Strategic Environmental Assessment

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2011 - UNECE Protocol on Strategic Environmental Assessment to the Convention on Environmental Impact Assessment in Trans-boundary Context

- RA ratified international treaties are integrated part of legislative system of Armenia
- In case if other rules than in national legislation are defined in international agreement, the international rules have priority.
Article 2, clause 2 of Espoo Convention and Article 3, clause 1 of General Provisions of SEA Protocol oblige Parties to undertake legislative, administrative and other measures to implement provisions of Convention and Protocol.

- In order to improve RA legislation and implement provisions of international treaties in 2008-2011 in RA the changes to the acting law have been prepared, which have not been approved.
- “Law of RA on Environmental Impact Assessment and Expertise” has been approved and entered into force on 11 August 2014.
Activities of the Project

1. Preparation of the report on analyses of existing SEA legislation and procedures

2. SEA pilot project on state plan or program

3. Participation of RA experts in sub-regional seminar in Minsk (15-16 April, 2014). The assistance to Armenia and other countries in SEA Pilot project was discussed.

4. Study tour for Experts to one of the EU countries to learn on SEA experience.
Yerevan  
(26-29 November 2013) - first activity to promote implementation of SEA protocol provisions

Organizers Espoo Convention Secretariat, Ministry of Nature Protection of RA, NGO Eco-Globe
Seminar Goals

- Support to the process of Implementation of SEA Protocol
- Support to the participants in for of providing detailed advice/suggestions in issues related to SEA implementation
- Gradual teaching of SEA Procedure according to the provisions of SEA Protocol,
- Capacity building among participants in order to create national expertise in SEA provisions and procedure
- Creating available National Expertise
Conclusions of Seminar

- Application of knowledge gained during seminar during the planning process, implementation of SEA procedure as integral part of the planning.
Goals of Seminar held in Minsk 15-16 April 2014

1. Capacity building in application of SEA Protocol
2. Improvement of national legislation
3. Implementation of SEA pilot projects
Republic Armenia proposed following pilot in its report

Pilot project
“SEA of draft Dilijan city General Plan”
Proposals

- National and local authorities to propose strategic documents for joined SEA pilot project implementation

- Espoo Convention Secretariat to support new draft law on SEA elaboration in the framework of on-going project
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