

PROJECT INFORMATION

Raising the awareness for the contents of the Espoo Convention to citizens of the EECCA states



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Background

The countries of Eastern Europe (Ukraine, Moldova and Belarus), Caucasus (Georgia, Armenia and Azerbaijan) and Central Asia (Kyrgyzstan, Kazakhstan, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan and Uzbekistan) have been developing their legislation and capacity to implement obligations under the UNECE-Convention on Environmental Impact Assessment (Espoo). The transboundary context of the Convention and its Protocol aim for a strategic environmental assessment. There is a need to reach a wide range of local groups and stakeholders, in order to raise their awareness to the possibilities and tools they may use to protect the environment.

Project details

The project aimed to raise the awareness of Civil Society Organisations (CSOs) in the EECCA region for the possibilities under the Espoo-Convention and its Protocol. CSO-capacities were developed by an active exchange of best practices and practical advice on current difficulties. Measures and activities within the project included the development and launch of an on-line platform in Russian and English languages. It serves to hold regular information about the relevant developments under the Espoo-Convention and SEA-Protocol and to facilitate the exchange of best practice information and experience. Further, the project partners invited about 25 representatives of civil society organisations to a regional basic training on the convention and its protocol as well as on the on-line platform. The workshop participants got hands-on advice on current difficulties and concerns in their daily work. The Espoo Convention is an international treaty that obliges states to evaluate the environmental impact of commercial projects in case of cross-border impacts.

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