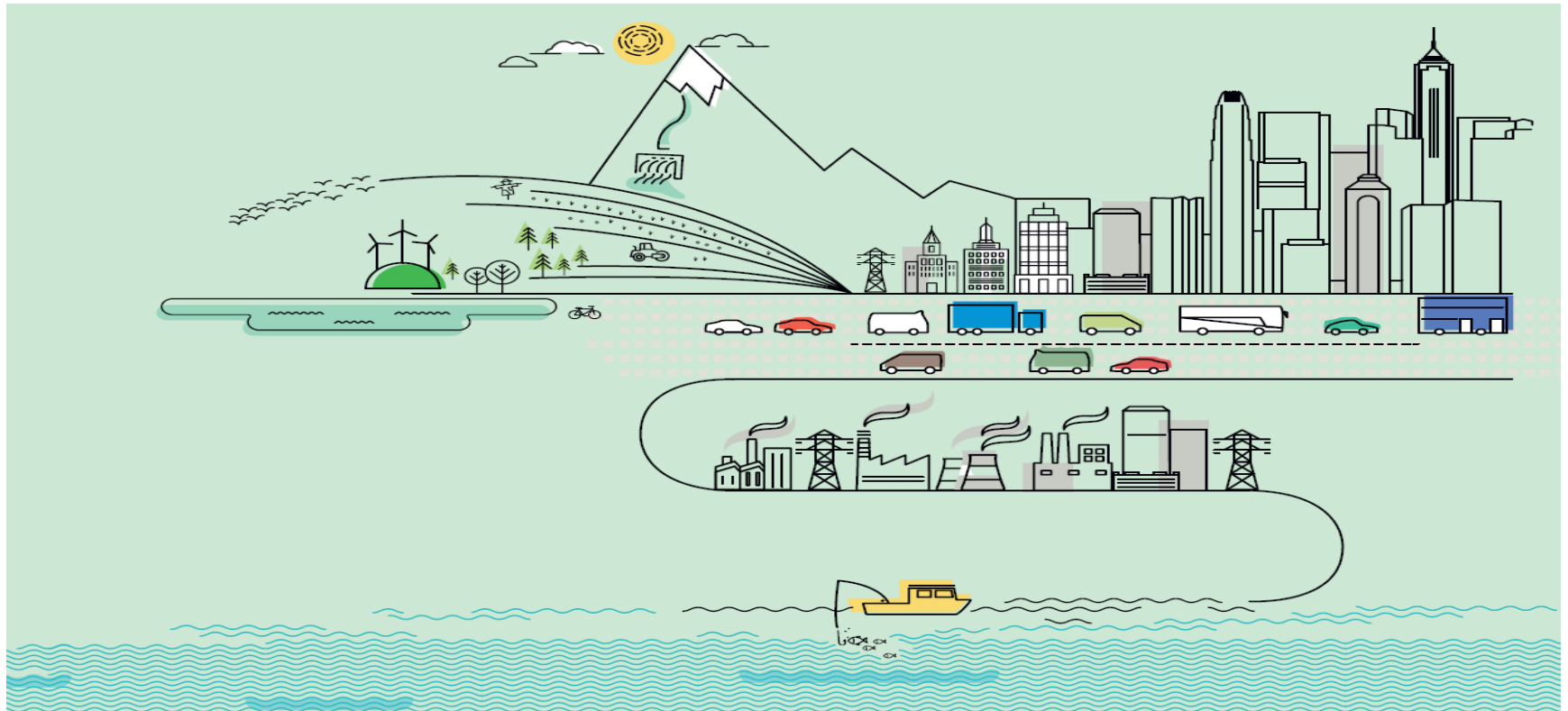
to the Convention on Environmental Impact Assessment in a Transboundary Contexts (Espoo Convention) & its Protocol on Strategic Environmental Assessment (Protocol on SEA)



- Promotes exchange of good practices
- Supports sub-regional cooperation & capacity-building
- Promotes ratification & application of SEA Protocol

PROTOCOL ON STRATEGIC ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT

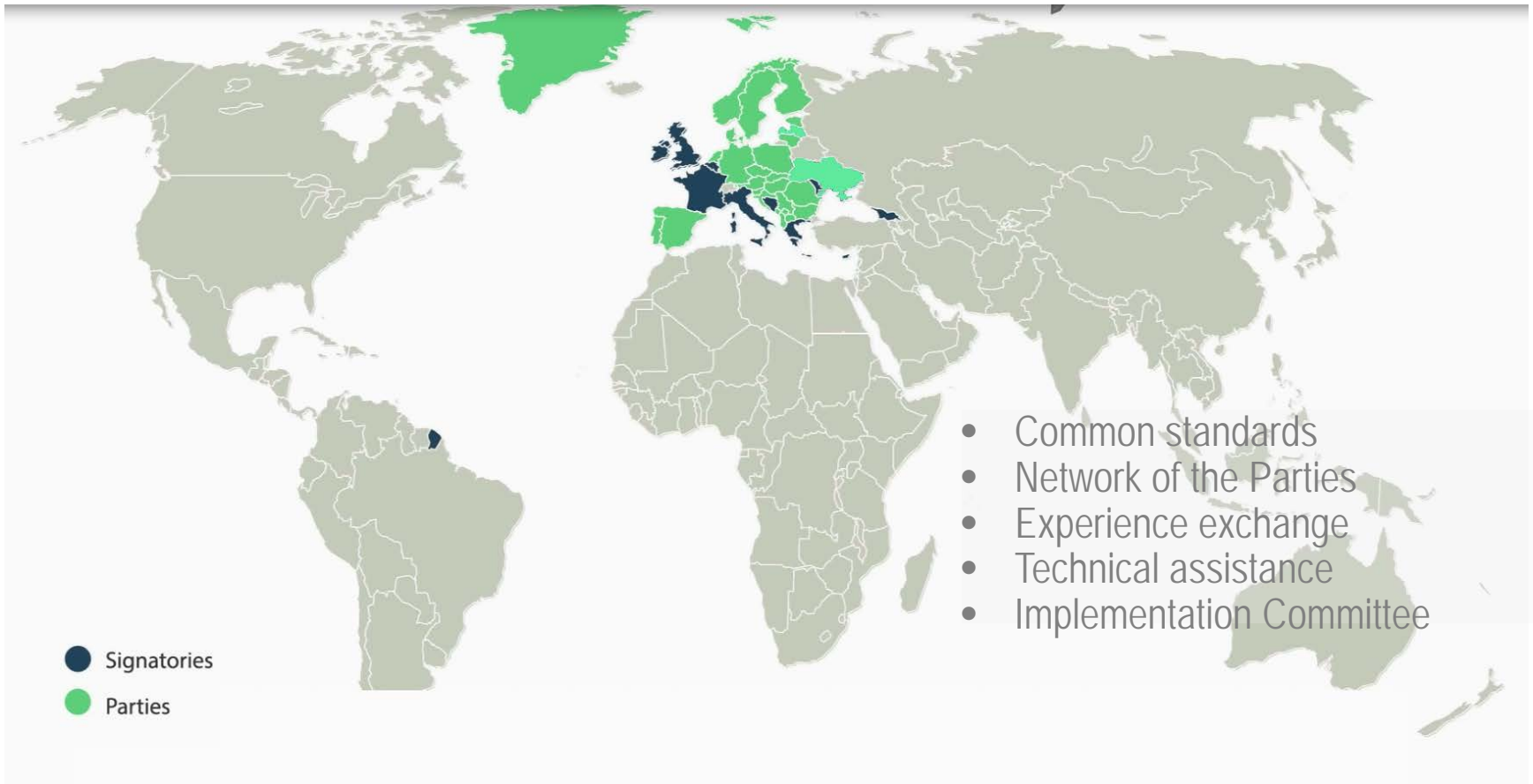
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the advantages of a harmonized SEA procedure in the UNECE region and beyond

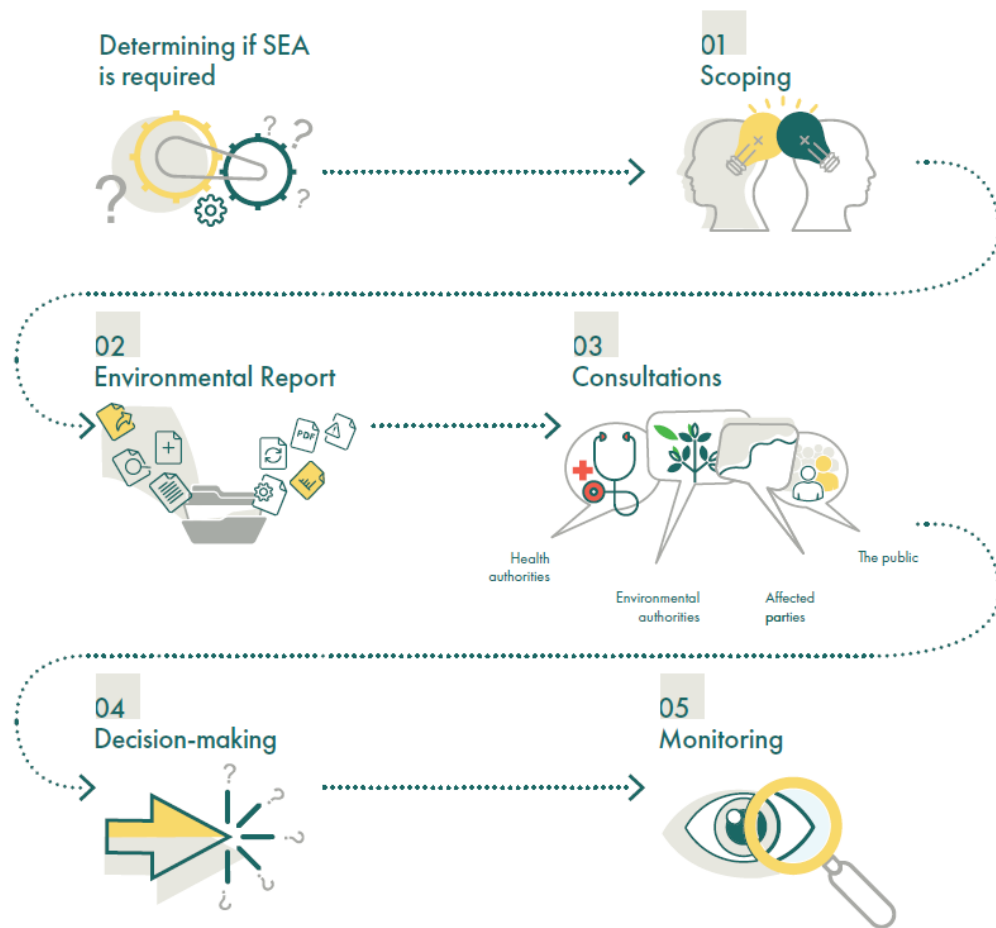
PROTOCOL ON SEA

Global instrument



PROCEDURE SET BY THE PROTOCOL ON SEA

mainstreams environmental and health considerations into development planning and policy making

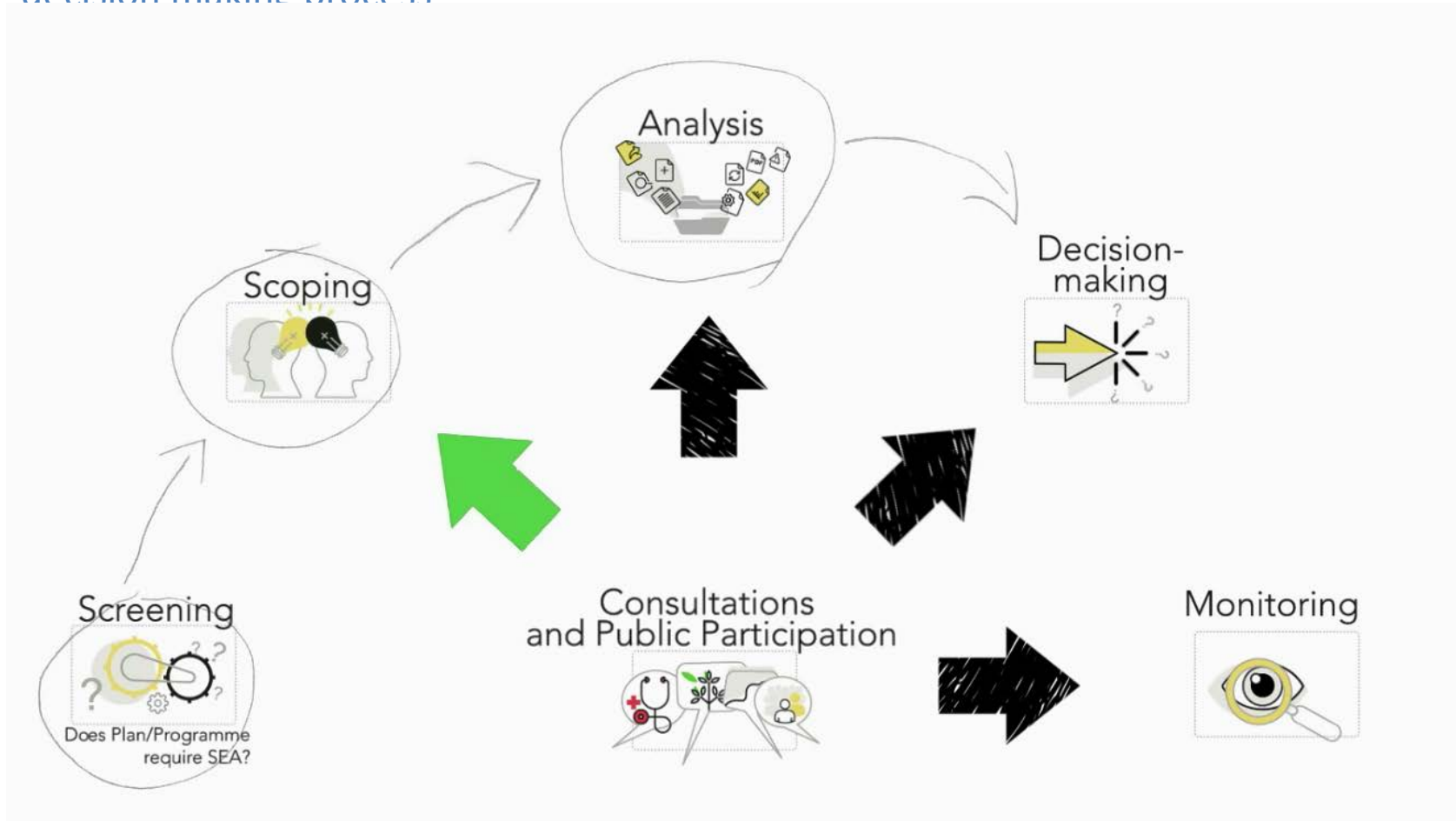


SEA IS OBLIGATORY FOR PLANS AND PROGRAMMES IN:

- Agriculture
- Forestry
- Fisheries
- Energy
- Industry, including mining
- Transport
- Regional development
- Waste management
- Water management
- Telecommunications
- Tourism
- Town and country planning
- Land use

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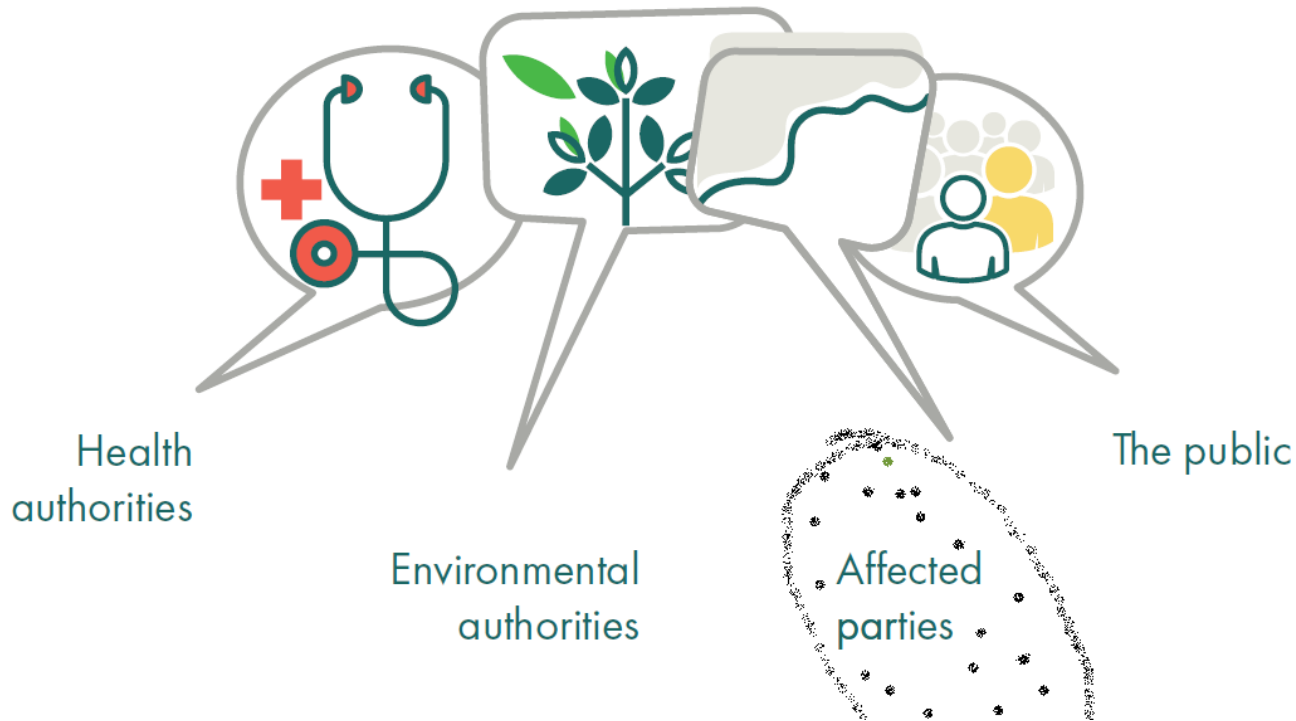
instrumental for good governance, better planning, transparency and trust in a decision making process



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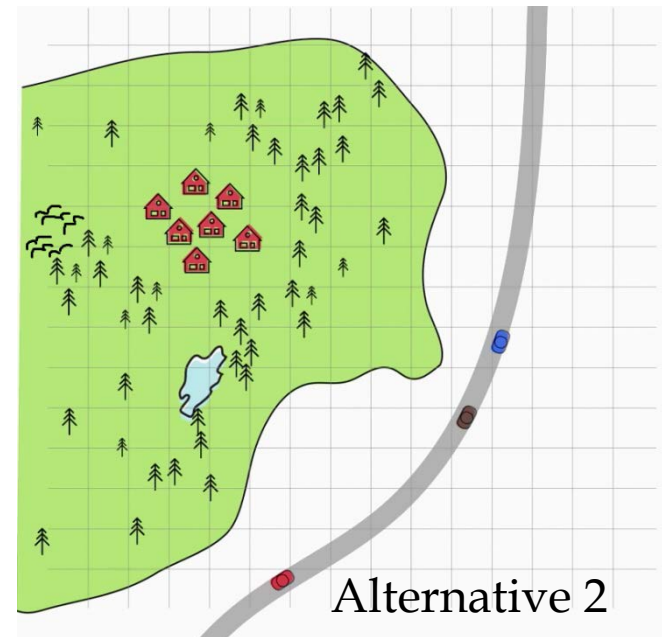
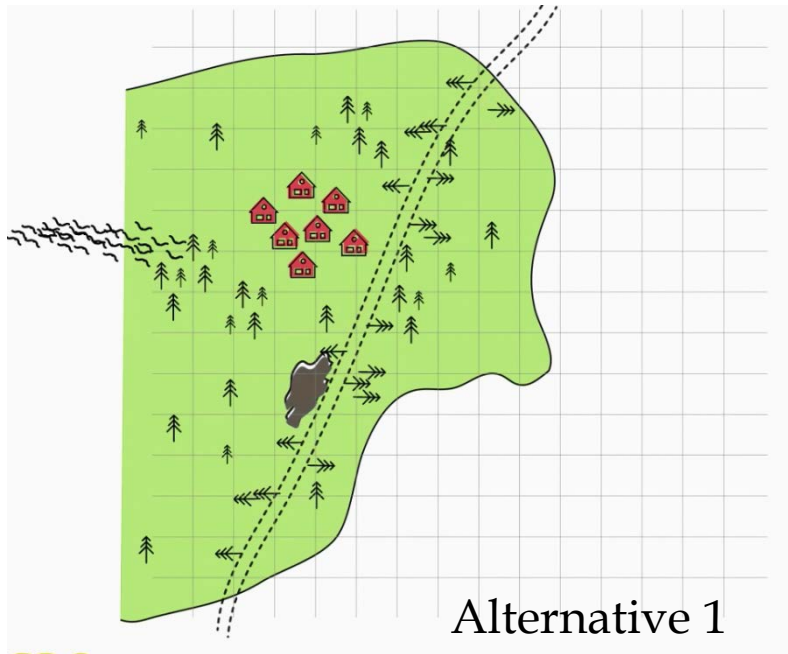
provide well-defined rules for information sharing and constructive consultations across the national borders

Consultations



PROTOCOL ON SEA

stimulates innovation in the business environment, prevents costly mistakes



EaP GREEN

Greening Economies in the Eastern Neighbourhood (EaP GREEN) programme is a large regional programme implemented in 2013-2017 by the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe (ECE), OECD, UNEP, and UNIDO to assist the six European Union's Eastern Partnership (EaP) countries: Armenia, Azerbaijan, Belarus, Georgia, the Republic of Moldova and Ukraine, in their transition to green economy.

The programme is financed by the European Commission, the four implementing organisations and other donors.

EaP GREEN

The programme's overall objective is to assist the EaP countries ***to decouple economic growth from environmental degradation and resource depletion.***

The programme component that ECE is in charge of implementing, aims to ***promote the use of strategic environmental assessment (SEA) and environmental impact assessment (EIA) as essential planning tools for an environmentally sustainable economic development.***

SEA/EIA work-streams

- Revision of the existing national regulatory and legislative framework
 - Legal reviews and legal drafting
- Capacity building on SEA/EIA procedures
 - Trainings and workshops (national and sub-regional)
 - SEA/EIA pilots
- Strengthening of administrative capacities
 - Facilitating policy dialogue
 - Recommendations on institutional framework for SEA/EIA

Establishing legislative framework for SEA and EIA



Armenia



Azerbaijan



Belarus



Georgia



Republic of
Moldova



Ukraine

Legislative review carried out



Support to drafting the legislation provided including awareness raising events to support adoption of the legislation



Draft legislation in intergovernmental discussion or submitted for adoption



Legislation adopted



Implementing SEA/EIA pilots

SEA/EIA pilots finalized



SEA/EIA pilots to be finalized in 2017



Preparing national SEA guidelines



Armenia



Azerbaijan



Belarus



Georgia



Republic of
Moldova



Ukraine

National SEA guidelines prepared



National SEA guidelines to be finalized in 2017



Organizing trainings on SEA

The training manual prepared English and Russian as a background for future trainings and workshops in the countries



Training materials on SEA tailored to national and local conditions produced



Relevant governmental staff, experts, representatives of NGOs trained on SEA



Participation of the country representatives at the sub-regional events



ACTIVITIES IN AZERBAIJAN



Major outputs and achievements

Establishing legislative framework for SEA and EIA

Draft legislation in intergovernmental discussion or submitted for adoption

Implementing SEA/EIA pilots

SEA/EIA pilots finalized

Preparing national SEA guidelines

National SEA guidelines to be finalized in 2017

Organizing trainings on SEA

Participation of the country representatives at the sub-regional events

- Draft legislation on EIA and SEA was revised, improved and submitted to the Cabinet of Ministers of Azerbaijan Republic
- A number of persons gained theoretical knowledge on SEA, awareness raised on SEA among governmental authorities and civil society
- SEA was applied to the National strategy on alternative and renewable energy use following major steps outlined by the Protocol on SEA
- Preparation of SEA recommendation paper was initiated, the final draft shall foster implementation of the SEA legislation

Challenges and priorities

Legislation

- To draft and adopt secondary legislation

Capacity

- To improve institutional capacity of State Expertize Department of Ministry of Ecology and Natural Resources

Awareness

- To raise awareness among the universities and civil society

Guidelines

- To prepare guidelines on SEA for proponents, and/or relevant governmental authority individually

Training

- To train civil servants on SEA and EIA

Other

- To introduce electronic portal to enhance availability of environmental data and information on SEA/EIA/SEE procedures



SUB-REGIONAL ACTIVITIES



Activities

Legislation

- Overview of legislative and administrative reforms for implementing SEA in Eastern Europe and the Caucasus
- General Guidance for Developing SEA Framework

Capacity

- Three sub-regional events organized:
 - Study tour on SEA to the Czech Republic (2014)
 - 1st Sub-regional conference & Training of trainers workshop: Enhancing SEA in selected countries of Eastern Europe, the Caucasus and Central Asia (Georgia, 2015)
 - 2nd Sub-regional workshop: Sharing experience with introducing SEA and EIA in selected countries of Eastern Europe and the Caucasus (Ukraine, 2017)

Training

- Manual for Trainers: Application of the Protocol on SEA

Awareness

- Video and brochure on SEA facts and benefits

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https://www.unece.org/env/eia/about/eap_green.html