‘Environment and Security’ initiative

“Environmental Impact Assessment in a Transboundary Context: Pilot implementation project in Central Asia”

(Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, with relevance for the whole CA region)

Project Fiche

Project Area	-	Vulnerability Assessment & Monitoring
	x	Policy Development & Implementation
	x	Capacity Building & Institutional Development

Country or Countries of Implementation
Kazakhstan and Kyrgyzstan, results presented to the other countries in Central Asia as well as other Parties to the EIA Convention.

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Country offices of OSCE

Project Duration	Start: 1 August 2007
	End: 1 December 2008

Project Vision/ Goals

Transboundary environmental impact assessment is a very important principle for the development of water and environmental cooperation in Central Asia. This project will demonstrate the application of transboundary environmental impact assessment in Central Asia between the two countries Kyrgyzstan and Kazakhstan, both parties of the EIA Convention.

Project Description

The assessment of the environmental impact of facilities and activities at an early stage of planning, including their cross-border impact, is a well recognized procedure in modern environmental policy and an important prerequisite for good neighbourly relations between countries

The project will develop national implementation mechanisms in Kazakhstan and Kyrgyzstan. The full procedure of EIA in a transboundary context will further be applied to a specific planned project (production facility or similar) in Kyrgyzstan, with the involvement of Kazakhstan authorities and the public as per the provisions of the Convention.

Project Phases

Project preparatory activities	

Pilot EIA	
Assessment of project results	
Development of national procedures	
Regional conference	

Project Responsibilities

OSCE will manage the project and its finances.
UNECE will ensure expertise and relevance to the principles of the EIA convention.
The State Agency of Environmental Protection and Forestry in Kyrgyzstan will implement a large part of the project.
OSCE field presences will support and assist in monitoring the project developments.

Project Deliverables

- National implementation mechanisms for the EIA Convention, including national action plans to support the implementation of the EIA Convention in Kazakhstan and Kyrgyzstan.
- Updated Guidelines for implementation of the EIA Convention in Central Asia.
- Capacity building: Trained experts and officials, NGOs in Kazakhstan and Kyrgyzstan.
- Pilot assessment of a planned installation, which is included in the Appendix 1 of the Convention, according to the EIA Convention procedures.
- Dissemination of the results of the project to the other countries of Central Asia as a basis to the future application of the provisions of the Convention in these countries

Project Budget estimate (USD)

Kick-off seminar	17.000 EURO
Pilot EIA	25.000 EURO
Project assessment	17.000 EURO
National procedures	27.000 EURO
Regional conference	34.000 EURO
Drawing up of a needs-driven programme of assistance activities (3 – 5 experts)	5.000 USD
First two capacity building activities in 2007 (2 x 30.000 USD)	60.000 USD
TOTAL	**120.000 EURO**