

THE NEW ENVIRONMENTAL CODE AND "ZHASYL KAZAKHSTAN" PROJECT



Reforming environmental legislation to ensure transparency and public participation in large infrastructure projects and spatial planning

- Improving EIA procedures: reduced from 189 working days to 69 working days
- Incorporating public participation and access to information (e.g. statement of intent online, public hearings, comments, suggestions) into all 4 EIA stages:
 - 1. statement of intent
 - 2. scope of the EIA
 - 3. EIA report
 - 4. conclusion on the results of the EIA
- Unified Environmental Portal to centralize announcements of projects with environmental impacts
- Annual interactive national reports on state of environment and use of natural resources
- National Project: "Zhasyl Kazakhstan" aimed at sustainable, green economic recovery and integrating SDGs into state planning process. (e.g. improvement of water bodies, reduction of air pollution, waste management, energy efficiency, etc.)

KEY CHALLENGES

- Addressing Repeated systematic violations—e.g. dates of hearings violated/ not posted or falsified; comments' periods not indicated, etc.

FUTURE STEPS

- Centralizing reporting within PRTR

