



Benefits of the strategic environmental assessment and the role of sectoral authorities in SEA process

High level round-table

11 June, Kiev Ukraine

Hotel Rus, 4, Hospitalna Str., Kyiv 01601, Ukraine

MEETING AGENDA

The half-day high-level round-table is organized by the Ministry of Ecology and Natural Resources of Ukraine and the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe within the framework of the European Union (EU) funded Programme “Greening Economies in the Eastern Neighbourhood” (EaP GREEN). The aim of the round-table is to assist Ukraine in implementing strategic environmental assessment (SEA) procedures in compliance with the provisions of the Protocol on SEA to the Convention on Environmental Impact Assessment in a Transboundary Context (Espoo Convention) and the EU SEA Directive (2001/42/EC). The objectives of the round-table are:

- To raise awareness about recent developments in the national legislation on SEA in Ukraine and other countries that signed EU association agreement;
- To introduce the SEA process and key benefits: and
- To clarify roles of various stakeholders in the process.

High-level officials from environment and sectoral ministries of Georgia, the Republic of Moldova, and Ukraine, as well as the representatives of the EU Commission, international financial institutions and EU experts on the application of SEA procedures in the transport, energy, agriculture, urban development and waste management sectors are expected to attend the event. The event will also be attended by civil society representatives.

09:00-09:30	Registration of the participants (welcome coffee)
09:30- 10:00	<p>Welcome addresses</p> <p><i>Mr. Segej Kurykin, Deputy Minister of Ecology and Natural Resources of Ukraine</i> <i>Mr. George Kremlis, Head of Unit, DG ENV, "Legal implementation, Cohesion policy, European Semester and SEA/EIA", European Commission</i> <i>Mr. Alexander Klitko, Delegation of the EU Commission in Ukraine</i> <i>Ms. Elena Santer, Economic Commission for Europe, Secretariat of the Espoo Convention and its Protocol on SEA</i></p>
10:00 – 10:15	Introduction of the participants
10:00-10:15	<p>Key requirements of the draft legislation of Ukraine “On Strategic Environment Assessment” (with a focus on practical aspects/steps)</p> <p><i>Presentation (15 min): Sergej Vyhrst, EU project “Complementary support to the Ministry of Ecology and Natural Resources of Ukraine for the sector of budget support implementation”</i></p> <p><i>Discussion 10 min</i></p>

10:15 – 10:45	<p>Experience on the implementation and practical application of the SEA Directive and the SEA Protocol in the European Union. <i>Presentation (20 min) Mr. George Kremlis, Head of Unit, DGENV, "Legal implementation, Cohesion policy, European Semester and SEA/EIA", European Commission</i></p> <p><i>Discussion (15 min)</i></p>
10:45-11:15	<p>Objectives of SEA – main principles of efficient practice, role of sectoral authorities and potential benefits (examples of successful SEA cases in EU for different sectors of the economy)</p> <p><i>(Presentation (20 min) Mr. Martin Smutny and Ms. Maia Gachechiladze-Bozhesku, International Consultants on SEA</i></p> <p><i>Discussion (10 min)</i></p>
11:15-11:40	Break
11:40-12:00	Examples of SEA application in international financial institutions, EBRD (tbc)
12:00-13:30	<p>Panel discussion: Key activities and challenges for establishing national SEA systems in EaP GREEN countries</p> <p><i>Facilitated by Mr. George Kremlis, EU Commission and Ms. Elena Santer, UNECE</i></p> <p><i>Ms. Maia Bitadze, Deputy Minister of Environment of Georgia (tbc)</i> <i>Mr. Lazar Chirica, Deputy Minister of Environment of Moldova (tbc)</i> <i>Mr. Segej Kurykin, Deputy Minister of Ecology and Natural Resources of Ukraine</i> <i>Head of Parliamentary committee on environment (tbc)</i></p>
13:30 – 14:30	Lunch