



## **Implementing the Espoo Convention and its Protocol on SEA in national legislation in Azerbaijan**

**2 March, 2015**

**Baku, Azerbaijan**

### **Provisional Agenda**

**Central Park Hotel**

Suleyman Rahimov, Baki, Azerbaijan

- 09:30 – 10:00**      **Registration of participants**
- 10:00 – 10:15**      **Opening the Meeting**
- Welcome Speech, Mr. Mr Jeroen Willems, Head of Operation Section at the European Union. Delegation of the Republic of Azerbaijan (tbc)**
- Welcome Speech, Mr. Teymur Shakaraliyev, Head of Legal Department**
- Welcome Speech, Ms. Aysel Babayeva, Senior Advisor at MENR, State Environmental Expertise Department, and Focal Point under the Espoo Convention in Azerbaijan**
- 10:15 – 10:30**      **Presentation:** Introduction to the UNECE Convention on Environmental Impact Assessment in a Transboundary Context (Espoo Convention)
- Mr. Cristian Olarean, UNECE Secretariat Espoo Convention and its Protocol on SEA*
- 10:30 – 10:45**      **Presentation:** Introduction to the UNECE Protocol on Strategic Environmental Assessment to the Espoo Convention
- Presentation:** Greening Economies in Eastern Neighbourhood Programme (EaP GREEN) Technical advice and capacity-building to support the implementation of the Protocol: the role of the secretariat
- Mr. Cristian Olarean, UNECE Secretariat Espoo Convention and its Protocol on SEA*
- 10:45 – 11:00**      **Presentation:** Existing environmental assessment framework in Azerbaijan
- Ms. Aysel Babayeva, Senior Advisor at MENR, State Environmental Expertise Department*
- 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 system
- Mr. Jerzy Jendroska, UNECE consultant*
- Discussion (10 min)**
- 11:30 – 11:50**      **Coffee break**



**11:50 – 12:25**

**Presentation (20 min):** Introduction to the EU EIA and SEA Directives and role of EIA and SEA in development control and the role of authorities and other actors

*Mr. 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
- Approaches to screening
- Scoping and preparation of an EIA report

*Mr. Jerzy Jendroska, UNECE consultant*

**Discussion (15 min)**

**13:00 – 14:00**

**Lunch**

**14:00 – 14:35**

**Presentation (20 min):** SEA elements of an environmental assessment framework in light of practical experience in UNECE region

- List of strategic documents subject to SEA procedure
- Approaches to screening
- Scoping methods and preparation of an SEA report

*Mr. Jerzy Jendroska, UNECE consultant*

**Discussion (15 min)**

**14:35 – 15:10**

**Presentation (20 min):** Procedure for consultations with the competent authorities and public participation in EIA and SEA systems

*Mr. Jerzy Jendroska, UNECE consultant*

**Discussion (15 min)**

**15:10 – 16:00**

**Presentation (20 min):** Transboundary consultations in EIA and SEA systems in light of international obligations

*Mr. Jerzy Jendroska, UNECE consultant*

**Discussion (20 min)**

**16:00 – 16:25**

**Presentation (15 min):** Incorporating results of EIA and SEA procedures into final project and strategic documents and final development decisions

*Mr. Jerzy Jendroska, UNECE consultant*

**Discussion (10 min)**



**16:25 – 16:45**

***Break***

**16:45 – 17:00**

**Presentation:** Improvements in the Draft Law on EIA and its compliance with the Espoo Convention and its Protocol on SEA

*Ms. Aysel Babayeva, Senior Advisor at MENR, State Environmental Expertise Department*

**17:00 – 17:15**

Final discussion and inputs into the Draft Law on EIA and its compliance with the Espoo Convention and its Protocol on SEA in Azerbaijan

*Mr. Jerzy Jendroska, UNECE consultant*

*Ms. Aysel Babayeva, Senior Advisor at MENR, State Environmental Expertise Department*

**17:15 – 17:45**

**Closing speeches**

*Mr. Teymur Shakaraliyev, Head of Legal Department*

*Mr. Cristian Olarean, UNECE Secretariat*

**17:45**

***Closure of the meeting***