

Greening Economies in Eastern Neighbourhood Programme (EaP GREEN)

Technical advice and capacity-building to support the implementation of the Espoo Convention and its Protocol: the role of the secretariat



- A large sub-regional programme for the period 2013-2016
- Implemented by UNECE, OECD, UNEP, and UNIDO
- Financed by the European Union, the four implementing organisations and other donors
- Aims to assist Armenia, Azerbaijan, Belarus, Georgia, the Republic of Moldova and Ukraine, in their transition to green economy



Overall objective: To assist the EaP countries to decouple **economic** growth from **environmental** degradation and resource depletion.

Three pillars components



UNECE Component 2 aims to promote the use of SEA and EIA as essential planning tools to achieve the overall objective



Revision of the existing national regulatory and legislative framework

- Legislative review of SEA and, as appropriate, of EIA
- Legal drafting for SEA legislation
- Sub-regional overview

Capacity building on SEA/EIA procedures

- National and sub-national level training on SEA
- Development of national guidance documents
- Coordination and experience-sharing events
- Pilot SEAs and EIAs

Strengthening administrative capacities

- Legislative reviews and development of recommendations
- Policy dialogue
- Institutional reviews and recommendations



EaP GREEN activities in Azerbaijan

Past activities

- **Legislative review** on SEA/opinion paper (May-October **2014**)
- The **national roundtable** (28 August **2014**)
- Assistance to **drafting amendments to the draft Law on Environmental Impact Assessment in the Republic of Azerbaijan** (Oct 2014 - Jan 2015)
- **Forthcoming activities**
- **Pilot** application of SEA during preparing of the State Strategy on Alternative and Renewable Energy Resources Use in Azerbaijan for 2015-2020, including training workshops
- Additional **training** workshops (if required 2016)
- Development of the **national guidelines on SEA** (based on the new law and the results of the pilot) (end 2015-2016)



Activities in Azerbaijan - subregional

- Conference on EIA in Central Asia and Azerbaijan “Joining efforts on Environment Impact Assessment for Central Asia and Azerbaijan – the transition to Participation” (4 - 6 July 2013) (Swiss funding)
- Technical advice and capacity-building activities to support the implementation of the UNECE Protocol on SEA in Eastern Europe and the Caucasus (15 - 16 April 2014), Minsk (EaP GREEN)
- Study tour in the Czech Republic “Application of SEA at the national level in the field of urban planning, waste management, agriculture and energy sector” (1 - 5 December 2014), Prague (EaP GREEN)
- Lessons learned from pilot projects application (Autumn 2015) and train-the-trainers workshop, Georgia (EaP GREEN)



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