



Planning meeting for preparation of the amendments to the law of the Republic of Armenia on “Environmental impact assessment and expertize”

EaP GREEN programme (Greening Economies in the Eastern Neighbourhood)

24 March 2015, Hotel Congress, Italy 1 street, Yerevan, Armenia

The half a day working meeting is organized by the Ministry of Nature Protection of the Republic of Armenia, the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe and the NGO Eco-Globe within the framework of the EU funded Programme “Greening Economies in the Eastern Neighbourhood” (EaP GREEN) to discuss the process of preparing amendments to the law on “Environmental impact assessment and expertize” to ensure its compliance with the UNECE Convention on Environmental Impact Assessment in a Transboundary Context, its Protocol on Strategic Environmental Assessment and relevant EU legislation.

The event will gather 7-10 experts from the legal department, strategic planning department and environmental expertise department of the Ministry of Nature Protection of RA, as well as legal experts and representatives of civil society in order to guide the drafting process.

14:20 – 14:30 Registration of Participants

14:30 – 14:40 Opening of the Meeting

Ms. Eleonora Grigoryan, Advisor to the Minister, Ministry of Nature Protection of the Republic of Armenia , National Focal Point to the Espoo Convention
Ms. Elena Santer, UNECE Secretariat to the Espoo Convention

14:40– 17:10 Presentation of the concept paper on developing amendments to the national environmental assessment and horizontal legislation

Coffee and light refreshments will be served during this session

Ms. Elena Layevskaya, UNECE international expert & Azganush Drnoyan, National Expert

- General approach to amending the law (15 min presentation – 15 min discussion)
- Concept for amending general provisions of the law on Environmental impact assessment and expertize (1 h for presentations and discussion on specific suggestions)
- Concept for amending sections related to Environmental Impact Assessment (discussion)
- Concept for amending sections Strategic Environmental Assessment (1 h for presentations and discussion on specific suggestions)

17:10 – 18:00 Process of preparation of the amendments

Division of responsibilities between national and international consultants
Role of the Ministry (working group/ consultation group)
Consultation process with national authorities
Role of civil society and public consultations modalities
Revising the proposed time schedule

18:00 -18:15 Conclusions and closure of the meeting