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SEA National Manual of Georgia

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SEA National Manual

- **targeted**
- **specific**
- **catching moment**

Planning controversies

- **Soviet phantom**
- **Budgeting:**
 - Indicative plans
 - MTEF
- **Internationally induced planning**
 - ┌ PRSPR
- **Urban planning**

SEA of plans and programs

- Industry Development Programs
- Energy System Development Programs
- Forest Management Projects
- Transport Infrastructure Development Programs
- Land Use Plans
- Infrastructures for Protection from Natural Catastrophes
- Urbanization and City Planning Programs

SEA of plans and programs

**Only 1 example since 1997:
Kolkheti National Park Management
Plan**

problems:

- **EIA and SEE costs**
- **Rigid listing**
- **“Urgent necessities”**
- **Government “solidarity”**

Frame Law on Permits and Licenses

- **less licenses/permits**
- **shorter procedure**
- **less space for decision-making**
- **less/no space for public**
- **stricter enforcement**

Public participation controversies

- **formal approach**
- **late in the process**
- **no real results**
- **public not interested any more**

SEA perspectives

- **government-initiated activities does not fall under new law**
- **legislative gap?**
- **space for introduction of new approach**

Towards new SEA design

- **decision-making vs. technical permitting**
- **define role of the public**
- **not stick to environmental concerns only**

Requirements to the manual

- for non-environmental officials
- attractive
- easy to read
- many examples
- living document

OUTLINE

- Strategic planning
- History of SEA
 - Benefits
- Procedure
- SEA Development
 - ┌ Relationships with ppp process
 - ┌ Methods
 - ┌ Public participation

OUTLINE

- Georgian context
 - Existing planning practices
 - Existing EA of ppp
 - Difference from SEA
 - Recommendations

Thank you!

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