

## Seminar Agenda

### EXPERIENCE OF CONDUCTING ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT AS EXEMPLIFIED BY NEMNOSKAYA HPP AND DISCUSSING MANUAL ON IMPLEMENTATION OF ESPOO CONVENTION

*November 5, 2010*

*(Minsk, Nezavisimosti Ave. 116, National Library of Belarus, conference-hall)*

The seminar is held within the framework of the joint European Union (EU) and United Nations Development Program (UNDP) project “Building capacity for Strategic Environmental Assessment and environmental conventions implementation in Belarus” (registered by the Ministry of Economy of the Republic of Belarus on November 6, 2008, # 2/08/000381). Project national implementing agency - Ministry of Natural Resources and Environmental Protection of the Republic of Belarus.

Seminar objective – to inform the specialists of line ministries, bodies, state agencies and organizations, and non-governmental organizations on the results of international environmental impact assessment (EIA) of Nemnovo HPP, review the manual on implementation of Espoo Convention, and obtain the corresponding recommendations from the participants with regard to international experience and foreign practices.

<b>Time</b>	<b>Activity</b>
<i>Friday, November 5, 2010</i>	
<b>9:30-10:00</b>	<b>Participants’ registration.</b> (National Library of Belarus, conference-hall)
<b>10:00-10:10</b>	<b>Opening statements.</b> Vitaly Kulik, First Deputy Minister of Natural Resources and Environmental Protection of the Republic of Belarus; Vadim Lojetchko, Task Coordinator
<b>10:10-10:30</b>	<b>Experience of EIA for Nemnovo HPP.</b> Alexander Andreev, Head of State Environmental Project Expert Assessment Department of the Ministry of Environment
<b>10:30-11:00</b>	<b>Experience of international cooperation on the issues of transboundary EIA.</b> Sandra Ruza, Espoo Convention Secretariat representative (Switzerland)
<b>11:00-11:30</b>	<b>Relevance of drafting manual on Espoo Convention implementation in the Republic of Belarus.</b> Alexander Stankevich, acting director of RUE Central scientific-research institute for comprehensive water resources management
<b>11:30-12:00</b>	<b>Coffee-break</b>
<b>12:00-13:00</b>	<b>Practical issues of conducting Nemnovo HPP EIA and drafting the report.</b> Vladimir Korneev, Head of Department of RUE Central scientific-research institute for comprehensive water resources management

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<b>13:00-14:00</b>	<b>Lunch</b>
<b>14:00-15:00</b>	<b>Preliminary evaluation of the process and EIA report on Nemново HPP.</b> Maya Gachechiladze, international expert (Ukraine)
<b>15:00-15:30</b>	<b>Questions and answers session.</b> Moderator: Alexander Andreev, Head of State Environmental Project Expert Assessment Department of the Ministry of Environment
<b>15:30-16:00</b>	<b>Coffee-break</b>
<b>16:00-17:00</b>	<b>Stepwise procedure of Espoo Convention implementation for hydro-economic objects as exemplified by Nemново HPP.</b> Vladimir Korneev, Head of Department of RUE Central scientific-research institute for comprehensive water resources management
<b>17:00-17:30</b>	<b>Questions and answers session.</b> Moderator: Alexander Andreev, Head of State Environmental Project Expert Assessment Department of the Ministry of Environment
<b>17:30-18:00</b>	<b>Conclusions of the seminar, adoption of proposals and recommendations. Discussion of the protocol.</b>
<b>18:00</b>	<b>Dinner.</b>