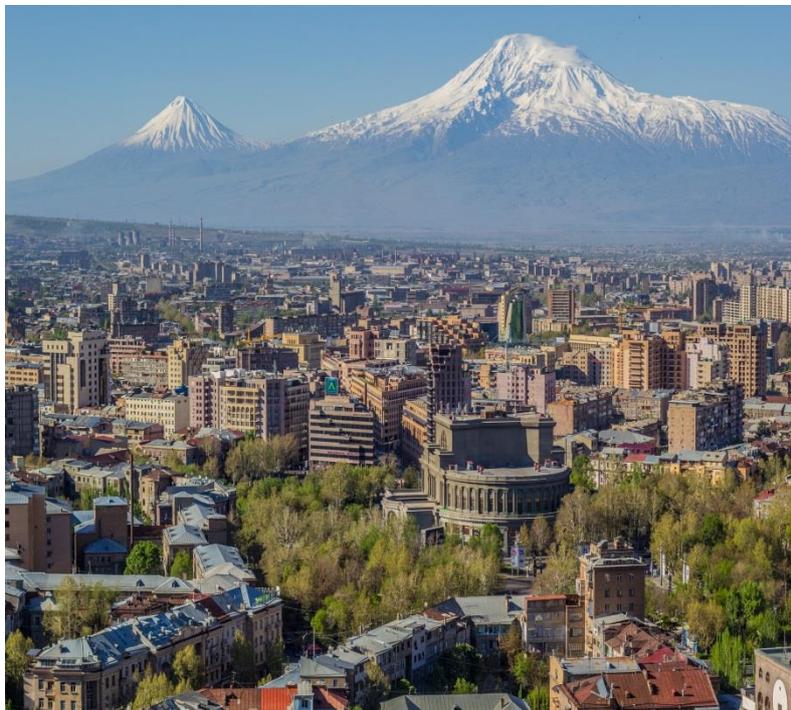




Seminar on the Application of Strategic Environmental Assessment in Armenia

EaP GREEN Programme (Greening Economies in the Eastern Neighbourhood)

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1. Background

Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA) effectively promotes sustainable development by mainstreaming environment into economic development at a national and local level. SEA is a well-established, practical and efficient planning and environmental governance tool/system set out in the UNECE Protocol on SEA to the Convention on Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) in a Transboundary Context. It ensures that development plans in key sectors such as energy, water and waste management with likely significant adverse environmental impacts are efficiently developed taking into account environmental (and health) considerations. SEA, in particular, will allow identification of the most sustainable and cost-effective strategic development alternatives in Moldova for attracting new investments and for improving its environment. SEA also helps strengthen the country's environmental governance through fostering transparency and consultation with relevant stakeholders and the public prior to the approval of plans and programmes. SEA in a transboundary context can also greatly facilitate regional cooperation on environmental matters.

Armenia is a Party to the Protocol on SEA since 2014. It is one of the first countries in the Eastern European and Caucasian region to join the SEA Protocol to the UNECE Espoo Convention on EIA. Since 2013, Armenia, with the support from the Greening Economies in the Eastern Neighbourhood programme (EaP GREEN), is gradually introducing the SEA elements into the planning and permitting systems in order to:

- (a) Improve its legislative and institutional framework to fully comply with the Protocol and relevant EU legislation;
- (b) Define roles and responsibilities of various authorities in the SEA process;
- (c) Build national and local capacities, developing practical experience and national guidelines in application of the SEA procedures in line with the Protocol and relevant EU legislation;
- (d) Raise awareness and common understanding of the benefits of the SEA at national and local levels and in different sectors, including the benefits of public participation and the consultation of relevant authorities.

From 2013 to March 2015 the following activities were implemented within the EaP GREEN Programme's framework:

- [National level training workshop on strategic environmental assessment \(SEA\) in Armenia](#), Yerevan 26-29 November 2013;
- [Review of Armenia's national legislative and institutional framework of SEA](#), October 2014
- [National Round-table Discussion on Legal Implementation of the Protocol on SEA in Armenia](#), Yerevan 26 September 2014
- [Assessment of the draft Law of the Republic of Armenia "On environmental impact assessment and expertise"](#), July 2014

This Report presents the summary record of one of the capacity-building activities implemented by the UNECE Secretariat to the Protocol on SEA within the EaP GREEN programme to support the roll-



out of the SEA procedure in Armenia. The event was dedicated to the awareness-raising about the SEA requirements stipulated by the recently adopted Law “On Environmental Impact Assessment and Expertise” and on the benefits of SEA among various national stakeholders.

2. Seminar objectives

The aim of the seminar was to assist the Republic of Armenia with implementation of SEA in compliance with the provisions of the SEA Protocol to the Espoo Convention and relevant EU Directives. The objectives of the seminar were as follows:

- raise awareness about the recent development of the national legislation related to the environmental assessment in Armenia
- clarify roles of various stakeholders in the SEA process
- facilitate debate about practical steps and arrangements for application of SEA
- facilitate debate about the scope of application of SEA (possible approaches to SEA screening)
- identify needs for further development of SEA-relevant legislation
- identify opportunities for conducting a pilot SEA in Armenia.

3. Approach and methodology

In order to allow for addressing the above objectives, particular attention was paid to the establishment of common understanding not only on the very concept of SEA, but also on the system of strategic planning in Armenia. The agenda envisioned the sections presenting the national system of strategic planning and examples from individual sectorial ministries planning processes.

In the light of the above objectives, it was critically important to facilitate an informed debate among the national experts representing potential stakeholders in SEA processes. To this end, in addition to ‘discussion sessions’, an exercise based on ‘simulation game’ was introduced to the program. The simulation game¹ was specifically tailored for the Armenian context in order to stimulate thinking about practical steps to be undertaken in order to initiate a SEA process by planning authorities for either an existing or perspective plan/programme.

International Financial Institutions, such as ADB, UNDP, EBRD and KfW were invited to make the presentations about their experience with the recent development of the national level strategic documents for Armenia (including the overview of planning process, time frame, consultations, etc.) and the possibilities of accommodating SEA in the planning processes supervised by International

¹ Maia Gachechiladze-Bozhesku. 2015. Simulation game for the SEA awareness raising seminar in Armenia.



Financial Institutions given the requirements of the new Law of Armenia on environmental assessment and expertise.

In order to facilitate the effective seminar, multiple documents were translated and distributed to the participants. Hand-outs with all presentations were prepared in both English and Armenian. The simultaneous translation was provided throughout the seminar. The participants were served with food and refreshments. Active participation of Ms. Elena Santer, the representative of the UNECE EaP GREEN, was enabled via skype during the two days of work.

The seminar took place in Hotel Congress, Italy 1 street, Yerevan, Armenia on 23-24 March, 2015. It was attended by 29 participants² from authorities, sectoral ministries, public and international organizations. The Agenda of the Seminar is attached to this report in Annex 1.

Pictures from the seminar



² Including four international experts and the UNECE representative on Skype.



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4. Summary of the Seminar outcomes

Mr. Simon Papyan, the First Deputy of the Minister of Nature Protection of RA, opened the Seminar with his welcome speech. Welcome remarks were also made by Ms. Elena Santer, UNECE Espoo Secretariat (via skype). Ms. Eleonora Grigoryan, Adviser to the Minister of Nature Protection of RA, informed the participants about her continuous work with regards to the SEA Protocol implementation in Armenia. This was followed by the round of personal introductions by the participants.

After the introductory section, the Seminar proceeded according to the Agenda (see Annex 1).

Following key topics were addressed and discussed:

During the seminar Day 1, the international experts Dr. Maia Gachechiladze-Bozhesku and Mr. Michal Musil delivered the presentations on the introduction into the SEA Protocol and EU SEA Directive and illustrated the benefits of SEA on the examples of successful SEA cases in EU and worldwide for different economic sectors, such as transport, forestry and energy, waste management and territorial planning. The presented slides are available at the UNECE website following the link: <http://www.unece.org/index.php?id=38690#/>

The presented examples triggered discussion focusing on practical issues associated with executing a SEA process, such as financial costs and human capacities needed, as well as division of responsibilities among different stakeholders. Questions were also raised about the quality



ensurance of the SEA process and SEA reports, the importance of Screening phase for SEA, integration of SEA with decision-making, and actual benefits of SEA.

The participants coming from institutions outside of the environmental sector expressed their concerns regarding the capacity of their institutions to assume responsibilities for conducting the SEA in addition to their sectorial strategic planning and decision-making duties. The discussion manifested a relatively low awareness of the sectorial authorities about the SEA principles and rationale. The fact that the responsibility for ensuring the SEA for individual plan or programme (P/P) lays with the PP proponent and not with the environmental authorities was acknowledged by the participants but the debate clearly indicated a need to further reinforce this notion within their respective institutions (e.g. sectorial ministries).

Ms. Azganush Drnoyan, national expert, briefed the participants about the SEA-related requirements of the new “Environmental Impact Assessment and Expertise” of RA that was adopted on 21 June 2014 and, after the ratification by the President of RA, entered into force on 11 August 2014. The national experts explained the definition of SEA as applied in Armenia, listed the examples of documents by types and sector that are subject to SEA in Armenia, described the procedure of SEA that consisted of two stages: (a) the Preliminary Assessment, during which the State Environmental Expertise reviews the initial application of the SEA proponents, decides if the full-scale SEA is needed and, if so, agrees on the terms of reference for it; and (b) Main assessment stage (the SEA per se). The elements of the SEA – main assessment procedure, including stakeholder consultations, were described, as well as the key requirements towards the SEA report to be prepared. It was stressed that without a ‘positive conclusion’ of the Environmental Expertise body the adoption of any document or /or implementation of any planned activities is prohibited.

Ms. Drnoyan further mentioned that according to the current provisions, every document of strategic nature requires an SEA, and that the Ministry of Environment had already refused to grant necessary approvals to several strategic documents prepared under the auspice of sectorial ministries, citing the failure to comply with the SEA legislation (i.e. for not conducting the SEA) as a reason. For instance, the Waste Management Strategy of Armenia and several regional/ local Master plans were among the rejected strategic documents returned to the proponents for conducting the SEA and re-submission.

In this context, the international consultants pointed out that a potential problem is the lack of SEA screening provisions in the current Armenian SEA legislation, which, in effect, requires indiscriminate application of SEA to all strategic documents irrespective of their potential for environmental effects. This may soon lead to inefficient and ineffective functioning of the emerging Armenian SEA system.

In addition, Ms. Drnoyan presented her experience from participation in the SEA pilot project: SEA of the Yerevan Master Plan (2005). In her presentation she emphasized the strengths and weaknesses / limitations of the SEA for Yerevan Master Plan. The former included the continuous communication and feedback streams organized between the planning team and SEA team in the SEA process; gaining experience from organizing and conducting wider public participation events, incorporation of opinions in the SEA report, thorough work undertaken to develop a tailored methodology for the SEA. Most problems resulted from the lack of legal framework (at that time), causing difficulties in engaging institutional stakeholders in the process, and lack of follow-up ensuring the SEA



recommendations were reflected during the Master Plan implementation. She also described the approach to the involvement of the public, which yielded high level of public participation in the process both through filing comments and high turnout at the public hearing.

The participants demonstrated high interest in the subject of the seminar and asked numerous questions after each presentation. The participants also suggested to create an inter-sectoral committee to coordinate SEA activities in Armenia. The committee should have broad representation from different sectors. However, the subsequent discussion did not seem to be supportive of this proposal as the previous experience with similar initiatives was not always positive.

Day 2 started with the summary of the key issues of the previous day delivered by Ms. Elena Santer, Mr. Michal Musil, and Dr. Maia Gachechiladze-Bozhesku. Following the recapitulation of the key SEA principles and procedural provisions of the national SEA legislation, an exercise simulating practical steps to be undertaken in order to initiate a SEA process was conducted. The participants were grouped according to their institutional affiliation (ministries, NGOs, and International Financial Institutions) and given questions relevant to their potential roles in a hypothetical SEA process (e.g. What steps will you undertake to initiate a SEA? What would be in your context realistic approach to SEA (in-house; outsourced, etc.), Whom would you consult? Etc.).

The groups were active in internal discussion and presentations of their conclusions. With support of the international experts, a meaningful discussion across the groups evolved illustrating that multiple approaches and interpretations of the general legal provisions are possible, and good practice needs to be established based on the first real experiences (e.g. the actual content and scope of the SEA notification).

Within the next section, the representatives of International Financial Institutions presented their perspective on SEA and potential for application within the context of their activities in Armenia.

A presentation in behalf of Asian Development Bank (ADB) was delivered by Mr. Areg Barseghyan, Sr. Portfolio Management Officer. He focused on the ADB-sponsored development of the Waste Management Strategy in Armenia and the process of including environmental considerations in the Strategy. The document was prepared on expert level by COWI and titled ‘Strategic Development Plan, Road Map and Long Term Investment Plan for the SWM Sector in Armenia’. It was submitted to the process of adopting as an official policy document of Armenia. Importantly, the adoption process has been now put on hold, since the Strategy submitted to the State Environmental Expertise (Ministry of NP of Armenia) was formally rejected due to the absence of the SEA, as required by the Law of AR on “Environmental Impact Assessment and Expertise”. Thus, as pointed out in the discussion, the Ministry of Territorial Development and Emergent Situations might be, as a proponent of the Waste Management Strategy, in need for obtaining an external assistance with carrying out the SEA. The representative of the UNECE EaP GREEN, Ms. Elena Santer expressed readiness to discuss the possibility of providing such assistance within the framework of the EaP GREEN programme.



The UNDP representative, Mr. Georgi Arzumanyan, Programme Policy Adviser, Environmental Governance Portfolio, made the presentation on the plans of the UNDP in Armenia regarding the strategic developments and the initiatives that can be potentially subject to SEA under the new SEA legislation. For instance, the UNDP was considering the provision of support to Armenia to develop the Concept for Introduction of Green Economy Principles in Armenia and, possibly later, to prepare a Law on Ecosystem Services.

The participants noted that following the requirements of the new law on Environmental Impact Assessment and Expertise, international organizations financing development of the strategic documents should consider including additional budget for carrying out SEAs as per national law.

During the subsequent discussion, the participants of the workshop suggested to consider the Waste Management Strategy as a potential candidate for the pilot SEA application in Armenia. Ms. Eleonora Grigoryan (Ministry of NP of Armenia) proposed to undertake the consultations with the Ministry of Territorial Development and Emergent Situations of Armenia, which is the authority in charge of this Strategy. Within the next two weeks the Ministry of NP of Armenia will inform the UNECE Secretariat as to whether the Ministry of Territorial Development and Emergent Situations of Armenia is willing and ready to cooperate on the pilot SEA project within the framework of the EaP GREEN programme.

As a final conclusion, Ms. Elena Santer (UNECE), Dr. Maia Gachechiladze-Bozhesku and Mr. Michal Musil, international consultants, summarized the key points discussed during the seminar, including:

- 1) Responsibility to conduct SEA lays with the proponent institution and not with environmental authority
- 2) The Ministry of Nature Protection will not grant its approval for any plan/programme proposal within the State Environmental Expertise procedure, which did not undergo the SEA (lacks SEA report)
- 3) There is a need for establishing good practice in terms of the way of fulfilling existing general provisions of the SEA legislation (namely regarding the initiation phase of SEA)
- 4) The Ministry of Nature Protection is ready to accept a support from the EaP GREEN programme to develop a national SEA Guidance / Manual
- 5) The Ministry of Nature Protection will actively provide guidance to the plans/programmes proponent institutions
- 6) There is an assistance available for a SEA capacity building and pilot SEA application within the framework of the UNECE EaP GREEN programme. The opportunities for employing available resources will be further discussed.

They concluded with expression of thanks to all participants.



5. Conclusions

General attitude to the introduction of SEA system in Armenia

The obligation to carry out SEA, which entered in force only in August 2014, has not until now been widely recognized among key institutional stakeholders (outside of the environmental sector) in Armenia. The sectorial authorities still lack awareness about the requirements of the new law on “Environmental Impact Assessment and Expertise” and thus are not motivated to participate in the SEA-related discussions. The Ministry of Nature Protection shows commitment to enforce the enacted SEA provisions and requests UNECE support in the SEA capacity building activities in Armenia.

Possibility to initiate a pilot SEA to support development of the national SEA system

There are several already developed plans or programmes (including the ABD sponsored Waste Management Strategy) in Armenia, which are now refused positive standpoint by the MoE under the State Environmental Expertise provisions for the lack of compliance with the SEA legislation (i.e. the submitted strategic documents were not accompanied with the SEA reports). This situation shall be taken into consideration in the planning of the future EaP GREEN activities in Armenia. The already developed (but not yet adopted) Waste Management Strategy might be a suitable candidate for a pilot SEA application, however, its selection will entail both advantages and disadvantages in comparison with conventional (i.e. ex-ante SEA) approach: the SEA for an already developed strategic document may enjoy higher commitment of the responsible authority to conduct the SEA in sound and timely manner, and the process can benefit from already initiated public debate and stakeholders involvement. On the other hand, the ex-post approach may have difficulty to influence the strategy and actual decision-making on it, which may limit the effectiveness of the pilot SEA exercise in terms of its learning impact. As indicated in the Seminar Summary above, the possibility for the selection of the Waste Management Strategy for a pilot SEA exercise will be further investigated.

Further capacity building activities

The participants of the workshop noted that there is a need for further general SEA awareness-raising and capacity building activities for the sectoral ministries and planners. They agreed that SEA/EIA component should be included in the curriculum of the obligatory education programme for civil servants. The UNDP Armenia considers supporting this direction and welcomes the EaP GREEN programme to join, if found feasible and possible.

6. Seminar evaluation

The Seminar participants were provided with the evaluation forms to present their feedback to the organizers. In total 28 questionnaires were collected and analyzed. The summary of the results is presented below (for the complete overview of results see Annex 2).



The overall participants' evaluation was very positive, the participants reported that:

- The topic was important (the average grade was 2,67 from 3 as maximum);
- The delivery of information totally clear (the average grade was 2,65 from 3 as maximum);
- The most useful for the participants were (i) discussions and exchange between participants; (ii) simulation game; (iii) case studies of SEA in different countries; (iv) the EIA Law of RA – provisions on SEA;

Essential topics for the further events were suggested by participants as follows:

- Strategic planning (15 participants);
- Practical application of SEA (20 participants);
- EIA (10 participants);
- Link between economics and environment (10);
- Public engagement (9);

Among important conditions for the future development of the SEA system in Armenia, the participants mentioned:

- (i) MoNP and sectoral ministries staff capacity building on SEA application and reports writing;
- (ii) Awareness of Public and Authorities in SEA and EIA;
- (iii) Financial support;
- (iv) Practical experience of SEA; and
- (v) Training on SEA.

Several proposals for improving the efficiency and effectiveness of further similar seminars were suggested, for example:

More practical exercises for better understanding and absorption of information; more frequent seminars.

For further details please see Annex 2.



7. Acknowledgements

The two-day seminar was organized by the Ministry of Nature Protection of Armenia, the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe and NGO Eco-Globe within the framework of the EU funded EaP GREEN programme.

The Seminar was facilitated by Mr. Michal Musil (Integra Consulting Ltd.), Dr. Maia Gachechiladze-Bozhesku (NPP Ecoline Environmental Assessment Centre) and Ms. Nune Darbinyan (NGO Eco-Globe).



Annex 1: Seminar agenda

Seminar on the application of strategic environmental assessment in Armenia

EaP GREEN programme (Greening Economies in the Eastern Neighbourhood)

A G E N D A

23-24 March 2015, Hotel Congress, Italy 1 street, Yerevan, Armenia

Monday, 23 March 2015

- 09:30 -10:00 **Registration of participants**
- 10:00 – 10:10 **Opening by the representative of the Ministry of Environment of Armenia**
Mr. Symon Papyan, Deputy Minister of Nature Protection of RA (tbc)
- 10:10 – 10:25 **Welcome remarks**
Representative of the Delegation of the EU Commission in Armenia
Ms. Elena Santer, UNECE secretariat to the Protocol on Strategic Environmental Assessment
- 10:25 – 11:00 **Introduction and expectations of the participants**
- 11:00 – 11:20 **Coffee break**
- 11:20 – 11:40 **Introduction to the UNECE Protocol on Strategic Environmental Assessment and technical assistance within EU funded EaP GREEN Programme**
Ms. Elena Santer, UNECE secretariat to the Protocol on Strategic Environmental Assessment
- 11:40 – 12:30 **Introduction into Strategic Environmental Assessment and the EU SEA Directive**
Presentation by Dr. Maia Gachechiladze-Bozhesku and Mr. Michal Musil, UNECE experts
- 12:30 – 13:00 **Benefits of SEA (illustrative examples of successful SEA cases in EU and worldwide for different economic sectors)**
Presentation by Dr. Maia Gachechiladze-Bozhesku and Mr. Michal Musil, UNECE experts
- 13:00 – 14:00 **Lunch**
- 14:00 – 14:30 **Lessons from the SEA of the Yerevan Master Plan**



*Presentation of Ms. Azganush Drnoyan, Senior Expert of SER department,
Ministry of Environment*

14:30 – 15:00 **Potential benefits of SEA for Armenia**

Discussion

*Led by Dr. Maia Gachechiladze-Bozhesku and Mr. Michal Musil, UNECE
experts*

15:00 – 15:10 **Introduction of other EaP GREEN initiatives**

*Ms. Anahit Aleksandryan, EaP GREEN Focal Point, Ministry of Nature
Protection*

15:10- 15:20

System of strategic planning in the Republic of Armenia

*Representative of the Ministry of Economy of RA, GREEN National Focal point,
Ministry of Economy about the writing system of strategic planning (tbc):*

- Explanation of the term “baseline (planning) document” used by the Law of the Republic of Armenia "On the environmental impact assessment and expertise"
- Main types of the “baseline (planning) documents”
- Typical structure, ways of preparation and approval, applied consultation procedures etc.

15:20 – 15:35 **Application of SEA in the context of the Law of the Republic of Armenia "On the environmental impact assessment and expertise"**

*Brief presentation by Ms. Azganush Drnoyan, Senior Expert of SER
department, Ministry of Environment*

- outline of the key provisions of the Law with the focus on practical issues

15:35 – 16:00 **Potential for applicability of SEA and implications for sectorial ministries and other authorities in Armenia**

Coffee break to be served during this session

Discussion (based on the two above sessions)

*Facilitated by Dr. Maia Gachechiladze-Bozhesku and Mr. Michal Musil, UNECE
experts*

16:00 – 17:20 **Examples of strategic planning documents prepared by national authorities**

Presentations by the sectorial ministries (up to 10 minutes each, 5-6 presentations)



- Overview of “baseline (planning) documents” recently prepared (or under preparation) by the Ministry
- Outline of the applied planning process (main phases, time frame, consultations, way of approval)
- Opinion on linkages of the planning document to the environment and applicability of SEA in the given sectorial planning context

17:20 – 17:30 **Concluding discussion: Potential and barriers for the application of SEA in Armenia**

Led by Dr. Maia Gachechiladze-Bozhesku and Mr. Michal Musil, UNECE experts

17:30 – 17:40 **Conclusions and closure of Day 1**

Tuesday, 24 March 2015

9:30 – 9:45 **Summary of Day 1**

Dr. Maia Gachechiladze-Bozhesku and Mr. Michal Musil, UNECE experts

09:45 – 10:45 **Practical aspects of the SEA application in accordance with the national legislation and SEA Protocol (namely for initiation of the SEA process)**

- Simulation game: practical steps to be undertaken in order to initiate a SEA process (with participation of Competent authority as defined by Law on “On the environmental impact assessment and expertise” and volunteer Ministries who would like to initiate a SEA for their hypothetical plan/programme)

Facilitation by Ms. Maia Gachechiladze-Bozhesku and Mr. Michal Musil, UNECE experts

10:45 – 11:00 **Coffee break**

11:00 – 12:00 **Presentations by International Financial Institutions (up to 10 minutes each, 3-4 presentations), tentatively proposed to cover:**

- ADB (10 min):
 - experience with the recent development of the national waste management strategy of Armenia (overview of planning process, time frame, consultations, etc.)
 - possibilities of accommodating SEA in the planning process supervised by ADB
- UNDP (GEF) (10 min):
 - experience with the ongoing preparation of the Integrated



- Forestry Project, city plans, green economy strategy, etc.
- possibilities of accommodating SEA in the planning process supervised by UNDP
 - World Bank (10 min):
 - outline their general plans in supporting Armenia in strategic planning and possibility to accommodating SEA in their projects
 - EBRD (10 min):
 - outline their general plans in supporting Armenia in strategic planning and possibility to accommodating SEA in their projects, including Regional Waste Management Planning

Questions – answers (20 min)

12:00 – 13:00	Identification of a potential plan / programme for the pilot application of SEA in Armenia Discussion <i>Led by Dr. Maia Gachechiladze-Bozhesku and Mr. Michal Musil, UNECE experts and National Coordinator</i>
13:00 – 13:15	Conclusions and closure of the workshop
13:15 – 14:15	Lunch



Annex 2: Seminar evaluation

The results obtained from the participants through the questionnaires are presented below in a structure following the format of the evaluation questionnaires. In total 28 evaluation forms were collected and analyzed. Figures indicate number of participants giving particular specific answers.

1. Please, indicate how important and relevant was the workshop topic for you?

1 (not important) - 0
2 (somewhat important) 9
3 (very important) - 18

2. Please, indicate how clear and understandable was the delivery of information for you (mark :)

1 (Absolutely not clear) -1;
2 (clear) 7
3 (absolutely clear) 18

3. What, in your view, was the most useful at the seminar?

#	Statement	No of participants
1.	discussions following expert presentations;	1
2.	SEA of Yerevan Master Plan;	2
3.	Case studies of SEA in different countries;	3
4.	discussions and exchange between participants;	8
5.	Simulation game;	6
6.	presentation of the provisions of the expertise law;	1
7.	EIA Law of RA and SEA	3
8.	Benefits of SEA	1
9.	IFI presentations	1
10.	presentations of international experts	1
11.	SEA local and international experience	2
12.	definition of SEA goal and objectives	1
13.	public awareness and government officials	1
14.	all parts of the workshop equally	1
15.	theory	1

4. Which topics you believe it is essential to conduct additional training for you and your colleagues on (please, underline as appropriate)?

Please put a number of participants which indicated that the topic is essential against each of the topics. For example,

- Strategic planning (15 participants);
- Practical application of SEA(20 participants);



- EIA (10 participants);
- link between economics and environment (10);
- public engagement (9);
- Other (0)

5. What forms of support are required for implementation of EIA and SEA?

The following suggestions came from participants:

- MoNP and sectoral ministries staff capacity building on SEA application and reports (6);
- Training of Decision Makers (1);
- Development of Comprehensive Expertise if SEA (1);
- Training (2);
- Awareness of Public and Authorities in SEA and EIA (5);
- Legal Advice (1);
- Practical experience of SEA (2);
- Financial (3);
- support for both EIA and SEA (2);
- Pilot projects EIA and SEA (1);
- Elaboration of methodological guidelines (1);
- Improvement of legislation (1);
- Technical improvement (1).

6. What are your proposals to improve delivery of similar workshops?

The participants mentioned:

- Practical exercises/work (2);
- to improve order of conducting (1);
- to ensure broader participation of decision makers (1);
- clear information on plans provided by state agencies (1);
- question and answer sessions (2);
- study visits, exchange of experience (1);
- more frequent workshops (1);
- broader participation of all stakeholders, including local authorities (1);
- check skills and relevance of participants of the workshop to provide similar level of participation (1);
- SEA workshops organized with focus on and for sectoral ministries (1)



Annex 3: List of Participants

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End Date: Tuesday, March 24, 2015

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