



Introduction to strategic environmental assessment and its benefits

Seminar for planning and sectoral authorities

10 June, Kiev Ukraine

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

MEETING AGENDA

The one-day seminar 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 seminar 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 seminar are:

- To raise awareness among the sectoral authorities about recent developments in the national legislation on SEA
- To introduce the SEA process and key benefits, and to clarify roles of various stakeholders in the process
- To facilitate the debate about the practical steps and arrangements for the application of SEA in Ukraine after adoption of the new SEA legislation.

In order to address the above objectives, particular attention is paid to the establishment of common understanding not only about the concept of SEA, but also about the system of strategic planning in Ukraine. Therefore, sections presenting the national system of strategic planning and examples from planning processes applied by sectoral ministries are important part of the seminar agenda. Thus, the seminar will facilitate an informed debate among national experts representing potential stakeholders in SEA processes.

The event will gather up to 30 participants from sectoral ministries, in particular those responsible for economics, industry, agriculture and health, as well as representatives of donor agencies/international financial institutions, civil society, practitioners, planners, and environmental authorities.

09:00-09:30	Registration of the participants
09:30- 09:45	Welcome addresses <i>Mr. Segej Kurykin, Deputy Minister of Ecology and Natural Resources of Ukraine</i> <i>Mr. Alexander Klitko, Delegation of the EU Commission in Ukraine</i>
09:45-10:00	Introduction to the UNECE Protocol on SEA and technical assistance within the EU funded EaP GREEN Programme <i>Presentation (10 min): Ms. Elena Santer, UNECE Secretariat to the Espoo Convention and its Protocol on SEA</i> <i>Questions and answers (5 min)</i>
10:00-10:30	Introduction to SEA – main principles of efficient practice and potential benefits (examples of successful SEA cases in EU for different economic sectors) <i>Presentation (20 min) Mr. Martin Smutny and Ms. Maia Gachechiladze-Bozhesku,</i>

	<i>international consultants on SEA</i> <i>Discussion (10 min):</i>
10:30-11:00	Key requirements of the draft legislation of Ukraine “On Strategic Environment Assessment” (with a focus on practical aspects/steps) <i>Presentation (20 min): Sergej Vyhryst, EU project “Complementary support to the Ministry of Ecology and Natural Resources of Ukraine for the Sector budget support implementation”</i> <i>Discussion 10 min</i>
11:00-11:20	Break
11:20-13:00	Examples of SEA application in EU countries (up to 30 min + 15 min discussion per each country) Estonia: Strategic Environment Assessment of the program on energy development in Estonia until 2020 <i>Ms. Lyubov Gornaya , international expert in environment reporting and environmental economics</i> Czech Republic: SEA in territorial development planning <i>Mr. Martin Smutny, international consultants on SEA</i>
13:00-14:00	Lunch break
14:00-14:45	Typical steps of the SEA process and the role of environmental authorities in SEA systems in EU <i>Presentation and discussion (45 min): Mr. Martin Smutny and Ms. Maia Gachechiladze-Bozhesku, international consultants on SEA</i>
14:45-15:00	Strategic Planning System in Ukraine and ways to integrate SEA <i>Presentation (15 min): Natalya Trofimenko, Ministry of Ecology and Natural Resources of Ukraine</i>
15:00-15:20	Experience in SEA implementation in Ukraine: the example of Development Strategy of Dnipropetrovsk Oblast until 2020 <i>Presentation (15 min) Mr. Volodymyr Perehudov, the Deputy Head of Dnipropetrovska Oblast Council for Executive Staff, the Head of the Strategic Planning and Investment Policy Department (tbc)</i> <i>Discussion (5 min)</i>
15:20-15:40	Experience in using SEA for the strategic planning of the EBRD renewable energy facility EBRD Ukraine (tbc)
15:40-16:00	Break
16:00-17:20	Application of SEA in the key sectors in Ukraine (energy, agriculture, forestry, transport, mining, urban planning) <i>Facilitated discussion asking participants to briefly describe the respective planning schemes in and how SEA should be integrated in it</i>
17:20-17:30	Wrap-up and conclusions