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**Pilot Strategic Environmental Assessment of the Spatial Arrangement Plan of Gurjaani Municipality
and Gurjaani Town Centre Development Regulation Plan**

DRAFT TRAINING AGENDA

**16 March 2022, 14:00 – 17:00 Tbilisi time
Tbilisi, Georgia**

Due to COVID-19, this training event will be delivered as a virtual event, using the Zoom platform. All registered participants will receive connection details to access the platform.

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Background

Within the framework of the European Union-funded “European Union for Environment” (EU4Environment) programme (2019 – 2023), UNECE is assisting Georgia in strengthening its SEA system in line with the Georgian Environmental Assessment Code that fully transposes requirements of the Protocol on SEA to the Convention on Environmental Impact Assessment in a Transboundary Context and of the European Union’s Directive on SEA (2001/42/EC).

Since late 2021, to further enhance capacities for practical application of SEA in Georgia, at the request of the Ministry of Environmental Protection and Agriculture (MEPA) and the Ministry of Regional Development and Infrastructure (MRDI), UNECE has supported the preparation of a pilot SEA project for the two interlinked draft spatial plans to be developed for Gurjaani Municipality: Spatial Arrangement Plan of the Gurjaani Municipality and the Gurjaani Town Centre Development Regulation Plan. The pilot SEA will be implemented in 2022-2023 in parallel with the development of the two plans.

The pilot SEA will provide hands-on learning for applying SEA to draft spatial plans (involving analytical and consultative tasks and including, as appropriate, methodological coaching on the preparation and quality control of relevant documentation, etc.). The pilot SEA will be supported by a group of experts on SEA and experts in the fields relevant to the spatial plans in SEA team). This virtual training will be organized for the national experts to be engaged to conduct the pilot SEA of the above spatial plans. It will combine theoretical and practical aspects of the SEA procedure relevant to this pilot and introduce them to the members of the SEA team and other relevant stakeholders (e.g., spatial plans developers selected by MRDI) early on in the implementation of the pilot.

Meeting the objective of the event

- to build capacities on the practical application of SEA in the municipal spatial planning sector (with a specific focus on the scoping phase in SEA?)
- to introduce main principles of efficient SEA application to the spatial plans, its benefits, legal requirements, practical steps, and outputs.

The following outputs/strategic benefits will also be achieved:

- the event will further contribute to positioning the pilot project as the reference case example it is intended to be for the application of SEA to spatial planning in Georgia

Participants

The meeting will gather up to 15 participants, including the national experts to conduct the SEA of the draft spatial plans (SEA team), representatives from MEPA, MRDI, municipality, and a planning team tasked with developing the two spatial plans.

Practical Information

The training event will be organized as a virtual event via Zoom. All participants will receive connection details to access the platform. 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 manage environmental risks and impacts better.

The Action is funded by the European Union and implemented by five Partner organisations: OECD, UNECE, UNEP, UNIDO, and the World Bank, based on a budget of some EUR 20 million. The Action implementation period is 2019-2023.

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Time (Tbilisi)	Item
13:50 – 14:00	Connection testing
14:00 – 14:10	Introduction training agenda and the topics
14:10 – 15:15	<p>Introduction to SEA</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SEA objectives and benefits – Mr. Doug Hickman, International SEA Expert • Main principles of efficient SEA application to spatial plans - Mr. Doug Hickman, International SEA Expert • Case examples of effective SEA on spatial plans - Mr. Doug Hickman, International SEA Expert <p>Q&A</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • National legal requirements for SEA introduction to EA Code – Ms. Irma Melikishvili, National Consultant <p>Q&A</p>
15:15 – 15:30	Break
15:30 – 16:50	<p>Practical aspects of effective SEA implementation</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Introduction example scoping matrix - Mr. Doug Hickman, International SEA Expert • Preparation of scoping matrix for Gurjaani Municipality Spatial Arrangement Plan <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Identification of potential health and environmental issues associated with the plan <p>Discussion facilitated by Mr. Doug Hickman, International SEA Expert; Ms. Irma Melikishvili, National Consultant, and Ms. Nino Malashkhia, National Coordinator</p> <p>Q&A</p>
16:50 -17:00	Future steps/Closure of the event