



Training workshop on implementation of SEA in Azerbaijan

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Group work on scoping

Background information

The Ministry of Energy initiated preparation of the National Energy Strategy (NES). The Strategy aims to define the energy priorities in the country i.e. primarily the energy mix and the domestic energy demand by 2030. The strategy addresses all energy sources including alternative energy sources, which can be realistically utilized in the country, and other related issues, i.e.:

- Energy efficiency
- Energy market reform
- Energy security
- Energy transmission infrastructure

At this point, the draft NES has been prepared, and is to be submitted to the inter-governmental consultations. After its finalization, the NES should be submitted to the Parliament and signed by the President.

Assignment

The Ministry of Energy considers launching SEA procedure for the National Energy Strategy (NES). Please suggest how the scoping should be organized (taking into account requirements stipulated by the draft national legislation), and in particular address following questions:

- Who should prepare the scoping report?
- How to ensure that environmental and health authorities and public are consulted on the scope of SEA?
- Can certain significant transboundary effects be expected? If so, how it should be considered in SEA procedure?
- How to communicate scoping outcomes with the experts preparing the NES?