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**Training Workshop 2 on the Practical Application of SEA in Armenia
(assessment, mitigation, consideration of SEA results, monitoring, and
development of terms of reference for SEA)**

Agenda

23 – 24 November, 2023

Day 1: 10:00 – 17:20

Day 2: 09:30 – 13:20

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Background

The United Nations Economic Commission for Europe (UNECE) as secretariat to the Convention on Environmental Impact Assessment in a Transboundary Context (Espoo Convention) and its Protocol on Strategic Environmental Assessment (Protocol on SEA) is providing technical advice and support to Armenia in the development of its SEA system in line with the Protocol on SEA.

This support includes conducting two SEA training workshops under the European Union-funded EU4Environment programme (2019 - 2024).

This **Training Workshop 2** builds on Training Workshop 1 to have been delivered on 30-31 October 2023 and will raise awareness and build capacities of the national stakeholders on such key elements of SEA as strategic policy and objective-led analysis, assessment of effects, development of mitigation measures and monitoring proposals, reviewing the quality of SEA reports, consideration of the SEA recommendations in the strategic planning document and decision making. The event is organized by the Ministry of Environment of the Republic of Armenia and UNECE, and facilitated by the international and national SEA consultants to UNECE.

Training workshop's objectives, expected outputs and outcomes

- raise awareness and build capacities of national sectoral planning authorities, regional planning authorities, local self-governing bodies, and other stakeholders in Armenia about the analytical approaches used in SEA concept, development of mitigation and monitoring proposals, reviewing the quality of SEA reports, consideration of the SEA recommendations in the strategic planning document and decision making, and aspects to be considered when developing terms of reference for SEA.
- raise awareness and build capacities of sectoral planning authorities, decision-makers, local self-governing bodies, and other stakeholders in Armenia about SEA process according to:
 - the amended national legislation on SEA;
 - the Protocol on SEA to the Convention on Environmental Impact Assessment in a Transboundary Context (Espoo Convention) and the European Union's SEA Directive (2001/42/EC);
- to enhance the capacities of the training workshop participants in undertaking the assessment and quality review during the SEA process using practical exercises.

Participants

The workshop will gather up to 35 participants from the sectoral ministries, specialised divisions of the Ministry of Environment and the Ministry of Health, regional planning authorities, local self-government authorities, and representatives of civil society.

Practical Information

The working languages of the workshop are Armenian and Russian. Simultaneous interpretation in Armenian and Russian will be provided.

About EU4Environment

The “European Union for Environment” (EU4Environment – Green Economy) Action helps the Eastern Partnership countries 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 better manage environmental risks and impacts.

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AGENDA

DAY 1. 23 November

Time (Yerevan)	Item
9:30 – 10:00	Registration of participants
10:00 – 10:15	Opening the training workshop and welcome of the participants <i>Ms. Elyanora Grigoryan, Legal Advisor to the Ministry of Environment of the Republic of Armenia, National Focal Point to the Espoo Convention</i>
10:15 – 10:25	Introduction to the workshop objectives and agenda <i>Dr. Maia Gachechiladze-Bozhesku, International SEA Consultant to UNECE</i>
10:25 – 10:35	Presentation of the participants and determination of their expectations <i>Facilitated by Ms. Azganush Drnoyan, National SEA Consultant to UNECE, and Dr. Maia Gachechiladze-Bozhesku</i>
10:35 – 11:15	Analyses in SEA: policy analysis, objectives-led analysis, assessment of effects, identification and review of alternatives – Part I <i>Dr. Maia Gachechiladze-Bozhesku</i> <i>Presentation and discussion</i>
11:15 – 11:30	Coffee break
11:30 – 12:20	Exercise 1: Policy analysis and objective-led analysis in SEA with reference to the example of the SEA for the Waste Management Plan of Armenia <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Assignment definition ○ Work in pairs/groups ○ Presentation of results <i>Instructors: Dr. Maia Gachechiladze-Bozhesku and Azganush Drnoyan</i>
12:20 – 13:10	Analyses in SEA: policy analysis, objectives-led analysis, assessment of effects, identification and review of alternatives – Part II <i>Dr. Maia Gachechiladze-Bozhesku</i> <i>Presentation and discussion</i>
13:10 – 14:00	Exercise 2: Can we supplement the Effect Assessment Matrix? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Assignment definition ○ Work in a single group ○ Presentation of results <i>Instructors: Dr. Maia Gachechiladze-Bozhesku and Azganush Drnoyan</i>
14:00 – 15:00	Lunch break
15:00 – 15:50	Mitigation in SEA <i>Dr. Maia Gachechiladze-Bozhesku</i> <i>Presentation and discussion</i>
15:50 – 16:05	Coffee break
16:05 – 17:00	Monitoring in SEA <i>Dr. Maia Gachechiladze-Bozhesku</i> <i>Presentation and discussion</i>
17:00 – 17:20	Wrap-up and agenda for Day 2

DAY 2. 24 November

Time (Yerevan)	Item
9:30 – 10:00	Summary of Day 1: Participants' feedback and expectations for Day 2 <i>Facilitated by Ms. Azganush Drnoyan and Dr. Maia Gachechiladze-Bozhesku</i>
10:00 – 10:20	Preparation of the SEA Report: national requirements <i>Ms. Azganush Drnoyan</i> <i>Presentation and discussion</i>
10:20 – 10:50	Preparation of the SEA Report: SEA Protocol and good practice <i>Dr. Maia Gachechiladze-Bozhesku</i> <i>Presentation and discussion</i>
10:50 – 11:20	Quality control/quality assurance in SEA <i>Dr. Maia Gachechiladze-Bozhesku</i> <i>Presentation and discussion</i>
11:20 – 11:40	Coffee break
11:40 – 12:10	State Environmental Review (Expertise) of the SEA Report: national requirements <i>Ms. Azganush Drnoyan</i> <i>Presentation and discussion</i>
11:30 – 12:20	Exercise 3: Use of the Quality Review Criteria in SEA <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Assignment definition ○ Work in pairs/groups ○ Presentation of results <i>Instructors: Dr. Maia Gachechiladze-Bozhesku and Azganush Drnoyan</i>
12:20 – 12:50	Taking SEA results into account in planning documents and the related decision-making process: national and international requirements and practice <i>Ms. Azganush Drnoyan</i> <i>Dr. Maia Gachechiladze-Bozhesku</i> <i>Presentation and discussion</i>
12:50 – 13:20	What the planning authorities are to consider when preparing the terms of reference for SEA: practical considerations <i>Dr. Maia Gachechiladze-Bozhesku</i> <i>Presentation and discussion</i>
13:20 – 13:40	Final remarks, feedback from the participants and closure of the workshop
13:40 – 14:40	Lunch break