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Development of national strategies for capacity building for SEA in the EECCA countries

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Prehistory

- Extraordinary meeting of Parties, Kiev, May 2003
- 1st meeting of Signatories within the 3rd Meeting of the Parties to the Convention on Environmental Impact Assessment in a Transboundary Context, June 2004, Cavtat, Croatia and its work plan (decision III/9, ECE/MP.EIA/6, annexes IX and X, respectively)
- 2nd meeting of Signatories in Geneva, April 2005



SEA capacity-building needs analysis and strategies/action plans

- Preparation of national and sub-regional reports describing current capacity-building activities and capacity development needs; (2004);
- Design of framework for future capacity development action plans (2005);
- Development of national and sub-regional capacity-building action plans by the countries themselves (in progress).



Role of the project

- To assist Armenia, Belarus, Republic of Moldova and Ukraine to develop national capacity-building action plans/strategies
- Develop a sub-regional capacity-building action plan, based on the five national action plans (by the end of March)
- Deliver the five above-mentioned action plans in English and Russian



Emerging initiatives and actions

■ National initiatives:

- Development or amendment of national EA legislation and regulations;
- Pilot SEA projects;
- SEA curricular for schools and training centers
- Methodological guidance (for sectors and for SEA stages, e.g. screening, scoping)
- SEA expert centers and networks
- Training workshops and seminars

■ Regional initiatives:

- SEA expert networking/IAIA branch for EECCA (conferences, e-mail bulletin in RU, etc.)
- Regional seminars, workshops and trainings for EA experts on SEA Protocol and SEA practices.



Next steps

- National and regional strategies due in the beginning of April 2006
- Next signatory meeting is planned for fall 2006
 - Presentation of national action plans/strategies to the signatory meeting;
 - Discussion of national and regional initiatives with donors and other stakeholders

