

**Awareness-raising webinar on the role of strategic environmental assessment
in Ukraine's post-war recovery**

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**11 April 2024
10:00-11:30 (Kyiv EEST)
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Background

Within the framework of the European Union-funded EU4Environment programme, UNECE is assisting the Eastern Partnership (EaP) countries, including Ukraine, in comprehensive capacity-building and institutional building on Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA) and transboundary Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) and in finalizing legal reforms in this area.

SEA is a relatively new tool for implementing the country's environmental policy based on a simple principle: the prevention of negative environmental effects at the planning stage of a strategic document is easier rather than identifying and remedying them during its implementation. The SEA of state planning documents, particularly spatial planning documents, enables a comprehensive evaluation of the likely environmental, including health, effects of the plans and using evaluation results to prevent or mitigate adverse effects on the environment in the spatial planning process.

The objective of the SEA is to promote sustainable development of territories/areas by providing for a high level of protection of the environment, including health of the population, and integration of environmental considerations into the development and adoption of state planning documents.

The post-war recovery of Ukraine is anticipated to be the largest investment and planning exercise in Europe since decades. Given the scale of war-related impacts and destruction two years since Russia's full-scale invasion of Ukraine, planning the reconstruction and recovery will challenge national and local authorities, as well as international partners.

Ukraine shares green transition objectives and has a goal of reaching climate neutral economy by 2060. The post-war recovery process should contribute to achieving this goal by incorporating environmental and climate considerations into various elements of the recovery planning process, including sectoral and land-use planning.

Meeting objectives, expected outputs and outcomes

- To discuss the potential of the strategic environmental assessment for mainstreaming and incorporating green considerations into the post-war recovery process;
- To share and discuss most recent experience and developments in SEA application in Ukraine, in particular those related to the Unified SEA register;
- To learn about and discuss the key aspects of the SEA in relation to spatial planning documentation in the context of the recovery of territories.

Participants

The webinar is open to a broad spectrum of stakeholders ranging from representatives of relevant environmental, health, urban planning and architecture departments of the regional and Kyiv city state administrations, to representatives of local self-government bodies, and to NGOs and other interested stakeholders from all regions of Ukraine.

Practical Information

The event will be conducted in Ukrainian only.

Further information on the event will be published on the official webpages of the EU4Environment - Green Economy programme (eu4environment.org), of the Ministry of Environmental Protection and Natural Resources of Ukraine and of UNECE and it will be further disseminated through social networks. Pre-registration of participants will be organized through a Google form (online).

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The event will be facilitated by consultants to UNECE.

About EU4Environment

The “European Union for Environment” (EU4Environment – Green Economy) Action helps the Eastern Partnership countries preserve their natural capital and increase people's environmental well-being, by supporting environment-related action, demonstrating and unlocking opportunities for greener growth, and setting mechanisms to better manage environmental risks and impacts.

It is funded by the European Union and implemented by five Partner organisations - OECD, UNECE, UNEP, UNIDO, and the World Bank – over 2019-2024 period, with a budget of EUR 20 million.

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Time	Item
10:00-10:15	Welcoming remarks <i>Representative</i> of the Ministry of Environmental Protection and Natural Resources of Ukraine [tbc] <i>Ms. Olga Simak</i> , Sector manager, Environment at EU Delegation to Ukraine [tbc] <i>Mr. Leonid Kalashnyk</i> , EU4Environment Project Manager at UNECE
10:15-10:30	SEA as a policy tool for green post-war recovery of Ukraine <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Introduction by Mr. Andriy Andrushevych, SEA expert to UNECE
10:30-10:50	The role of SEA in spatial planning for post-war recovery <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Presentation by Ms. Maryna Zerkal, spatial planning expert to UNECE • Q&A
10:50-11:10	SEA, EIA and urban development frameworks: recent developments and challenges <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Presentation by Ms. Maryna Shymkus, Director, Environmental Assessment Department, Ministry of Environmental Protection and Natural Resources of Ukraine • Q&A
11:10-11:25	Discussion
11:25-11:30	Final remarks & wrap-up