

Decision VI/3–II/3

Decisions and the Declaration adopted jointly by the Meeting of the Parties to the Convention and the Meeting of the Parties to the Convention serving as the Meeting of the Parties to the Protocol

Adoption of the workplan

The Meeting of the Parties to the Convention and the Meeting of the Parties to the Convention serving as the Meeting of the Parties to the Protocol, meeting in joint session,

Recalling article 11, paragraph 2 (f), of the Convention, stipulating that the Meeting of the Parties to the Convention shall undertake additional action that may be required to achieve the purposes of the Convention,

Recalling also article 14, paragraph 4 (f), of the Protocol on Strategic Environmental Assessment, stipulating that the Meeting of the Parties to the Convention serving as the Meeting of the Parties to the Protocol shall take additional action, including action to be carried out jointly under the Protocol and the Convention, that may be required to achieve the purposes of the Protocol,

Recognizing that it is essential for Parties to the Convention and the Protocol to meet fully their legal obligations arising under these treaties,

Recognizing also that Parties to the Convention and the Protocol should take action to maximize the effectiveness of their application of the Convention and the Protocol, respectively, so that the best possible practical results are achieved,

Recognizing with appreciation the valuable work carried out under the workplan adopted at the fifth session of the Meeting of the Parties to the Convention and the first session of the Meeting of the Parties to the Convention serving as the Meeting of the Parties to the Protocol on Strategic Environmental Assessment (decision V/9–I/9), particularly:

(a) The steps taken by Parties and non-Parties to ensure their environmental impact assessment systems are consistent with the provisions of the Convention and the Protocol to report accordingly;

(b) The workshops and pilot projects for subregional cooperation and capacity-building on environmental impact assessment (EIA) and strategic environmental assessment (SEA) organized by the Governments of Armenia, Belarus, Estonia, Germany, Poland and Ukraine;

(c) The seminars for the exchange of good practices organized by the Governments of Austria, Belgium, Finland, Poland and Sweden; and by the European Commission, the International Association for Impact Assessment (IAIA) and the Chair of the Implementation Committee,

Also recognizing with appreciation the substantial funding raised by the secretariat to allow implementation of the workplan activities, in particular in countries of Eastern Europe and the Caucasus,

Acknowledging that several workplan activities for subregional cooperation and capacity-building were no longer requested or were postponed to the next intersessional period by the countries that had proposed them,

Noting with satisfaction that the activities in the workplan adopted at the fifth session of the Meeting of the Parties to the Convention and the first session of the Meeting of the Parties to the Convention serving as the Meeting of the Parties to the Protocol, excluding those that had been cancelled, were approximately 68 per cent completed, with 100 per cent of priority 1 activities completed and approximately 94 per cent of priority 2 activities and 48 per cent of priority 3 activities completed,¹

Also noting with satisfaction that the implementation of approximately 92 per cent of the remaining workplan activities were ongoing or being planned and would be completed in the next intersessional period,

Noting with concern the relatively limited funding available to support the implementation of the workplan activities in the countries of Central Asia,

Wishing to establish realistic intersessional workplans under the Convention and the Protocol by ensuring in advance the funding of the workplan activities,

1. *Decide* that activities for which no funding is identified should not be included in the workplan, but included on a waiting list until appropriate funding is made available;

2. *Adopt* the workplan and the waiting list of activities for the period up to the seventh session of the Meeting of the Parties to the Convention and the third session of the Meeting of the Parties to the Convention serving as the Meeting of the Parties to the Protocol, as set out in the table annexed to the present decision;

3. *Suggest* that lead countries that carry out the relevant activities might consult each other in order to benefit from each other's experience and to avoid unnecessary overlap;

4. *Call on* the Parties, and also invite non-Parties, to arrange, host and participate actively in seminars, workshops and meetings to facilitate implementation of and compliance with the Convention and the Protocol;

5. *Invite* every relevant body or agency, whether national or international, governmental or non-governmental and, as appropriate, researchers, commercial firms, developers, consultants or other commercial entities to participate actively in the activities included in the workplan;

6. *Invite* the Economic Commission for Europe (ECE) Executive Secretary to continue supporting the work under the Convention and the Protocol by promoting the activities planned in the workplan, providing formal documentation for and ensuring publication of the outcomes of these activities in the three official languages of ECE, as appropriate. Publications subject to global outreach should be processed and translated by the United Nations conference services and made available in the six United Nations languages;

7. *Decide* that during the intersessional period the Working Group on Environmental Impact Assessment and Strategic Environmental Assessment should meet in spring 2015, spring 2016 and late 2016 and that the Implementation Committee should hold in total eight sessions, meeting two to three times a year — in spring, autumn and winter;

¹ Activities included in the budget adopted by the Convention and the Protocol for the period up to the sixth session of the Meeting of the Parties to the Convention and the first session of the Meeting of the Parties to the Convention serving as the Meeting of the Parties to the Protocol contained in annex I of decision V/10-I/10 were assigned priorities 1 and 2. Other workplan activities that were financed to the extent possible through earmarked contributions by Parties or through project funding are referred to as priority 3 activities.

8. *Request* the secretariat to prepare the provisional agendas and other formal documentation for and reports on the meetings mentioned in paragraph 7 above and to issue these documents in the three official languages of ECE.

Annex I

Workplan for the implementation of the Convention and its Protocol for the period up to the seventh session of the Meeting of the Parties to the Convention and the third session of the Meeting of the Parties to the Convention serving as the Meeting of the Parties to the Protocol

| <i>Activity objectives</i> | <i>Method of work (sub-activities)</i> | <i>Organizational arrangements</i> | <i>Expected outcome</i> | <i>Time schedule</i> | <i>Budget</i> |
|--|---|--|---|---|--|
| <p>Compliance with and implementation of the Convention and the Protocol</p> <p>Enhance the implementation of and compliance with the Convention and the Protocol</p> | 1. Consideration by the Implementation Committee of compliance submissions. | Undertaken by the Implementation Committee, with the support of the secretariat. | Recommendations on compliance submissions. | 2014–2017, presented to MOP7 and MOP/MOP3 | Most items included in Implementation Committee and secretariat costs. Exceptions are identified below. May require funding for translation of submissions (\$10,000 is budgeted). ^a |
| | 2. Report on the Committee’s activities to MOP7 and MOP/MOP3. | Undertaken by the Implementation Committee, with the support of the secretariat. | Reports of the Committee meetings and a synthesis report to MOP7 and MOP/MOP3. | 2014–2017, presented to MOP7 and MOP/MOP3 | — |
| | 3. If necessary, review of the Committee’s structure and functions and operating rules. | Undertaken by the Implementation Committee, with the support of the secretariat. | Possible revision of the Committee’s structure and functions and operating rules. | 2014–2017, presented to MOP7 and MOP/MOP3 | — |

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| | 4. Examination of the outcome of the fourth review of implementation of the Convention and the first review of implementation of the Protocol. | Undertaken by the Implementation Committee, with the support of the secretariat. | Summary of compliance issues from the fourth review of implementation of the Convention and the first review of implementation of the Protocol. | By the end of 2014 | — |
| | 5. Modification of the questionnaires for the report on implementation of the Convention and, as appropriate, the Protocol, in 2013–2015. | Undertaken by the Implementation Committee, with the support of the secretariat and, where appropriate, of WHO. | Modified questionnaires | Presentation of draft modified questionnaires to the Working Group in 2015 | — |
| | 6. Distribution of the questionnaire to the Parties to the Convention and to the Protocol for them to complete and return. | Carried out by the secretariat | Completed questionnaires. | Issue of questionnaires, one by end of October 2015 and the other by end of December 2015 Return of questionnaires, one by end of February 2016 and the other by end of April 2016 | — |

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| | 7. Preparation of draft reviews of implementation of the Convention and the Protocol. | Carried out by the secretariat | Draft fifth review of implementation of the Convention and draft second review of implementation of the Protocol for consideration by the Implementation Committee, the Working Group on EIA and SEA, MOP7 and MOP/MOP3. | Presentation of the draft reviews to the Committee and the Working Group in autumn 2016 and to MOP7 and MOP/MOP3 | Requires external consultants and translation of national reports (\$25,000 is budgeted). ^a |
| | 8. Reviews of legislation, procedures and practice, and technical assistance in drafting legislation, to strengthen Parties' implementation of and compliance with the Convention and the Protocol. Prompted by the Implementation Committee or requested by Parties themselves, as follows: (a) Country-specific reviews, including a period in-country examining national legislation and based on earlier reviews further to decision IV/2. Parties experiencing similar problems might be assisted jointly: (i) Technical advice to Armenia on improving legislation to implement the Protocol and advice in drafting necessary amendments and legislation; | Undertaken by external consultant(s), with the support of the secretariat and, where appropriate, WHO. Supervised by members of the Committee (if further to a Committee initiative). | Recommendations on strengthening capacity, including amendments to legislation, procedures and institutional arrangements. | As decided by the Implementation Committee and the Party concerned | Costs: approximately \$25,000 per review, plus in-kind contributions from Parties providing experts and from target country for interpretation. |
| | | | | 2014–2015 | Funding from the EU (EaP-GREEN). ^b |

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| | (ii) Technical advice and support to Kyrgyzstan on improving legislation as well as the institutional framework to implement the Convention; | Undertaken by external consultant and the national expert group on EIA. | Draft law on EIA. | 2014 | Funding (approximately \$25,000) from Switzerland. |
| | (iii) Technical advice to Azerbaijan on improving legislation to implement the Convention; | Undertaken by external consultant. | Draft implementing regulations. | 2015 | Funding from the EU (EaP-GREEN). ^b |
| | (b) Subregional overview based on legislative reviews on EIA and SEA combined with information gathered when developing general guidance on enhancing consistency between the Convention and environmental assessment within the framework of State ecological expertise. | Lead countries: Armenia, Azerbaijan, Belarus, Georgia, Republic of Moldova and Ukraine. Undertaken by external consultant(s), with the support of the secretariat. | Subregional overview of SEA and EIA systems prepared and disseminated. | 2015 | Funding from the EU (EaP-GREEN). ^b |
| | 9. Pre-accession legislative assistance: | Undertaken by external consultant(s), with the support of the secretariat. | Recommendations to the country on strengthening capacity, including amendments to legislation, procedures and institutional arrangements. | | |
| | (a) Technical advice to Azerbaijan on improving legislation to implement the Protocol and advice in drafting necessary amendments; | | | 2014 | Funding from the EU (EaP-GREEN). ^b |

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| | (b) Technical assistance to Belarus in drafting legislation to implement the Protocol (building on the existing legislative review); | | | 2014–2015 | Funding from the EU (EaP-GREEN). ^b |
| | (c) Technical assistance to Georgia in drafting legislation to implement the Convention and the Protocol (building on the existing legislative review); | | | 2014–2015 | Funding from the EU (EaP-GREEN). ^b |
| | (d) Technical advice to Kazakhstan on improving legislation to implement the Protocol and advice in drafting necessary amendments; | | | 2015–2017 | EU funding for Kazakhstan. ^c |
| | (e) Technical advice to the Russian Federation; | To be specified by the Russian Federation. | | 2015 | Funding (approximately \$28,000) from Sweden (carried forward). |
| | 10. Collection of findings and opinions from the Committee regarding the Convention and the Protocol, posted on website. | Carried out by the secretariat. | Online collection of the Committee's findings and opinions. | Annual updates | — |
| | 11. Alignment of the authentic language versions of the Protocol and the two amendments to the Convention: | Secretariat to organize a review by the United Nations editors, the ad hoc task force and the Working Group to review inconsistencies identified and to prepare proposals. | Proposals for aligning the text of the Protocol. | 2015 | — |
| | (a) Identification and review of inconsistencies; | | | | |
| | (b) Preparation of proposals for addressing the inconsistencies (through correction or amendment procedures). | | | | |

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| | 12. Preparation of guidance on the implementation of the Convention (drawing on opinions of the Implementation Committee). | Undertaken by external consultant(s), with the support of the secretariat and, as needed, the Implementation Committee and the Working Group on EIA and SEA. | Guidance document. | 2015–2016 | Funding for a consultant (\$10,000) from EIB |
| | 13. Further development and update of the Guidelines on Environmental Impact Assessment in a Transboundary Context for Central Asian Countries. | Lead country: Kyrgyzstan Regional workshops to discuss and update the Guidelines. | Guidelines on EIA for Central Asian Countries. | 2015–2016 | Funding from Switzerland in 2015 (\$25,000) and 2016 (\$10,000) for external and national consultants and organization of up to two workshops. |
| | 14. Preparation of a video to promote the benefits of the Convention and the Protocol in Eastern Europe and the Caucasus | Secretariat to prepare a draft script, Bureau/the Working Group to review it and external contractor to produce the video clip. | 1–3 minute video clip | 2015–2016 | Funding from the EU (EaP-GREEN). ^b |

Subregional cooperation and capacity-building to strengthen contacts between the Parties and others, including States outside the ECE region

Improved and developed application of the Convention and its

For all subregions:

- (a) Possible evaluation of relevant guidance;
- (b) Possible guidance on subregional issues such as public participation and the role of NGOs;
- (c) Common understanding of elements of

Participants cover their own travel and accommodation costs to the extent possible, while host countries cover organizational and venue costs in kind (approximately \$5,000–\$20,000 per workshop).

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| Protocol within the subregions. | | | application and possible multilateral agreements. | | |
| Promotion of cooperation in all subregions. | South-Eastern Europe subregion 1. Workshop(s) on implementation of the Convention, Protocol and Bucharest Agreement in the subregion: workshop to prepare for the first Meeting of the Parties to the Bucharest Agreement. | Lead country: Romania | Workshop reports and possible reports on specific issues. | 2015 | Donor/in-kind. |
| Increased professional skills of officials and increased awareness of the public, including NGOs, as well as of officials at all relevant administrative levels in relation to SEA and transboundary EIA and to the application of the Convention and its Protocol. | Mediterranean subregion, including Adriatic Sea 2. Carried forward workshop for the Mediterranean. | Lead country: Morocco, with support from other interested countries. | Workshop report. | 2015 | Funding largely available (\$20,000). |
| Increased coordination between environmental treaties in Eastern Europe, the Caucasus and Central Asia. | Baltic Sea subregion 3. Holding of three meetings on: (a) SEA for programmes of measures under the EU Marine Strategy Framework Directive (art. 13) and the experience of large-scale transboundary projects; | Lead countries: Germany, Latvia and Lithuania. | Workshop reports and possible reports on specific issues. | (a) 2014 in Germany (b) 2015 in Lithuania (c) 2016 in Latvia | In kind. |

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| | <p>(b) (i) Assessment and reduction of transboundary impacts on transboundary watercourses and international lakes in the context of the Espoo Convention, the Protocol on SEA and the Helsinki Convention;</p> <p>(ii) Effective public participation in SEA/EIA in the context of the Espoo Convention, the Protocol on SEA and the Aarhus Convention;</p> <p>(c) (topics to be identified by the lead country).</p> <p>Eastern Europe, the Caucasus and Central Asia</p> | | | | Require donor and/or in-kind contributions by beneficiary countries |
| | <p>4. Subregional coordination and experience-sharing events to share successes, challenges, solutions and experiences as well as the results of capacity-building activities on SEA and EIA, followed by the dissemination of seminar results in all countries of Eastern Europe, the Caucasus and Central Asia, including to the public and NGOs. The events can focus one or several challenges in SEA or EIA implementation (e.g., public participation; monitoring;</p> | <p>Lead countries: Armenia, Azerbaijan, Belarus, Georgia, Kazakhstan, Republic of Moldova, Ukraine</p> | <p>Dissemination of seminar results: All countries of Eastern Europe, the Caucasus and Central Asia.</p> | | |

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| | interministerial cooperation/consultations) or on a sector (energy, mining, etc.) Countries to propose themes/ topics for the events: | | | | |
| | (a) Practical experience in application of SEA to various plans and programmes in the EU countries, comparison of legal, institutional and procedural frameworks; | Czech Republic. | | Autumn 2014 | Funding from the EU (EaP-GREEN). ^b |
| | (b) Lessons learned from national and subregional reviews of legal and institutional frameworks for application of EIA and SEA; | Georgia. | | 2015 | Funding from the EU (EaP-GREEN). ^b |
| | (c) Lessons learned from the SEA pilot projects in Armenia, Azerbaijan, Belarus, Georgia, the Republic of Moldova and Ukraine. | Ukraine. | | 2016 | Funding from the EU (EaP-GREEN). ^b |
| | 5. Joint capacity-building activities with the Aarhus Convention for Armenia, Azerbaijan and Georgia on public participation in decision-making, including to strengthen the capacities of national Aarhus Centres and the regional Aarhus Centres Network in the EIA and SEA processes. Use the Good Practice Recommendations on Public Participation on SEA and the general guidance on enhancing systemic consistency. | Lead countries: Armenia, Azerbaijan, Georgia, involving Aarhus Centres in these countries, with support from OSCE and inputs from Aarhus Convention and Convention on Environmental Impact Assessment in a Transboundary Context (Espoo Convention) secretariats. | Capacity-building and training materials. | 2015–2016 (tbc) | Funding from the Environment and Security Initiative. |

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| <p>Exchange of good practices</p> <p>Shared knowledge and experience in appropriate legislation for implementation of the Convention and the Protocol, leading to better national legislation and application.</p> <p>Improved implementation and application of the Convention and the Protocol by learning from Parties' experiences.</p> <p>Awareness-raising on the Convention, its amendments and its ratification.</p> | <p>(a) Development and compilation of capacity-building materials;</p> <p>(b) Regional and national training workshops.</p> | | | | | |
| | <p>1. Workshops or half-day seminars within meetings of the Working Group on:</p> | | <p>From each workshop or seminar, a brief, clear document presenting advice on the most important problems identified for the theme in question.</p> | | <p>Costs (e.g., costs for speakers, provision and translation of materials) to be covered in kind by lead countries, to the extent possible (approximately \$10,000 per seminar).</p> | |
| | <p>(a) Post-project analysis;</p> | <p>Lead countries: Belarus, in cooperation with Ukraine.</p> | | | 2015 | <p>In kind and some funding from the EU (EaP-GREEN) to cover costs for speakers.</p> |
| | <p>(b) Global application of the Convention and the Protocol: focus on non-ECE countries and IFIs.</p> | <p>Lead organization: EIB.</p> | | | 2016 | <p>In kind. (Travel costs for non-ECE countries should be covered from the budget.)</p> |

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| | 2. Development of good practice recommendations on the application of the Convention to nuclear energy-related activities. | Undertaken by external consultant(s), in line with agreed terms of reference, under the supervision of an editorial group including Austria, Belarus, Finland, France, Germany, the Netherlands, Poland, Ukraine, the European Commission and European ECO Forum, and with support from the secretariat. | Good practice recommendations for adoption by MOP7 and MOP/MOP3. | 2015–2016 | In kind. Requires consultant(s) for drafting (\$10,000–\$20,000). Co-funding from Austria (\$5,000) and the EU (EaP GREEN). ^b |
| Promoting ratification and application of the Protocol on SEA | | Lead: secretariat in cooperation with the concerned countries. | Ratifications and other outcomes specified below. | 2014–2017 | |
| Ratification, full legal implementation and practical application of the Protocol. Increased professional skills of officials, and increased awareness of the public, including NGOs, as well as of officials at all relevant administrative levels in relation to SEA and to the application of the Protocol. | 1. Preparation of fact-sheets on application of SEA, e.g., on industrial reconversion and investment plans or sustainable agricultural practices. | Lead: All Parties, including Armenia, Azerbaijan, Belarus, Georgia, Republic of Moldova and Ukraine, as well as the secretariat in cooperation with UNEP. (The Party preparing the fact-sheet will be responsible for its layout.) | Fact-sheets | 2014–2016 | Funding from the EU (EaP-GREEN) for translation and publication. |

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| Increased exchange of information and experience in the application of the Protocol. | 2. Preparation of two-page informal pamphlets on key issues in SEA practice (e.g., on ...). | Lead organization: IAIA, with the support of WHO, SEA and health experts and the secretariat. | Informal pamphlets on key issues | Ongoing | In kind. |
| | 3. Workshops, including training, on the application of the Protocol for countries in the ECE region and other Parties to the Protocol, in particular countries of South-Eastern and Eastern Europe, the Caucasus and Central Asia: | Lead countries: Armenia, Azerbaijan, Georgia, Republic of Moldova and Ukraine. | Workshop and training reports. | Countries to specify the timing | |
| | (a) One national training event, one local training events; | Armenia. | | 2015–2016 | Funding from the EU (EaP-GREEN). |
| | (b) Two national training events, two local training events; | Azerbaijan. | | 2014–2016 | Funding from the EU (EaP-GREEN). |
| | (c) One national training events; | Belarus. | | 2015–2016 | Funding from the EU (EaP-GREEN). |
| | (d) One national training event; | Georgia. | | 2014–2015 | Funding from the EU (EaP-GREEN). |
| | (e) Two national training events, two local training events; | Republic of Moldova. | | 2014–2016 | Funding from the EU (EaP-GREEN). |
| (f) One national training event, one local training event; | Kazakhstan. | | 2015–2017 | EU funding for Kazakhstan. ^c | |

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| | (g) One national training event, two local training events. | Ukraine | | 2015–2016 | Funding from the EU (EaP-GREEN). |
| | 4. National guidance documents on SEA. | Lead countries: Armenia, Azerbaijan, Georgia, Kazakhstan, Republic of Moldova and Ukraine. | One published guidance document per country. | 2015–2016 | Funding from the EU (EaP-GREEN).; and from the EU for Kazakhstan. ^c |
| | 5. Pilot SEAs in selected countries, in selected sectors. | Lead countries: Armenia, Azerbaijan, Georgia, Republic of Moldova, Tajikistan and Ukraine, in collaboration with UNEP and WHO, where relevant. | Project reports. | | (a)–(e) funding from the EU (EaP-GREEN). (f) EU funding for Kazakhstan. ^c |
| | | (a) Armenia; | | (a) 2014–2015 | |
| | | (b) Azerbaijan; | | (b) 2014–2015 | |
| | | (c) Georgia; | | (c) 2014–2015 | |
| | | (d) Republic of Moldova; | | (d) 2014–2015 | |
| | | (e) Ukraine; | | (e) 2015–2016 | |
| | | (f) Kazakhstan. | | (f) 2016–2017 | |

Abbreviations: ECE = United Nations Economic Commission for Europe; EIA = environmental impact assessment; EIB = European Investment Bank; EU = European Union; IAIA = International Association for Impact Assessment; MOP7 = the Meeting of the Parties to the Convention at its seventh session; MOP/MOP3 = the Meeting of the Parties to the Convention serving as the Meeting of the Parties to the Protocol at its third session; NGOs = non-governmental organizations; OSCE = Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe; SEA = strategic environmental assessment; UNEP = United Nations Environment Programme; WHO = World Health Organization.

^a The financing of the activities foreseen in the budget of the Convention and its Protocol for the period up to the seventh session of the Meeting of the Parties to the Convention and the third session of the Meeting of the Parties to Convention serving as the Meeting of the Parties to the Protocol, as set out in annex I to decision VI/4–II/4, will be contingent on sufficient funds being made available by Parties through their voluntary contributions to the Convention trust fund.

^b “Greening Economies in the European Union’s Eastern Partnership” (EaP-GREEN), a European Union-funded regional multi-stakeholder project. Funding subject to applicable procedures under the project.

^c “Supporting Kazakhstan's transition to a Green Economy Model” a European Union-funded multi-stakeholder project foreseen for 2015–2018 (tbc).

Annex II

List of activities awaiting funding for the implementation of the Convention and its Protocol for the period up to the seventh session of the Meeting of the Parties to the Convention and the third session of the Meeting of the Parties to the Convention serving as the Meeting of the Parties to the Protocol

| <i>Activity objectives</i> | <i>Method of work (sub-activities)</i> | <i>Organizational arrangements</i> | <i>Expected outcome</i> | <i>Time schedule</i> | <i>Budget</i> |
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| <p>Compliance with and implementation of the Convention and the Protocol</p> <p>Enhance the implementation of and compliance with the Convention and the Protocol</p> | <p>1. Reviews of legislation, procedures and practice and technical assistance in drafting legislation to strengthen Parties' implementation of and compliance with the Convention and the Protocol. Prompted by the Implementation Committee or requested by Parties themselves, as follows:</p> <p>(a) Country-specific reviews, including a period in-country examining national legislation and based on earlier reviews further to decision IV/2. Parties experiencing similar problems might be assisted jointly;</p> <p>(b) Technical advice further to possible Committee initiatives (as decided by the Implementation Committee).</p> <p>2. Pre-accession legislative assistance: technical advice to Uzbekistan to review its national legislation for implementation of the Protocol and to propose amendments.</p> | <p>Undertaken by external consultant(s), with the support of the secretariat.</p> | <p>Recommendations to the country on strengthening capacity, including amendments to legislation, procedures and institutional arrangements.</p> | <p>2016–2017</p> | <p>Funding for up to two reviews is budgeted.^a</p> |

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| <p>Subregional cooperation and capacity-building to strengthen contacts between the Parties and others, including States outside the ECE region</p> <p>Improved and developed application of the Convention and its Protocol within the subregions.</p> <p>Promotion of cooperation in all subregions.</p> | | | <p>For all subregions:</p> <p>(a) Possible evaluation of relevant guidance;</p> <p>(b) Possible guidance on subregional issues such as public participation and the role of NGOs;</p> <p>(c) Common understanding of elements of application and possible multilateral agreements.</p> | | <p>Participants cover their own travel and accommodation costs to the extent possible, while host countries cover organizational and venue costs in kind (approximately \$5,000–\$20 000 per workshop).</p> |
| <p>Increased professional skills of officials and increased awareness of the public, including NGOs, as well as of officials' at all relevant administrative levels in relation to SEA and transboundary EIA and to the application of the Convention and its Protocol.</p> | <p>South-Eastern Europe subregion</p> <p>1. Workshop(s) on implementation of the Convention, the Protocol and the Bucharest Agreement in the subregion.</p> | <p>Lead countries: Croatia, and Slovenia.</p> | <p>Workshop reports and possible reports on specific issues.</p> | | <p>Donor/in-kind (e.g., project) funding required.</p> |
| | <p>(a) Workshop;</p> | <p>(a) Croatia with Slovenia.</p> | | <p>(a) 2015</p> | <p>(a) No funding confirmed yet.</p> |
| | <p>(b) First Meeting of the Parties to the Bucharest Agreement.</p> | <p>(b) Romania.</p> | | <p>(b) Late 2015</p> | <p>(b) No funding confirmed yet.</p> |
| <p>Increased coordination between environmental treaties in Eastern Europe, the Caucasus and Central Asia.</p> | <p>Mediterranean subregion, including Adriatic Sea</p> <p>2. <i>Carried forward</i> workshop on practical application of the Convention on the basis of the</p> | <p>Lead country: Italy, to be confirmed.</p> | <p>Workshop reports and possible reports on specific issues.</p> | <p>2014–2015</p> | <p>In kind.</p> |

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| | results in the previous workshops. | | | | |
| <p>Exchange of good practices</p> <p>Shared knowledge and experience in appropriate legislation for implementation of the Convention and the Protocol, leading to better national legislation and application.</p> <p>Improved implementation and application of the Convention and the Protocol by learning from Parties' experiences.</p> <p>Awareness-raising on the Convention, its amendments and its ratification.</p> | <p>Workshops or half-day seminars within meetings of the Working Group on:</p> <p>A topic related to SEA (e.g., based on IAIA "FasTips").</p> | <p>Lead organization: IAIA.</p> | <p>From each workshop or seminar, a brief, clear document presenting advice on the most important identified problems for the theme in question.</p> | <p>2016</p> | <p>Costs (e.g., costs for speakers, provision and translation of materials) to be covered in kind by lead countries, to the extent possible (approximately \$10,000 per seminar).</p> <p>(Participation of countries in transition, NGOs, Non-ECE countries.)</p> <p>In kind and some funding from the EU (EaP-GREEN) to cover costs for speakers.^b</p> |
| <p>Promoting ratification and application of the Protocol on SEA</p> <p>Ratification, full legal implementation and practical application of the Protocol.</p> | <p>Pilot SEAs in selected countries, in selected sectors.</p> | <p>Requested by Tajikistan.</p> | | <p>2015–2016</p> | <p>Requires funding (\$80,000–\$100,000).</p> |

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| Increased professional skills of officials and increased awareness of the public, including NGOs, as well as of officials' at all relevant administrative levels in relation to SEA and to the application of the Protocol. | | | | | |
| Increased exchange of information and experience in the application of the Protocol. | | | | | |

Abbreviations: ECE = United Nations Economic Commission for Europe; EIA = environmental impact assessment; EU = European Union; NGOs = non-governmental organizations; ; IAIA = International Association for Impact Assessment; SEA = strategic environmental assessment.

^a The financing of the activities foreseen in the budget of the Convention and its Protocol for the period up to the seventh session of the Meeting of the Parties to the Convention and the third session of the Meeting of the Parties to Convention serving as the Meeting of the Parties to the Protocol, as set out in annex I to decision VI/4–II/4, will be contingent on sufficient funds being made available by Parties through their voluntary contributions to the Convention trust fund.

^b “Greening Economies in the European Union’s Eastern Partnership” (EaP-GREEN), a European Union-funded regional multi-stakeholder project. Funding subject to applicable procedures under the project.