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STRATEGIC ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT (SEA) for the draft *National Strategy of Water Resources Management in the context of Climate Change for the period until 2030*

Minsk, Belarus

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Venue: Hotel Belarus (Minsk, ul. Storzhovskaya, 15), conference room, ground floor

The objective of the meeting is to raise awareness on SEA objectives, benefits and involved actors. Introduction of the Pilot SEA project for the draft national Strategy of Water Resources Management in the context of Climate Change for the period until 2030.

AGENDA

	REGISTRATION AND OPENING
9:30 – 10:00	<p>Opening and welcoming statements</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ms. Larissa Lukina – Head of International Affairs Department, Ministry of Natural Resources and Environment of the Republic of Belarus (Minprirody) Mr. Leonid Kalashnyk – Environmental Affairs Officer, UNECE
SESSION 1	STRATEGIC ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT: KEY INFORMATION Facilitated by Ms. Nadezhda Zdanevich, Minprirody and Mr. Leonid Kalashnyk, UNECE
10:00 – 10:30	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Requirements of the national legislation of the Republic of Belarus on SEA application for draft plans/programmes <i>Ms. Nadezhda Zdanevich, Deputy Head of the Department of Managing the Impacts on the Air, Climate Change and Expertise, Ministry of Natural Resources and Environmental Protection of the Republic of Belarus</i> Q&A followed by discussion
10:30 – 11:00	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> UNECE technical assistance on enhancing SEA in Belarus in line with EU directive on SEA and UNECE Protocol on SEA within EU4Environment action and EU Water Initiative Plus <i>Mr. Leonid Kalashnyk, UNECE</i> Implementation of the EU Water Initiative Plus in Belarus

	<p><i>Ms. Tatiana Slizh, Head of the Water Resources Management and Protection, Department of Natural Resources, Ministry of Natural Resources and Environmental Protection of the Republic of Belarus</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Q&A followed by discussion
11:00 – 11:30	Coffee break
11:30 – 12:30	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SEA application for the state plans/programmes: principles, benefits, roles of involved actors, interaction with the planning process <p><i>Ms. Maia Gachechiladze-Bozhesku, international consultant on SEA, UNECE</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Q&A followed by discussion
12:30 – 14:00	Lunch break
SESSION 2	INTRODUCTION OF THE SEA PILOT PROJECT IN THE FIELD OF WATER RESOURCES MANAGEMENT
14:00 – 14:30	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Presentation of the draft national Strategy of Water Resources Management in the context of the Climate Change for the period until 2030 (Water Strategy) <p><i>Ms. Snezhana Dubenok, Deputy Director for Research, Central Research Institute for Complex Use of Water Resources</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Q&A followed by discussion on the different key points
14:30 – 15:00	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SEA for the draft Water Strategy: an approach, methodology, mains steps and participants <p><i>Ms. Maia Gachechiladze-Bozhesku, international consultant on SEA, UNECE</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Q&A followed by discussion on the different key points
15:00 – 15:30	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Transboundary consultations: analysis of potential transboundary effects, a need and possible directions for transboundary consultations <p><i>Ms. Maia Gachechiladze-Bozhesku, international consultant on SEA, UNECE</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Q&A followed by discussion on the different key points
15:30 – 16:00	Coffee break
16:00 – 17:40	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SEA Scoping in line with the EU Directive on SEA and UNECE Protocol on SEA <p><i>Ms. Maia Gachechiladze-Bozhesku, international consultant on SEA, UNECE</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Brain storming on key environmental and health issues related to the draft Water Strategy (all participants) • Q&A followed by discussion on the different key points
	END OF THE MEETING
17:40 – 18:00	<p>Summary of the discussion and next steps</p> <p><i>Ms. Tatiana Slizh, Head of the Water Resources Management and Protection, Department of Natural Resources, Ministry of Natural Resources and Environmental Protection of the Republic of Belarus</i></p>