

PROJECT INFORMATION

Legislative assistance to Tajikistan and Uzbekistan to promote the UNECE Protocol on Strategic Environmental Assessment



Kamchik Pass, Uzbekistan

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Background

Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA) is an efficient tool for greening economies and attainment of sustainable development goals. It enables governments to prevent irreversible and costly mistakes by integrating environmental considerations at an early stage of preparing governmental plans and programmes in such economic sectors as agriculture, energy, industry, land use, transport, regional development, waste and water management through environmental and human health impact assessment. Tajikistan and Uzbekistan expressed an increased interest in assessing feasibility of applying the SEA procedure in its regulatory regime.

Project details

The project aims to provide pre-accession legislative assistance to Tajikistan and Uzbekistan to support the countries in their efforts to introduce national SEA system and to join the UNECE Protocol on SEA. Main activities:

1. Reviewing national regulatory and legislative frameworks for environmental assessment systems and making recommendations to the governments on how to align the frameworks with the provisions of the Protocol.
2. Organizing two workshops in each country to present the scope and results of the review, to raise awareness of the national decision-makers about the SEA benefits and its practical application.
3. Developing a concept note on SEA legal reform in Uzbekistan (with alternatives), addressing additional requests of the country.

Target audience of the project: high- and middle level officials from environmental, health and sectoral authorities of Tajikistan and Uzbekistan, project developers, SEA specialists, relevant representatives of financial institutions, academia and NGOs.

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Target countries: Tajikistan, Uzbekistan

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Beneficiaries: Committee of Environment Protection under the Government of the Republic of Tajikistan; State Committee on Ecology and Committee of Environmental Protection of the Republic of Uzbekistan

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