Training Workshop on Current Issues of the Strategic Environmental Assessment Procedure in Ukraine: Practical Application Aspects

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26 May 2023, Kyiv, Ukraine
14:00 – 17:25 (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: it is easier to prevent negative environmental effects at the planning stage of a strategic document rather than identifying and remedying them during its implementation. The SEA of state planning documents, particularly urban 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 second of the two training workshops in May 2023 will have the target audience focus on the practical application aspects of the carrying out of the SEA procedure, particularly for urban planning documentation, taking into consideration the current amendments to Ukrainian SEA legislation as well as urban planning legislation.

Meeting objectives, expected outputs and outcomes
- Familiarizing the target audience with a step-by-step procedure for carrying out the SEA of state planning documents;
- Defining the main distinctive features of the SEA for urban planning documentation;
- Explicating responsibilities in SEA;
- Presenting the Unified Register of SEA.

Overall, as part of the series of the SEA training workshops with a focus on Ukraine's urban planning, the second workshop will further contribute to the strengthening of the institutional capacity for SEA at regional and local levels and support relevant departments/units of regional and local authorities in using the SEA more effectively for greening Ukraine's post-war urban reconstruction efforts. The event will include interactions with the target audience in the form of guided discussions, Q&A, interactive Mentimeter-based polls/surveys etc.

Participants

Representatives of relevant departments (environmental protection, healthcare, urban planning and architecture) in Ukraine's regional administrations and Kyiv city state administration, as well as representatives of local self-government bodies across the country.

Practical Information

The event will be conducted in Ukrainian only. A final workshop report will be prepared in both English and Ukrainian to more effectively capture important take-aways and lessons learnt.

Ahead of the workshop, invitation letters will be sent to the regional administrations and Kyiv city state administration, as well as regional councils. Participants will be pre-registered through filling in Google forms.

The training will be organised as a virtual event using the Zoom platform. All registered participants will receive connection details to participate in the event.

The Mentimetr application will be used to ensure interactive online communication between event organisers, facilitators/speakers and participants, enabling the participants to anonymously participate in snap polls/surveys throughout the event.

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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For more information please visit our website: www.eu4environment.org .

For further information specifically on activities on SEA and transboundary EIA implemented by UNECE, please contact: leonid.kalashnyk@un.org

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Time (Kyiv)	Item
14:00 - 14:10	Connection testing
14:10 - 14:20	**Goals and agenda of the event, tour de table** *Facilitated by a consultant to the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe (UNECE)*
14:20 - 14:40	**Opening and welcome remarks** *Ms. Maryna Shymkus, Head, Environmental Assessment Department,* *Ministry of Environmental Protection and Natural Resources of Ukraine* *Mr. Leonid Kalashnyk, Environmental Affairs Officer, EU4Environment Project Manager at UNECE*
14:40 - 14:50	**Introductory survey** *Ms. Maryna Zerkal, urban planning consultant to UNECE*
14:50 - 15:50	**Step-by-step procedure for conducting the SEA of urban planning documentation** *Ms. Natalia Trofymenko, SEA consultant to UNECE* *Mr. Dmytro Skrylnikov, legal expert to UNECE* *Ms. Maryna Zerkal, urban planning consultant to UNECE*
15:50 - 16:00	**Break**
16:00 - 16:30	**Unified Register of SEA** *Ms. Maryna Shymkus, Ministry of Environmental Protection and Natural Resources*
16:30 - 17:00	**Q&A session**
17:00 - 17:10	**Final survey** *Ms. Maryna Zerkal, urban planning consultant to UNECE*
17:10 - 17:25	**Concluding discussion** *Ms. Maryna Shymkus, Ministry of Environmental Protection and Natural Resources* *Mr. Leonid Kalashnyk, UNECE* **Closure of the event**