

Project: "Improved environmental monitoring and assessment in support of the 2030 Sustainable Development Agenda in South-Eastern Europe, Central Asia and the Caucasus" funded by the UN Development Account

Webinar 3

"Waste Management Indicators and Policies"

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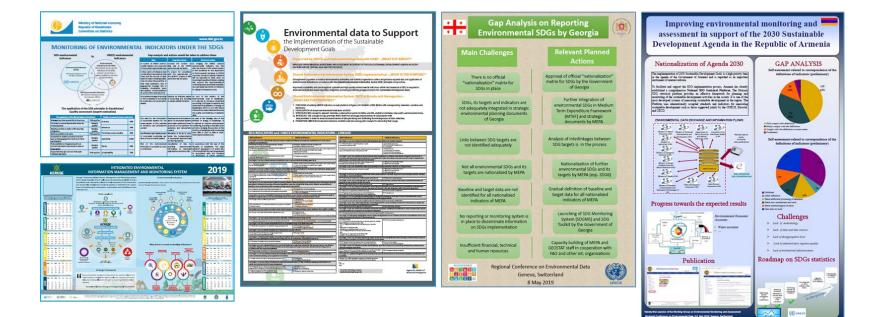


#### Joint UNECE-UNEP project on SEIS, environmental indicators & SDGs

'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 (11<sup>th</sup> Tranche)









Target countries

January 2018-December 2021

Duration

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

#### 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



#### **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
- 1<sup>st</sup> webinar on SDG 3 (16 December 2020) organized in December 2020

#### Amendments to project due to COVID-19

- Strengthening of environment and health aspects (incl. through training material) during the capacity development activities
- 5 regional/sub-regional webinars instead of 7 national training & capacity development sessions (1 per target country) on a 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





### 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 instead maybe additional webinars
- I regional capacity-development workshop with participation of all 7 target countries back-to-back to next JTF meeting?
- Development of guidelines on addressing specific human and institutional capacity needs
- Assessment of COVID-19 impacts on the state of the environment in the target countries
- Review of UNECE environment and health related indicators



## Next steps and planned activities in the coming months

4 regional capacity development webinars

24 February 2021	Capacity building Webinar #2 on SDG 7. Ensure access to affordable, reliable, sustainable and modern energy for all (7.2 and 7.3)
10 March 2021	Capacity building Webinar #3 on SDG 12. Ensure sustainable consumption and production patterns (12.2, 12.4 and 12.5) + 11.6.1 (municipal waste)
<mark>21 April 2021,</mark> tbc	Capacity building Webinar #4 on SDG 6. Ensure availability and sustainable management of water and sanitation for all (6.1–6.4 and 6.6)
<mark>26 May 2021,</mark> 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 (1<sup>st</sup> half 2021)
- Development of the knowledge sharing platform (2021)



# Thank you!

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