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, Baku, 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**