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# **National Regulatory Framework on Environmental Impact Assessment**

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# Implementation of Espoo Convention

- The Republic of Moldova became party to Espoo Convention in 1993, and ratified the Protocol on Strategic Environment Assessment in 2018.
- **Law No. 86/2014 on Environmental Impact Assessment** – national framework for the implementation of the environmental impact assessment procedure.
- **In 2022**, the regulatory framework on environmental impact assessment was improved by adopting Law No. 226/2022, which was enforced in November 2023.

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# Amendments to Law No. 86/2014

- The introduced amendments address new elements in the environmental impact assessment procedure:
  - biodiversity assessment procedure for activities included in Annexes 1 and 2, which shall be an integral part of the environmental impact assessment. Biodiversity assessment shall constitute a separate chapter in the EIA Report;
  - exclusion of the ecological expertise;
  - issuance of a permissive document for all the planned activities from Annexes 1 and 2;
  - establishment of a Technical Commission to analyze the quality of EIA Report;
  - preparation of the EIA program (EIAP) by the Environmental Agency;
  - Fee collection for the issuance of Environmental Agreement;
  - strengthening the role of competent authorities in the process of environmental impact assessment in transboundary context; consulting the public concerned on EIA documents;

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# Secondary Regulatory Framework

To insure an efficient implementation mechanism, the following secondary regulatory framework was developed for applying the amended regulatory framework:

- Biodiversity Assessment Manual/Guidelines;
- Regulation on the Organization and Operation of the Technical Commission for EIA Report Quality Assessment;
- Guidelines on Environmental Impact Assessment Report Quality Assessment;
- Methodology for calculating the cost of Environmental Agreement;
- Updated Manual/Guidelines on the implementation of EIA procedure;

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## Authorities competent in EIA Procedure

- **Environmental Agency** – competent authority implementing the environmental impact assessment procedure for planned activities from different sectors (energy, transport, agriculture) that could have an impact on environment, including in transboundary context.
- **Ministry of Environment** – coordinates the environmental impact assessment procedure in transboundary context;

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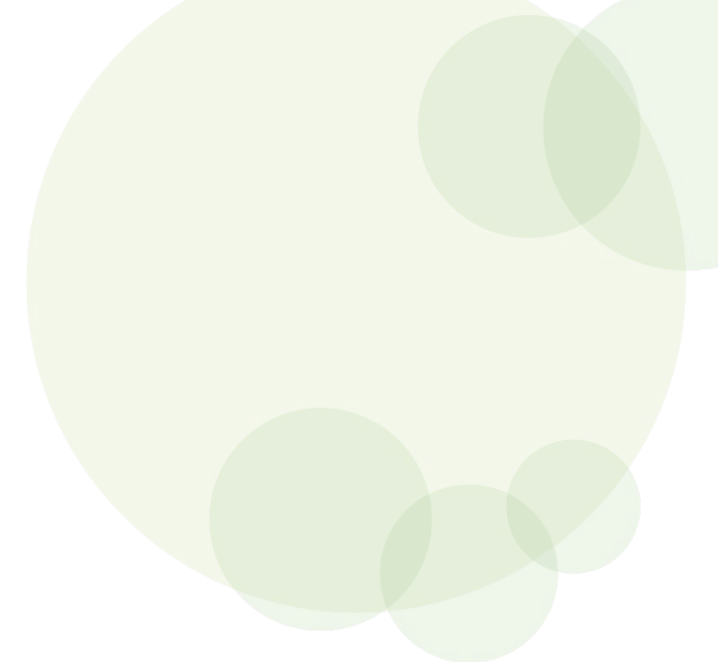
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