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**Training Workshop**  
**Strategic Environmental Assessment Application**  
**for Municipal Spatial Plans in Georgia: Preparation of SEA Report,**  
**Quality Control in SEA and Final SEA Recommendations**

**DRAFT AGENDA**

**19-20 September 2019**  
**Tbilisi, Georgia**

**EU4Environment**

Armenia, Azerbaijan, Belarus, Georgia, Republic of Moldova, Ukraine

## **Training Workshop Strategic Environmental Assessment Application for Municipal Spatial Plans in Georgia: Preparation of SEA Report, Quality Control in SEA and Final SEA Recommendations**

**19-20 September, 2019 (19/09 10:00 – 18:00, 20/09 10:00 – 14:30)**

**Holiday Inn Tbilisi (address: 1, 26 May Square)**

### **Background**

The plans and programmes at the local level (in particular, spatial plans) represent an important group of strategic documents the Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA) should be applied to. A number of municipalities in Georgia have already launched preparation of the local spatial plans and others will initiate the planning process in the course of 2019. Therefore, there is an obvious demand for the technical assistance to ensure the local-level SEAs are conducted in accordance with the new national legislative framework. This event is organized within the EU-funded “European Union for Environment” (**EU4Environment**) with co-funding from the Czech Republic.

The workshop will focus on the preparation of SEA report (including relevant analyses), quality control in SEA, and preparation of SEA recommendations as the final step of the SEA process in accordance with the Environmental Assessment Code of Georgia (EAC). It will be based on the ongoing SEA of the Resort Lebarde Development Regulation draft Plan. The workshop will build on the outcomes of the first training workshop organised by UNECE in cooperation with the Ministry of Environmental Protection and Agriculture on 16-17 May 2019 in Tbilisi (<https://www.unece.org/index.php?id=51475>).

### **Meeting objectives, expected outputs and outcomes**

- enhance capacities for the application of SEA in Georgia in line with the requirements of the UNECE Protocol on SEA and EU SEA Directive, which Georgia has transposed into the national legislative framework through the adoption of the EAC;
- follow up and build on the outcomes of the first training workshop
- facilitate the ongoing SEA of the Resort Lebarde Development Regulation draft Plan.

### **Participants**

Up to 40 staff of the 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.

### **Practical Information**

Simultaneous interpretation in English and Georgian will be provided.

### **About EU4Environment**

The “European Union for Environment” (**EU4Environment**) aims to help the six partner countries: Armenia, Azerbaijan, Belarus, Georgia, Republic of Moldova, Ukraine preserve their natural capital and increase people's environmental well-being, by supporting environment-related action, demonstrating and unlocking opportunities for greener growth, and setting mechanisms to better manage environmental risks and impacts.

The Action is funded by the European Union and implemented by five Partner organisations: OECD, UNECE, UN Environment, UNIDO and the World Bank based on a budget of some EUR 20 million. The Action implementation period is 2019-2022.

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## DRAFT AGENDA

**DAY 1, 19 SEPTEMBER 2019, Thursday**

Time	Item
09:30 – 10:00	<b>Registration of participants</b>
10:00 - 10:20	<b>Opening remarks</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Ms. Nino TANDILASHVILI, Deputy Minister of Environmental Protection and Agriculture</li> <li>Ms. Maia BITADZE, Deputy Mayor of Tbilisi</li> <li>Mr. Alexandre DARRAS, Attaché, Team Leader Connectivity, Energy, Environment &amp; Climate change, EU Delegation to Georgia (tbc)</li> <li>Mr. Jan Černík, Head of Development Cooperation, Embassy of the Czech Republic to Georgia</li> <li>Mr. Leonid KALASHNYK, Environmental Affairs Officer, EU4Environment Project Manager in UNECE</li> </ul>
10:20 - 10:45	<b>Introduction to the workshop</b> <i>Facilitated by Mr. Martin SMUTNY and Ms. Irma MELIKISHVILI, consultants to UNECE</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Objectives and agenda</li> <li>Brief summary of the first training workshop</li> <li>Participants' expectations from the training</li> </ul>
10:45 - 11:00	<b>Current status of the SEA of the Resort Lebarde Development Regulation draft Plan</b> <i>Presentation by Ms. Nino Gventsadze, Head of the Spatial Planning Department and Mr. Kakha Photskhishvili, Deputy Head of the Spatial Planning Department, Ministry of Infrastructure and Regional Development</i>
11:00 - 11:45	<b>SEA process after scoping: Steps and analyses in accordance with the UNECE Protocol on SEA, EU SEA Directive and the Environmental Assessment Code</b> <i>Presentation by Mr. Martin SMUTNY and Ms. Irma MELIKISHVILI, consultants to UNECE</i>
	Questions and answers
11:45 - 12:15	<b>Coffee break</b>
12:15 - 12:45	<b>Baseline analysis – introduction</b> <i>Presentation by Mr. Martin SMUTNY, consultant to UNECE</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Purpose and objectives and link to the scoping stage</li> <li>Methods and tools</li> <li>Expected outcomes</li> <li>Case examples</li> </ul>
	Questions and answers
12:45 - 13:30	<b>Baseline analysis in the SEA of the Resort Lebarde Development Regulation draft Plan</b> <i>Facilitated by Mr. Martin SMUTNY and Ms. Irma MELIKISHVILI, consultants to UNECE</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Introduction to the exercise</li> <li>Group work on baseline analysis</li> <li>Presentation of results</li> <li>Discussion</li> </ul>
13:30 - 14:30	<b>Lunch</b>
14:30 - 15:00	<b>Evaluation of effects and formulation of mitigation measures – introduction</b> <i>Presentation by Mr. Martin SMUTNY, consultant to UNECE</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Purpose and objectives</li> <li>Methods and tools</li> <li>Expected outcomes</li> <li>Case examples</li> </ul>
	Questions and answers
15:00 – 16:00	<b>Evaluation of effects and formulation of mitigation measures in the SEA of the Resort Lebarde Development Regulation draft Plan</b>

	<p><i>Facilitated by Mr. Martin SMUTNY and Ms. Irma MELIKISHVILI, consultants to UNECE</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Introduction to the exercise</li> <li>• Group work on baseline analysis</li> <li>• Presentation of results</li> <li>• Discussion</li> </ul>
<b>16:00 – 16:30</b>	<b>Coffee break</b>
<b>16:30 – 17:45</b>	<p><b>SEA report</b></p> <p><i>Presentation by Mr. Martin SMUTNY and Ms. Irma MELIKISHVILI, consultants to UNECE</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Purpose of SEA report</li> <li>• Requirements of the Environmental Assessment Code</li> <li>• Information to be included</li> <li>• Case examples</li> </ul> <p><b>Discussion on the SEA report for the Resort Lebarde Development Regulation draft Plan</b></p> <p><i>Facilitated by Mr. Martin SMUTNY and Ms. Irma MELIKISHVILI, consultants to UNECE</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Information available and needed</li> <li>• Challenges in the preparation of SEA report</li> <li>• Considering conclusions of SEA report in the draft Development Regulation Plan</li> </ul>
<b>17:45 – 18:00</b>	<b>Closing of Day 1: Summary and further steps</b>

## DAY 2, 20 SEPTEMBER 2019, Friday

Time	Item
<b>10:00 - 10:15</b>	<b>Opening of Day 2</b>
<b>10:15 - 11:30</b>	<p><b>Quality control in SEA – introduction</b></p> <p><i>Presentation by Mr. Martin SMUTNY and Ms. Irma MELIKISHVILI, consultants to UNECE</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Purpose and expected outcomes</li> <li>• Requirements of the Environmental Assessment Code</li> <li>• Approaches and methods</li> <li>• Case examples</li> </ul> <p><b>Discussion on quality control in the SEA of the Resort Lebarde Development Regulation draft Plan</b></p> <p><i>Facilitated by Mr. Martin SMUTNY and Ms. Irma MELIKISHVILI, consultants to UNECE</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• What quality criteria should be used</li> <li>• How quality control will be arranged</li> <li>• How the conclusions of the quality control should be used</li> </ul>
<b>11:30 - 12:00</b>	<b>Coffee break</b>
<b>12:00 – 12:30</b>	<p><b>SEA and decision-making – introduction</b></p> <p><i>Presentation by Mr. Martin SMUTNY and Ms. Irma MELIKISHVILI, consultants to UNECE</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Purpose and objectives</li> <li>• Requirements of the Environmental Assessment Code</li> <li>• Case examples</li> </ul> <p>Questions and answers</p>
<b>12:30 - 13:30</b>	<p><b>SEA recommendations for the Resort Lebarde Development Regulation draft Plan</b></p> <p><i>Facilitated by Mr. Martin SMUTNY and Ms. Irma MELIKISHVILI, consultants to UNECE</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Introduction to the exercise</li> <li>• Group work on SEA recommendations</li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Presentation of results</li> <li>• Discussion</li> </ul>
<b>13:30 - 14:30</b>	<p><b>Further steps in the SEA of the Resort Lebarde Development Regulation draft Plan</b>  <i>Facilitated by Mr. Martin SMUTNY and Ms. Irma MELIKISHVILI, consultants to UNECE</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Roles and responsibilities</li> <li>• Timeline</li> <li>• Possible challenges</li> </ul>
<b>14:30</b>	<b>Closing of the workshop and lunch</b>