




Project: “Improved environmental monitoring and assessment in support of the 2030 Sustainable Development Agenda in South-Eastern Europe, Central Asia and the Caucasus”
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Webinar 1
 “Health-relevant air quality data informing policy and the public”
 16 December 2020, virtual meeting

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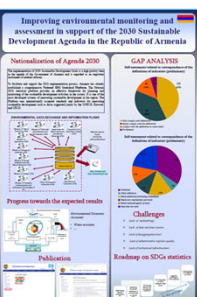
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‘Improved environmental monitoring and assessment in support of the 2030 Sustainable Development Agenda in South-Eastern Europe, Central Asia and the Caucasus’

Implemented by UNECE & UNEP and together with EAA, supported by EEA & UN country teams & funded by the UN Development Account (11th Tranche)





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 **Target countries**

Armenia, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Georgia, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, North Macedonia and Tajikistan


 **Duration**

January 2018-
December
2021

Main objectives

- To **strengthen capacities** of national environmental authorities and statistical agencies to collect, **produce data in accordance with SEIS**
- To improve accessibility and use of regularly updated and high-quality environmental indicators, within the framework of SEIS, to respond to international indicator-based reporting obligations, **including monitoring progress towards the Sustainable Development Goals**
- To **strengthen capacities** of target countries in **producing environment- and health-related indicators and their use for decision-making on environment and health topics**

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Status of implementation - completed



- Development of 7 **gap analysis reviews** (1 per target country) on SEIS establishment, environmental data & information to cover the production of regional/international environmental indicators – **completed**
- Development of **national workplans or roadmaps** to enhance national SEIS establishment – **drafts available**
- 1 regional capacity development workshop – **organized in May 2019**
- 1st webinar on SDG 3 (16 December 2020) – **in progress / soon completed**

Amendments to project due to COVID-19

- Strengthening of **environment and health aspects** (incl. through training material) during the capacity development activities
- 4 regional/sub-regional webinars instead** of 7 national training sessions (1 per target country) to streamline production of regionally & internationally agreed environmental data flows & indicators
- Development of an **e-learning course** on monitoring, production of environmental & health-related data & indicators & SDGs
- Development of a **SDGs/SEIS knowledge sharing platform**



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Other activities – to be confirmed or changed depending on COVID-19 situation in 2021

- Advisory missions by UNEP and UNECE to support in regular environmental monitoring and assessment as part of preparing national roadmaps to monitor SDGs – [depending on situation related to COVID-19](#)
- 7 **national capacity-development workshops** (1 per target country) to improve the institutional knowledge base for data collection standards and the use of monitoring and assessment tools for regular indicator-based assessments to measure progress towards the environment-related SDGs – [may be changed to webinars](#)
- 1 **regional capacity-development workshop** with participation of all 7 target countries – [back-to-back to next WGEMA or JTF meeting?](#)
- Development of **guidelines** on addressing specific human and institutional capacity needs

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Next steps and planned activities in the coming months

- 4 regional capacity development webinars

January 2021, tbc	Capacity building Webinar #2 on SDG 6. Ensure availability and sustainable management of water and sanitation for all (6.1–6.4 and 6.6)
February 2021, tbc	Capacity building Webinar #3 on SDG 7. Ensure access to affordable, reliable, sustainable and modern energy for all (7.2 and 7.3)
March 2021, tbc	Capacity building Webinar #4 on SDG 12. Ensure sustainable consumption and production patterns (12.2, 12.4 and 12.5) + 11.6.1 (municipal waste)
April 2021, tbc	Capacity building Webinar #5 on SDG 15. Protect, restore and promote sustainable use of terrestrial ecosystems, sustainably manage forests, combat desertification, and halt and reverse land degradation and halt biodiversity loss (15.1, 15.4, 15.5)

- Development of training material incl. on environment & health aspects (2021)
- Developing a self-paced online course based on webinar materials (1st half 2021)
- Development of the knowledge sharing platform (2021)

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Thank you!

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