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The application of SEA in Georgia

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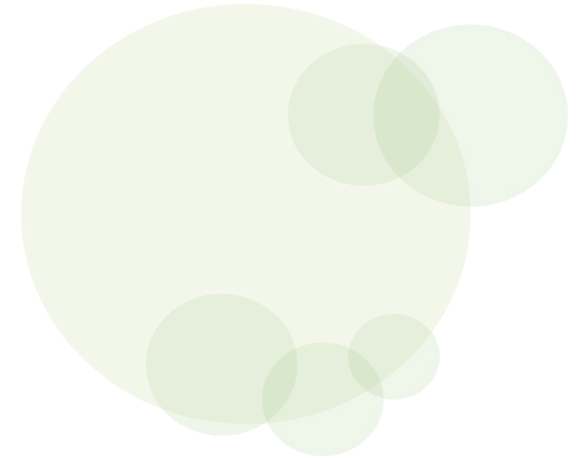
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Structure of the Presentation

- Introduction
- Legal requirements
- Practice and Challenges of existing the SEA system
- Conclusion



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Challenges before the introduction of the SEA

- 1) Georgia did not have a prior experience in applying Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA) until 2018. Within the competence of the Ministry of Environment, SEA came into force **in July 2018**. As for the Ministry of Health - SEA entered into force **on December 31, 2018**;
- 2) The number of activities and sectors, including spatial planning, **was not subject to neither SEA nor EIA procedures until 2018**;
- 3) Sectoral strategic documents **were usually developed without public participation**, thus awareness of adopted documents were low; Participation of other public entities and public was nominal, including Environmental and Health Agencies, thus quality of adopted documents remained poor and **environmental and health aspects were not integrated**;
- 4) Strategic documents tend to be general, lacking precise information. Activities in the action plans of strategic documents **were overlapping each other**;



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Legal Requirements: Environmental Assessment Code

Sectors

- agriculture;
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- industry;
- transport;
- waste management;
- water resources management;
- electronic communications;
- tourism;
- planning and spatial planning

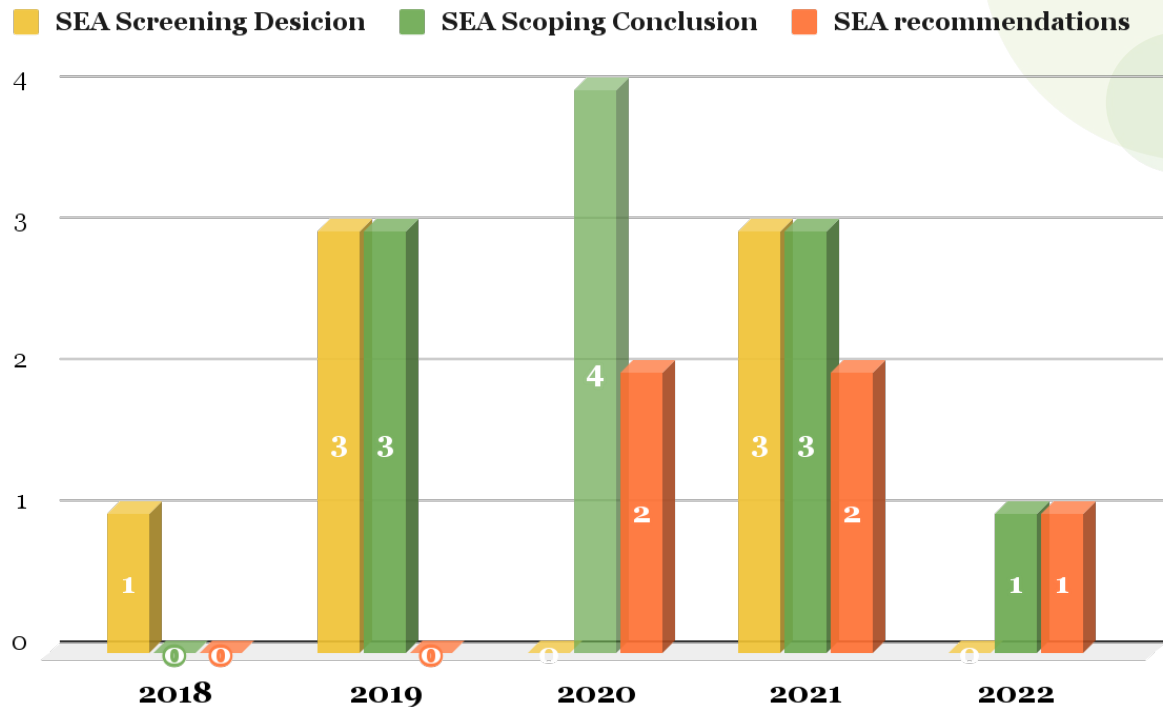


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SEA: Statistics

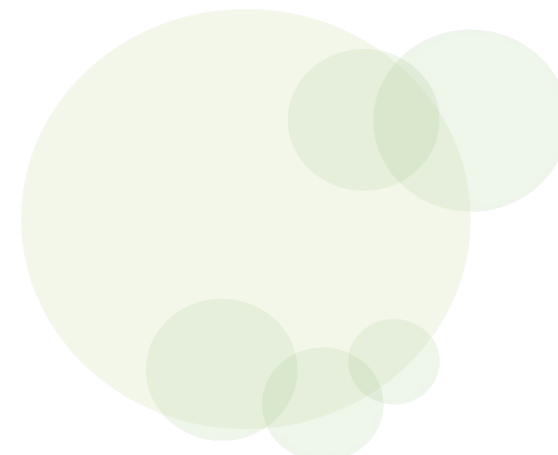




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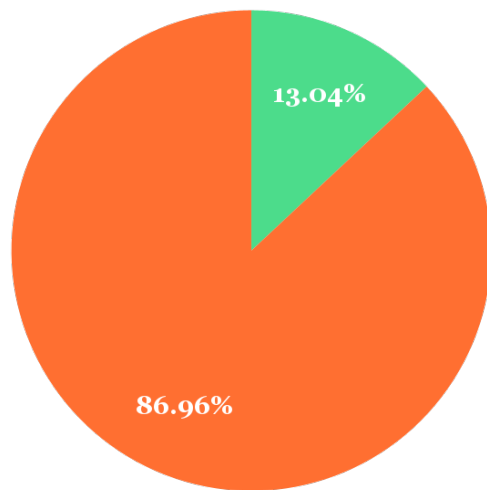
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Statistics on public participation*

2018 - 2022



● Remarks and/or comments ● No remarks and/or comments

* % of Screening Decision, Scoping Conclusion, Recommendations with respect to the SEA report and the draft strategic document *issued without remarks and/or comments from public*



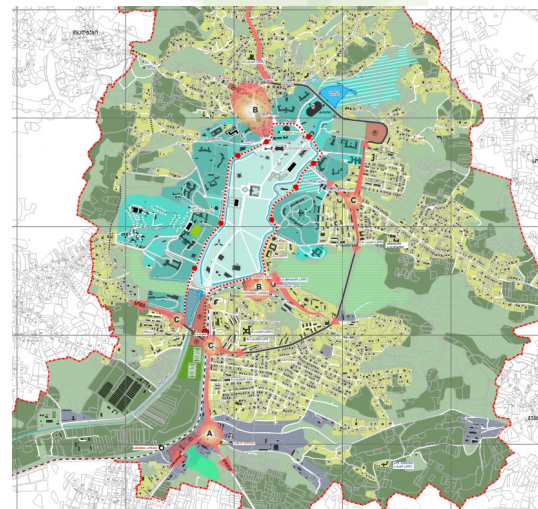
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The list of Recommendations on the SEA Report issued by the Ministry (2018 - 2022)

1. Lebarde Resort Development Regulation Plan
2. Zugdidi City Master Plan
3. Surami Master Plan
4. Grigoleti and Kvavilnari Coastal Development Plan
5. Regulation Plan for Development of Land Plots Located in Gudauri Recreational Area





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Challenges of existing SEA system (what needs to be improved)

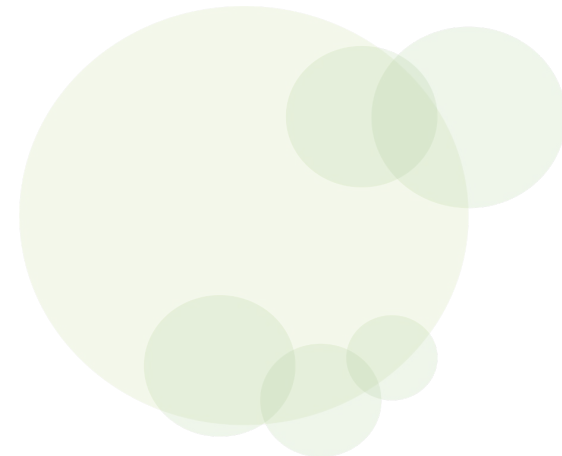
- The lack of experience - both at the institutional and consulting levels;
- The lack of sectoral experts;
- Coordination with Health Agency, Separated procedure During SEA;
- Determining the precise and relevant recommendations for the draft strategic documents;
- Draft strategic documents prepared for the spatial planning significantly outnumbered the draft strategic documents prepared and submitted to the Ministry in other sectors;
- Quality of the submitted documentation;
- Low public interest in SEA procedures;
- Methodology of the further analysis of the results of the implementation of a strategic document.



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