

PROJECT INFORMATION

Introducing environmental assessment systems in accordance with the Espoo Convention and its Protocol on SEA in Tajikistan and Uzbekistan



Charvak Lake, one of the largest reservoirs in Uzbekistan

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Background

Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA) and Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) are efficient tools for developing environmentally sound planning and implementation of projects, e.g. for a green economy. They support government decisions by integrating environmental concerns into the development of investment projects, plans and programs. Tajikistan and Uzbekistan expressed their interest in initiating comprehensive legislative reforms in view to aligning it with the provisions of the UNECE Espoo Convention and its Protocol on SEA.

Project details

The overall project objective was to provide legislative advice to the target countries on the implementation of the UNECE Espoo Convention and its Protocol on SEA. In this regard, the main activity was legislative assistance to support Tajikistan and Uzbekistan in preparing draft amendments to the primary and secondary legislation. In addition, UNECE organized two legal working group meetings per country to support the legal drafting process. Two participatory meetings and consultations were conducted in both countries, where governmental and intergovernmental organizations discussed draft amendments to laws and regulations with the public. The benefits of SEA and EIA in a transboundary context attracted attention and interest of environmental and technical authorities and the public. The target group of the project were high- and mid-level officials as well as key decision-makers from the parliaments, and environmental, health and sectoral authorities of Tajikistan and Uzbekistan.

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