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Side event:

**CAPACITY BUILDING NEEDS FOR
IMPLEMENTATION OF THE PROTOCOL ON
SEA IN SELECTED EECCA COUNTRIES**

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Strategic Environmental Assessment – Promotion and Capacity Building

Target countries: Armenia, Georgia, Moldova, Ukraine,
and Belarus

In cooperation with the **Regional Environmental Centre for
Central and Eastern Europe (REC)**

Overall objective: to improve decision-making process in
the selected NIS countries, by promoting the implementation
of Strategic Environmental Assessment as the key
instrument for integrating environmental concerns into the
development frameworks of the countries.



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Project outcomes (1)

1. *Analysis of the current status of environmental assessment and identification of corresponding capacity building (CB) needs for SEA / SEA Protocol implementation*
2. Improved national capacity for SEA / SEA Protocol Implementation by *implementing CB activities* selected by the countries in their needs assessment analysis



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Project outcomes (2)

3. *Effectiveness and quality of the implemented capacity building activities evaluated*
4. *The follow-up steps recommended in the form of outlines of the national capacity building strategies y leading countries to effective SEA application*

Experience and lessons learned from the SEA application in the countries of Central and Eastern Europe



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Project activities (1)

- I. Development of *5 national country reviews* assessing the current status of environmental assessment and identifying the needs for capacity building related to SEA / SEA Protocol implementation;

- II. *Selected CB activities*: national kick-off workshops; pilot SEAs; legislation review and drafting; existing materials (SEA methodologies and guidelines) adoption to national needs; training and consultations;



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Project activities (2)

- III. *National concluding workshops* evaluating the effectiveness and quality of implemented CB activities;

- IV. Development of the *outline for the national capacity building strategies* reflecting the further country needs for effective SEA application