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Greening Cities with Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA) EU Green Week 2023 Event

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Benefits of SEA

- Provides for a high level of environmental and health protection: ensures that environmental and health implications of strategic decisions are ***considered and addressed before decisions are taken***
- Promotes a wide range of sustainability priorities and issues (climate change, energy transition, etc.) and this contributes to ***achieving SDGs***
- Reduces risks by providing 'early warning' and thus ***increases stability of investments and streamlines economic development*** and green growth (SEA also required by the IFIs)
- ***Saves time and costs***: helps to prevent costly mistakes and reduced the timeframes for project approval

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Benefits of SEA (cont'd)

- ***Increases the efficiency of decision-making*** and strengthens governance by making planning and decision-making more participatory and transparent
- Addresses potential conflicts between various economic sectors
- ***Enhances transboundary cooperation***
- ***Helps bring nature back to cities and towns***

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SEA trainings delivered by June 2023

- **Ukraine:** 2 trainings (2023) – 400+ participants each
- **Republic of Moldova:** 1 training (2023) - 70+ participants
- **Georgia:** 2 trainings (2019) and 1 training* (2022) – 129 participants
- **Azerbaijan:** 2 trainings (2021) - 71 participants
- **Armenia:** 1 training* (2022) – 37 participants
- **Regional training** for all EaP countries (2020) – 52 participants

** Means training was a part of another capacity-building activity*

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