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Strengthening environmental assessment system in Georgia in line with the UNECE Protocol on Strategic Environmental Assessment: SEA screening and scoping for the municipal spatial plans

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Holiday Inn Tbilisi Hotel

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Since mid 2018, a number of municipalities in Georgia have already been preparing their spatial plans with many others to follow in the course of 2019. Further to the Environmental Assessment Code of Georgia these spatial plans and other plans and programmes to be developed at a municipal level require – prior to their adoption – carrying out a

strategic environmental assessment. As the Code was only recently adopted its enforcement still requires improvements, in particular at the local level.

This workshop will launch a series of training events to enhance capacities of municipal and environmental authorities of Georgia in application of SEA in accordance the Georgian Environmental Assessment Code that fully transposes requirements of the UNECE Protocol on SEA.

The participants of the workshop – from Ministry of Environmental Protection and Agriculture, National Environmental Agency, Ministry of Regional Development and Infrastructure, Ministry of Health and Social Affairs, Tbilisi City Hall and other selected municipalities – will get familiar with the main principles of efficient application of SEA in urban planning with a special focus to the screening and scoping stages. The training programme will continue in the course of 2019/2020 focusing on other SEA steps, including under the EU4Environment action.

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AGENDA

Trainers: Mr. Martin SMUTNY, international consultant on SEA, UNECE

Ms. Irma MELIKISHVILI, national consultant, UNECE

16 May 2019, Thursday

- 09:00 – 09:30** **Registration of participants, welcome coffee**
Video on the UNECE Protocol on Strategic Environmental Assessment
- 09:30 – 09:45** **Opening remarks**
Mr. Giorgi KHANISHVILI, the First Deputy Minister, Ministry of
Environmental Protection and Agriculture
Ms. Maia BITADZE, Deputy Mayor of Tbilisi
Mr. Jiří PRECLÍK, chargé d' Affaires a.i., Embassy of the Czech
Republic in Tbilisi
Mr. Alexandre DARRAS, Attaché, Sector Coordinator Connectivity,
Energy, Environment & Climate Change, EU Delegation to Georgia
- 09:45 – 10:15** **Introduction to the workshop and expectations of participants**
Facilitated by Mr. Martin SMUTNY and Ms. Irma MELIKISHVILI
- 10:15 – 11:00** **UNECE Protocol on SEA: Purpose, main principle and steps of SEA;
role of planning, environmental and health authorities**
Presentation by Mr. Martin SMUTNY and Ms. Irma MELIKISHVILI
- Questions and answers**
- 11:00 – 11:30** **Coffee break**
- 11:30 – 13:00** **SEA process in accordance with the Environmental Assessment Code
of Georgia: Main steps, responsibilities of the planning and
environmental authorities**
Presentation by Ms. Irma MELIKISHVILI
- Questions and answers**
- Group discussion on the key issues related to application of SEA in
Georgia**

- 13:00 – 14:00** **Lunch**
- 14:00 – 15:30** **Introduction to screening: Purpose and expected outcomes, approaches and methods, examples of screening from selected countries, requirements of the Protocol and the Code**
Presentation by Mr. Martin SMUTNY and Ms. Irma MELIKISHVILI
- Recent experience with screening in Georgia: screening application and screening decision**
Presentation of the Ministry of Environmental Protection and Agriculture
- 15:30 – 16:00** **Coffee break**
- 16:00 – 17:30** **Practical application of screening: Case example of ‘Resort Lebrade Development Regulation Plan’**
- Introduction to the case example
 - Group work on screening application and screening decision
 - Presentation of results
 - Discussion
- Facilitated by Mr. Martin SMUTNY and Ms. Irma MELIKISHVILI
- 17:30 – 18:00** **Closing of the Day 1: summary and further steps**

17 May 2019, Friday

- 9:00 – 9:15** **Opening of the day**
- 9:15 – 10:30** **Introduction to scoping: Purpose and expected outcomes, approaches and methods, examples of scoping from selected countries, requirements of the Protocol and the Code**
Presentation by Mr. Martin SMUTNY and Ms. Irma MELIKISHVILI
- Questions and answers**
- 10:30 – 11:00** **Coffee break**
- 11:00 – 13:00** **Practical application of scoping: Case example of ‘Resort Lebrade Development Regulation Plan’ (part I.)**
- Introduction to the case example
 - Group work on scoping application and on how to determine the key environmental and health issues
- Facilitated by Mr. Martin SMUTNY and Ms. Irma MELIKISHVILI

13:00 – 14:00	Lunch
14:00 – 15:00	Practical application of scoping: Case example of ‘Resort Lebrade Development Regulation Plan’ (part II.) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Finalising the group work and presentation of results Facilitated by Mr. Martin SMUTNY and Ms. Irma MELIKISHVILI
15:00 – 16:00	Practical application of scoping: Case example of ‘Resort Lebrade Development Regulation Plan’ (part III.) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Group work on scoping opinion • Presentation of the results by groups Facilitated by Mr. Martin SMUTNY and Ms. Irma MELIKISHVILI
16:00 – 16:30	Coffee break
16:30 – 17:00	Brief overview of the next steps of the SEA process and their practical aspects <p>Presentation by Mr. Martin SMUTNY and Ms. Irma MELIKISHVILI</p> <p>Questions and answers</p>
17:00 – 17:45	Closing discussion: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Existing challenges for SEA implementation in Georgia (in particular at the municipal level) • Needs for the technical assistance on applications of SEA in Georgia in line with the Protocol in 2019/2020 and beyond, including under the EU4Environment action • Key aspects to be addressed at the 2nd training workshop Facilitated by Mr. Martin SMUTNY and Ms. Irma MELIKISHVILI
17:40 – 18:00	Closing of the workshop: Summary of discussion outcomes and next steps