



## PROJECT INFORMATION

### Strengthening national and regional capacities and co-operation on Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA) in Central Asia, Phase 2



Study tour to Germany (Phase 1),  
Lippendorf steam power plant

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#### Background

Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA) consists of analysis and study of the environmental impacts of a proposed plan, programme, policy or legislative action at an early stage of decision-making. SEA of sectoral programmes and policies is a participatory and regulatory planning tool for ensuring sustainable economic development and greening economies. In recent years, the countries of Central Asia, recognizing SEA as an essential tool for environmentally sustainable economic development, have been developing their legislation and capacity to implement obligations under the Protocol on SEA.

#### Project details

The project aims at providing further support to the beneficiary countries in the establishment of effective national SEA systems and enhance regional cooperation in addressing transboundary environmental challenges. This action will build on the results achieved through various legislative assistance initiatives in the region and on the National Actions Plans developed during Phase I. The project will also strengthen the existing Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) procedures, in particular in a transboundary context, as they require further improvement among the beneficiary countries. Actions to achieve these results encompass the assistance to key institutions for finalizing the legal reforms on SEA and on EIA, and a capacity development programme aimed at enhancing competencies of key stakeholders to conduct SEA. As a consequence of its impact on the conduction of transboundary consultations on SEA and EIA in Central Asia, the project will contribute to strengthen confidence, mutual trust and cooperation between neighbouring countries.

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**Project region:** Central Asia

**Duration:** 12/2023 – 12/2026

**Beneficiaries:** Ministries, agencies and authorities responsible for environment and economic development in the target countries, Centres of Excellence for SEA, Aarhus Centres, NGOs

**Implementing organisation:** Organization for Security and Co-operation in Europe (OSCE), Office of the Co-ordinator of OSCE Economic and Environmental Activities (OCEEA)

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