



Training workshop on implementation of strategic environmental assessment (SEA) procedure in Azerbaijan

4 – 5 April 2018

Central Park Hotel
Baku, Azerbaijan

Background

The training workshop on implementation of strategic environmental assessment (SEA) procedure is organized by the Ministry of Ecology and Natural Resources of Azerbaijan in cooperation with the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe (UNECE) in the framework of the EU funded Programme ‘Greening the Economies in the Eastern Neighbourhood’ (EaP GREEN).¹

The aim of the event is to support application of the SEA procedure as stipulated by the draft Law on Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA), which was recently submitted to the Parliament. The objectives of the workshop can be defined as follows:

- To raise awareness among the participants about the recent development of the national legislation on SEA;
- To introduce main benefits of SEA, key stages of SEA process, and roles and responsibilities of main actors involved in SEA;
- To facilitate debate about practical steps and arrangements for application of SEA in Azerbaijan after adoption of the Law on EIA.

Participants

The workshop will invite up to thirty representatives of planning authorities/sectorial ministries, civil society, academia and interested national experts on EIA/SEA.

Agenda

Day 1

09.00 – 09.30	Registration of participants and welcome coffee
09.30 – 09.45	<p>Opening of the workshop and welcome of the participants</p> <p><i>Aysel Babayeva, Focal point to UNECE Espoo Convention on transboundary Environmental Impact Assessment, Representative of the Ministry of Ecology and Natural Resources of Azerbaijan (MENR)</i></p> <p><i>Representative of EU Delegation to Azerbaijan (tbc)</i></p> <p><i>Martin Smutny, EaP GREEN project coordinator, consultant to UNECE</i></p>
09.45 – 10.15	Introduction to the UNECE Protocol on SEA (SEA) and technical assistance

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/>.



	<p>within EU funded EaP GREEN Programme <i>Presentation by Mr. Martin Smutny, EaP GREEN Project Coordinator, consultant to UNECE</i> <i>Questions and answers</i></p>
10.15 – 11.00	<p>Introduction to SEA – principles of efficient application, main stages and key actors, case examples from EU countries <i>Presentation by Mr. Matthew Cashmore, consultant to UNECE</i> <i>Questions and answers</i></p>
11.00 – 11.30	Coffee break
11.30 – 12.00	<p>Main steps of SEA procedure as stipulated by the draft Law on EIA <i>Presentation by Ms. Aysel Babayeva, Ministry of Ecology and Natural Resources</i> <i>Questions and answers</i></p>
12.00 – 13.30	<p>Scope of SEA application and screening</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Introduction to the topic and case examples from EU countries <i>Presentations by Mr. Matthew Cashmore and Mr. Martin Smutny (30 min)</i> • Legal requirements of the draft Law on EIA <i>Presentation by Ms. Aysel Babayeva, Ministry of Ecology and Natural Resources (15 min)</i> • Group work and presentation of the results <i>Exercise and discussion on how to identify plans and programmes which may require SEA, facilitated by Ms. Aysel Babayeva, Mr. Matthew Cashmore, Mr. Fikret Jafarov (national SEA expert), and Mr. Martin Smutny (45 min)</i>
13.30 – 14.30	Lunch
14.30 – 16.00	<p>Linking SEA and planning</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Introduction to the topic and case examples from EU countries <i>Presentations by Mr. Matthew Cashmore and Mr. Martin Smutny (30 min)</i> • Legal requirements of the draft Law on EIA <i>Presentation by Ms. Aysel Babayeva, Ministry of Ecology and Natural Resources (15 min)</i> • Group work and presentation of the results <i>Exercise and discussion on how to identify plans and programmes which may require SEA, facilitated by Ms. Aysel Babayeva, Mr. Matthew Cashmore, Mr. Fikret Jafarov, and Mr. Martin Smutny (45 min)</i>
16.00 – 16.30	Coffee break



16.30 – 18.00	<p>Scoping</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Introduction to the topic and case examples from EU countries <i>Presentations by Mr. Matthew Cashmore and Mr. Martin Smutny (30 min)</i> • Legal requirements of the draft Law on EIA <i>Presentation by Ms. Aysel Babayeva, Ministry of Ecology and Natural Resources (15 min)</i> • Group work and presentation of the results <i>Exercise and discussion on how to carry out scoping, facilitated by Ms. Aysel Babayeva, Mr. Matthew Cashmore, Mr. Fikret Jafarov, and Mr. Martin Smutny (45 min)</i>
18.00	End of Day 1

Day 2

09.30 – 10.15	<p>Preparation of SEA report</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Introduction to the topic and case examples from EU countries <i>Presentations by Mr. Matthew Cashmore and Mr. Martin Smutny (20 min)</i> • Legal requirements of the draft Law on EIA <i>Presentation by Ms. Aysel Babayeva, Ministry of Ecology and Natural Resources (15 min)</i> • Discussion on how to prepare the SEA report <i>Facilitated by Ms. Aysel Babayeva, Mr. Matthew Cashmore, Mr. Fikret Jafarov, and Mr. Martin Smutny (10 min)</i>
10.30 – 11.30	<p>SEA and decision-making</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Introduction to the topic and case examples from EU countries <i>Presentations by Mr. Matthew Cashmore and Mr. Martin Smutny (20 min)</i> • Legal requirements of the draft Law on EIA <i>Presentation by Ms. Aysel Babayeva, Ministry of Ecology and Natural Resources (10 min)</i> • Discussion on how to link SEA results to adoption of plans and programmes <i>Facilitated by Ms. Aysel Babayeva, Mr. Matthew Cashmore, Mr. Fikret Jafarov, and Mr. Martin Smutny (20 min)</i>
11.30 – 12.00	<p>Monitoring in SEA</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Introduction to the topic and case examples from EU countries



	<p><i>Presentations by Mr. Matthew Cashmore and Mr. Martin Smutny (20 min)</i></p> <p><i>Questions and answers (10 min)</i></p>
12.00 – 12.30	<p>Practical consideration for conducting SEA</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Linking SEA and planning, ToR for SEA, alternatives in SEA, implementation of SEA measures, financial issues etc. <p><i>Introductory presentation and case examples by Mr. Matthew Cashmore and Mr. Martin Smutny (20 min)</i></p> <p><i>Questions and answers (10 min)</i></p>
12.30 – 13.00	<p>Concluding session</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Challenges for efficient SEA practice in Azerbaijan • Opportunities for developing SEA system <p><i>Discussion facilitated by Ms. Aysel Babayeva and Mr. Fikret Jafarov,</i></p>
13.00	End of workshop