Major legislative dilemmas for implementing the Espoo Convention and its Protocol on SEA in UNECE region and ways to address them in national legislation

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Meeting Agenda

9:30 - 10:00 Registration of Participants / Welcome coffee

10:00 - 10:15 Opening of the Meeting
Speakers:
- First Deputy Director of the Department of International Cooperation, Ministry of Natural Resources and Environmental Protection of the Republic of Belarus
- Philippe Bernahrd, Delegation of the European Union to Belarus (tbc)

Elena Santer, Secretariat Espoo Convention and Protocol on SEA

10.40 – 10:45 Presentation: Technical advice and capacity-building activities to support the implementation of the Espoo Convention and its Protocol on SEA carried out in the framework of the EU Programme ‘Greening Economies in the European Neighbourhood’ (EaP GREEN)
Elena Santer, Secretariat Espoo Convention and Protocol on SEA

10:45 – 11:00 Presentation: Existing environmental assessment framework in the Republic of Belarus
Alexander Andreev, Head of the Department of the state Ecological, Ministry of Natural Resources and Environmental Protection of the Republic of Belarus

11:00 – 11:30 Presentation (20 min): Existing dilemmas regarding legislative reform of environmental impact assessment (EIA) and strategic environmental assessment (SEA) frameworks in the countries with the Environmental Expertiza and OVOS systems
Mr. Jerzy Jendroska, UNECE Consultant
Discussion (10 min)

11:30 – 11:50 Coffee break

11:50 – 12:25 Presentation (20 min): Place of EIA and SEA in development control and the role of authorities and other actors
Jerzy Jendroska, UNECE Consultant
Discussion (15 min)

12:25 – 13:00 Presentation (20 min): EIA elements of an environmental assessment framework in light of practical experience in UNECE region
- List of activities subject to EIA procedure

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