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Training Workshop on SEA in the Republic of Moldova

DRAFT Agenda

29 February 2024,
9.00-13.00 (Chisinau EEST)

This workshop will be delivered as a virtual event, using the Zoom platform. All invited participants will receive connection details to access the platform.

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Background

Within the framework of the European Union-funded EU4Environment programme (2019-2024), UNECE is assisting the Eastern Partnership countries, including the Republic of Moldova, 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.

In the Republic of Moldova the amendments of the Law on SEA entered into force in October 2023 expecting to improve the legal framework for the development of a sound practice and strengthening of the overall institutional capacities for strategic environmental assessment application. Also, with the UNECE assistance under the EU4Environment, the draft *Regulation on the organisation and functioning of the Expert Commission for the quality analysis of the environmental strategic assessment report and the analysis of the draft policy and planning document* was developed in the end of 2023. Therefore, the Ministry of Environment of Republic of Moldova requested further support organize the training to explain the main requirements stipulated by the national SEA legislation and the key steps in the SEA procedure.

The training workshop will therefore serve as a platform for the discussion on the key issues related to the effective SEA practice and on how to address potential challenges related to the SEA procedure outlined in the amended Law and the related Regulation. The workshop will be facilitated by experts/consultants to UNECE.

Meeting objectives, expected outputs and outcomes

- To promote sound application of the SEA in the Republic of Moldova in line with the European Union's Directive on SEA and the UNECE Protocol on SEA
- To introduce the amended Law on SEA, its main requirements and the key steps in the SEA procedure
- To increase understanding of the participants on the principles of the effective SEA application and to discuss how to address potential challenges related to the SEA practice.

Participants

The training workshop will gather around 70 participants from central governmental authorities as well as the representatives of the local governments and the environmental practitioners and experts from the environmental consulting companies active in the field of the environmental assessment.

Practical Information

The event will be organized on 29 February 2024, 9.00-13.00 EEST time. It will take place online through the Zoom platform. English and Romanian are the languages of the training. English-Romanian simultaneous interpretation will be provided.

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.

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Moderator: Natalia Guranda, National Consultant to UNECE

Time (Chisinau)	Item
08:45 – 09:00	Connection testing
09:00 – 09:15	Opening and welcome remarks <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mrs. Iordanca-Rodica Iordanov, Minister of Environment • Representative of the EU Delegation to the Republic of Moldova (tbc) • Mr. Leonid Kalashnyk, EU4Environment Project Manager at UNECE
09:15 – 09:30	Meeting objectives and agenda, introduction of participants <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Facilitated by Mr. Michal Musil and Ms. Natalia Guranda, consultants to UNECE
09:30 – 09:45	Introduction to SEA – purpose and objectives, main principles of effective application, international legal framework <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr. Michal Musil, Consultant to UNECE
09:45 – 10:00	Current status of SEA application in the Republic of Moldova: legal framework, existing guiding documents, relevant authorities and other main actors <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ms. Carolina Eremei, Consultant, Department of Pollution Prevention Policies, Ministry of Environment
10:00 – 10:45	Amended Law on SEA – main requirements, key stages of SEA procedure including the transboundary consultations <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr. Jerzy Jendrośka, International legal expert
10:45 – 11:00	Q&A to the amended Law on SEA <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Facilitated by Mr. Michal Musil and Ms. Natalia Guranda, consultants to UNECE
11:00 – 11:10	Break
11:10 – 11:30	Main steps in SEA: Establishment of the need to carry out the SEA – purpose, results, tasks of the main actors, recommendations for practice <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Initial presentation by Mr. Michal Musil and Mr. Martin Smutny, consultants to UNECE • Q&A facilitated by Ms. Natalia Guranda, consultant to UNECE
11:30 – 11.50	Main steps in SEA: Determining the scope of the SEA report – purpose, results, tasks of the main actors, recommendations for practice

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Initial presentation by Mr. Michal Musil and Mr. Martin Smutny, consultants to UNECE • Q&A facilitated by Ms. Natalia Guranda, consultant to UNECE
11:50 – 12:10	<p>Main steps in SEA: Preparation of SEA report and its quality analysis – purpose, results, tasks of the main actors, recommendations for practice</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Initial presentation by Mr. Michal Musil and Mr. Martin Smutny, consultants to UNECE • Q&A facilitated by Ms. Natalia Guranda, consultant to UNECE
12:10 – 12:30	<p>Main steps in SEA: Expert panel and integration of environmental aspects in the draft policy and planning document – purpose, results, tasks of the main actors, recommendations for practice</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Initial presentation by Mr. Michal Musil and Mr. Martin Smutny, consultants to UNECE • Q&A facilitated by Ms. Natalia Guranda, consultant to UNECE
12:30 – 12:50	<p>Practical aspects – coordination between SEA and planning process, composition of SEA team, budget and timeline, transboundary consultations, etc.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Initial presentation by Mr. Michal Musil and Mr. Martin Smutny, consultants to UNECE • Q&A facilitated by Ms. Natalia Guranda, consultant to UNECE
12:50 – 13:00	<p>Concluding remarks</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ms. Angela Panciuc, Acting Head, Department of Pollution Prevention Policies, Ministry of Environment • Mr. Leonid Kalashnyk, EU4Environment Project Manager at UNECE
	Closure of the event