



PROJECT INFORMATION

Improving skills of NGOs of EECCA-States to participate in procedures according to the UNECE SEA-Protocol



A SEA simulation report was prepared for the city development plan of Kutaisi, Georgia

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Background

The countries of Eastern Europe, Caucasus and Central Asia have strengthened their legislation and capacity to implement obligations under the UNECE Protocol on Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA). All project countries in the region put high priority on economic development, with a focus on infrastructure development. The implemented SEA laws can effectively protect the environment from future damage. However, while public authorities in these countries can be trained on their role in the SEA process, such training is generally not accessible for non-governmental organizations (NGOs).

Project details

A core element of SEA is public participation. In order to be able to critically accompany this process, NGOs need practical experiences with the implementation of SEA. The aim of this project was therefore to strengthen the skills of 18 selected NGOs in the EECCA region, so that they can participate in SEA processes in the future, and thus ensure the integration of environmental concerns into infrastructure plans and programs. In addition, five NGOs from five countries (Belarus, Georgia, Moldova, Tajikistan and Ukraine) were trained to act as SEA Excellence Centers in their countries, and share their expertise with other NGOs in the region. For this purpose, they worked together with experts to produce SEA simulation reports on various topics of the UNECE Protocol. The project participants have created reports on the results and also report on their new experiences in the field of SEA in six videos.

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