Implementation of the Shared Environmental Information System (SEIS) principles and practices in the Eastern Partnership countries

*The **ENI SEIS II East** project (2016-2020)*

Key activities and results during the project inception phase (February-October 2016)

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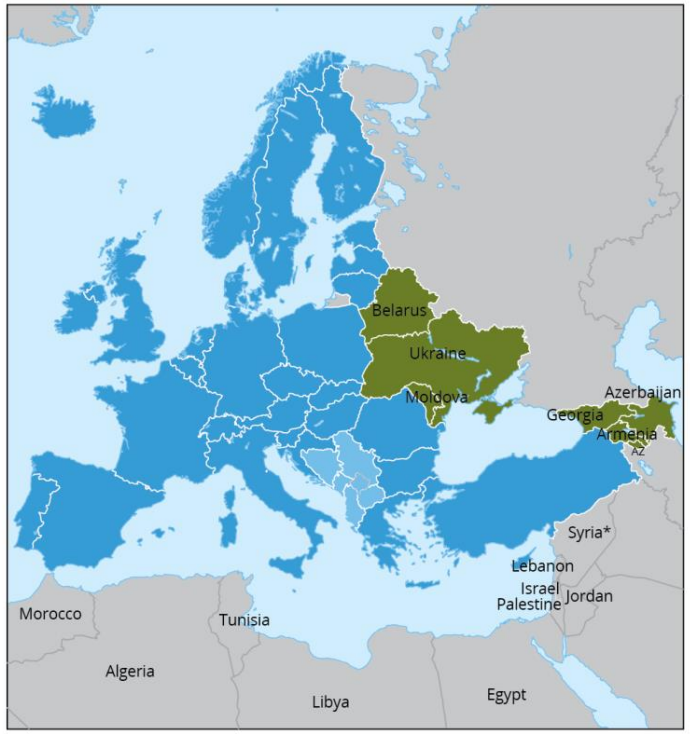
EEA cooperation with the European Neighbourhood



EEA and ENI SEIS II East project coverage

EEA member countries
EEA cooperating countries
ENI SEIS II East

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* Collaboration is temporally suspended

- Building on previous projects and cooperation activities in wider geographical area
- Further implementation of the Shared Environmental Information System (SEIS) in two ENP regions – East and South, in line with Eionet practices
- Supporting the EU policies and external policy framework
- Synergies with relevant regional partners

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The ENI SEIS II East Project

Regional project for the six countries of the Eastern Partnership

Armenia - Azerbaijan - Belarus - Georgia - Moldova - Ukraine

Objective: to strengthen the regular production of environmental indicators and assessment as a contribution towards knowledge-based policy-making and good governance in the field of the environment

Duration:
48 months
(01 February 2016 – 31 January 2020)

Budget:
€6.950 M

EEA project team:
5 fte project-funded
3 fte EEA core

Resources:
EEA /Eionet experts
Framework contractors
Synergy activities

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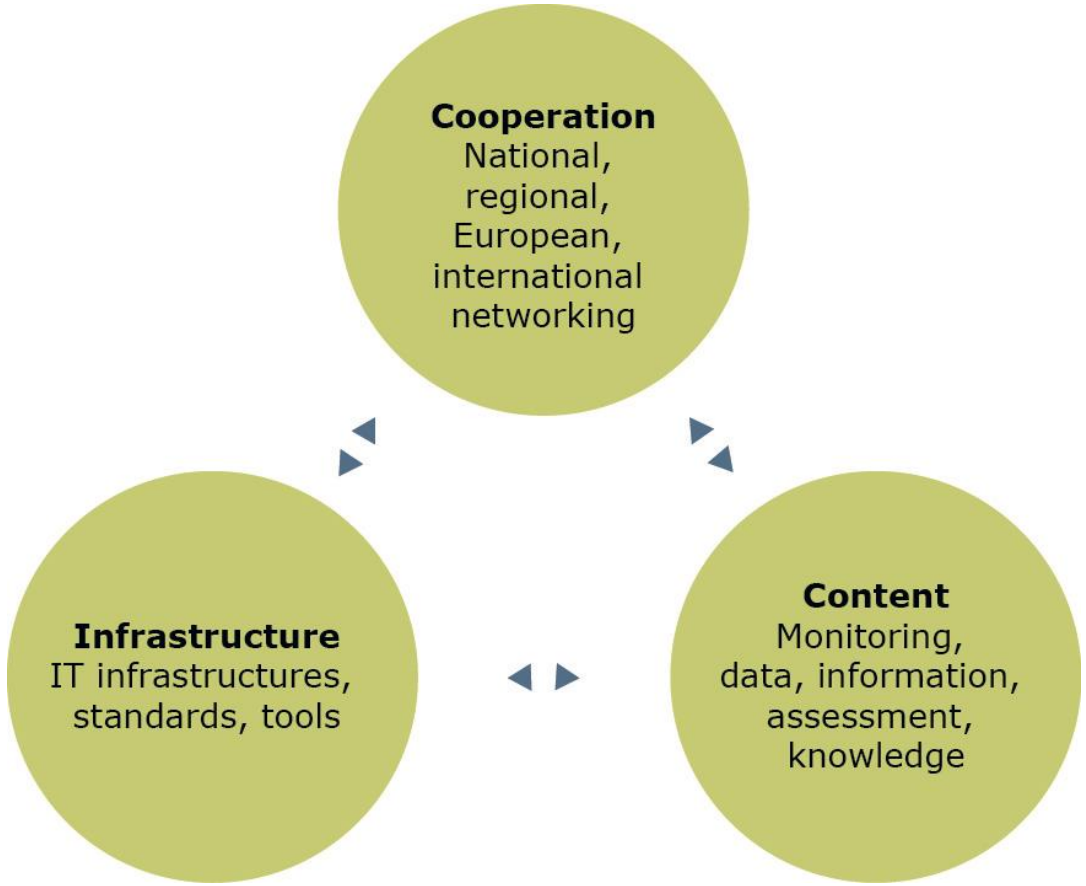
Further strengthening of SEIS pillars through partnerships



Eionet eurostat UNEP

UNECE WHO OECD

The project timeframe

UNECE ⟷ EU

UNECE - UNEP-EEA

Batumi Ministerial Declaration (June 2016)
"have SEIS in place by 2021"

- Roadmap 2021
- Vision 2030
- Reporting progress on SEIS

Level of integration;

- EU 2030 objectives
- EU/Eionet methodologies
- EU/Eionet products
- EU 2050 vision

SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS

2020/2021 Next reporting cycle

REGIONAL

UNEP Live

2017 | 2018 | 2019

NATIONAL

Inception phase

- Establishment of national work plans

Anchoring the work in national setting

- NIT (mandate, objectives)
- National pilot/case
- National support
- Links to other initiatives
- Kick off CLC/land cover
- National assessment process (using results)

Results available

- Sharing of experiences among countries
- National achievements in regional setting
- Data quality
- Endorsement of results

"Evidence-based policy making"

- Assessments
- Reporting/availability of indicators
- Policy briefs

EU
Pan-European
Global

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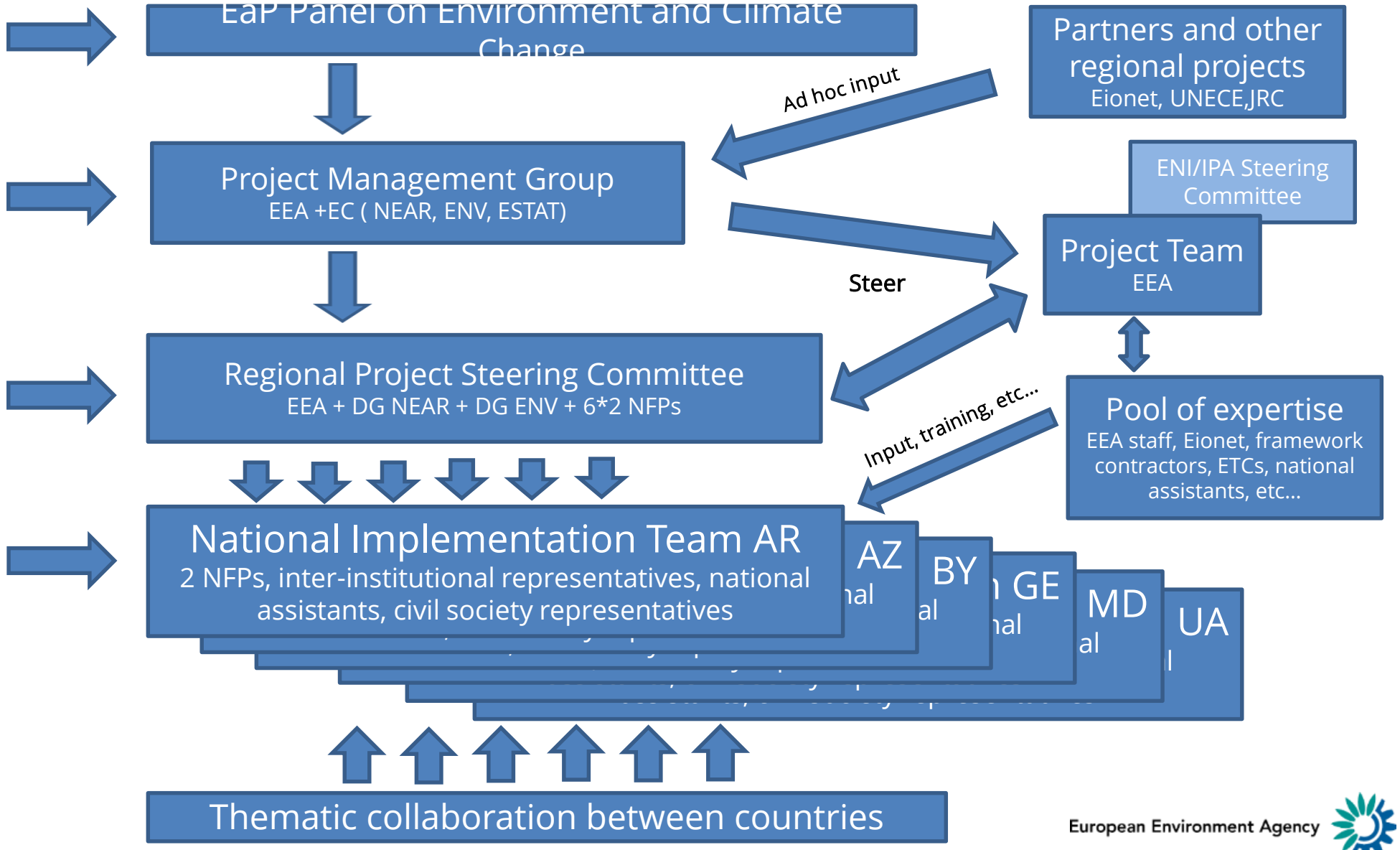
Project governance and steering

Political Level
annual meeting convened by EC

Strategic Steering Level
2 annual meetings

Project Steering Level
1 annual meeting

Operational Level
1 annual meeting with EEA



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ENI SEIS II East project activity areas

AREA 1

Improved implementation of

regional / international commitments

AREA 2

Improved capacities in the national administrations to

manage and use environmental data, statistics, and information

AREA 3

Preparation of regular

State of Environment reports and indicator-based assessments

AREA 4

Communication and visibility

National +

Regional / international (e.g. side events)

AREA 5

Management and coordination

Other EU-funded projects

Other partners (UN, Estat, JRC)

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Area 1 - Improved implementation of regional / international commitments related to environmental reporting

1.1 Support to national capacities to respond to international commitments in priority areas

1.2 Harmonisation of methodologies for production of comparable environmental indicators across the region

Related to key processes:

Regional / global conventions

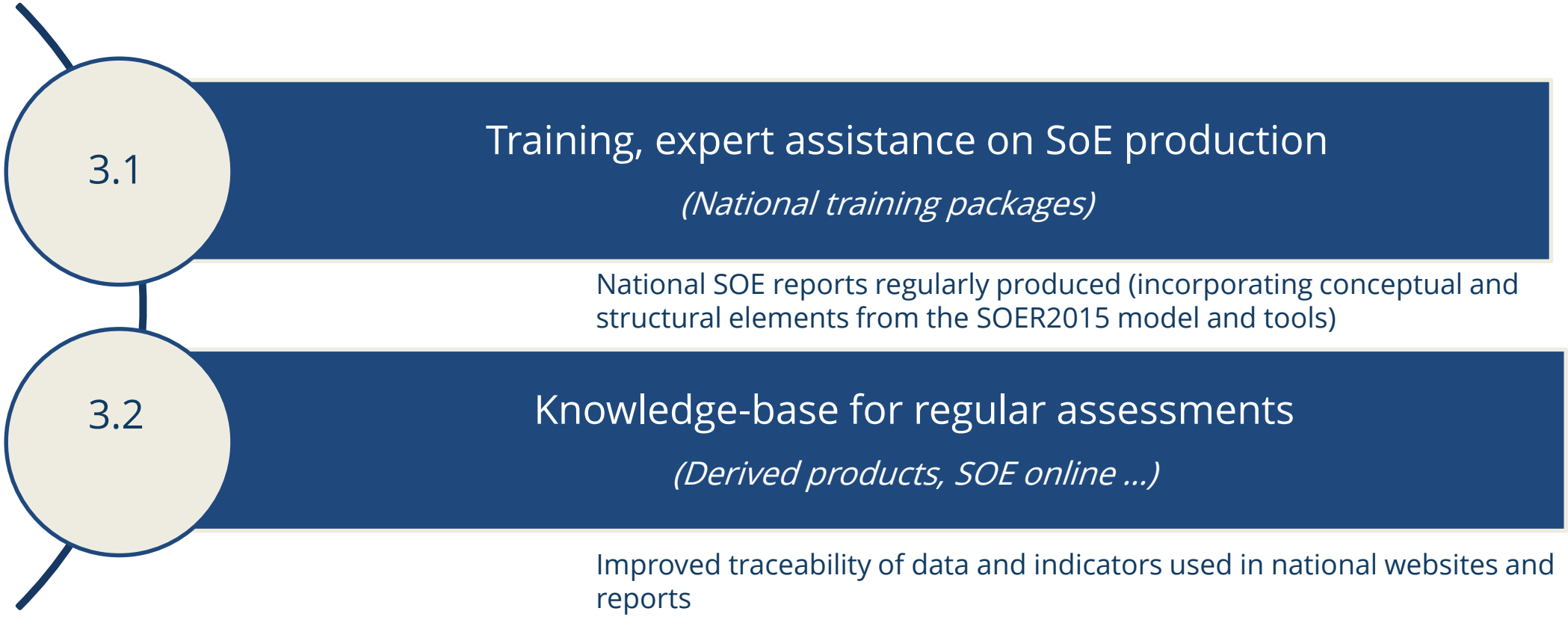
EU initiatives / projects

Working practices of Eionet

UNECE, UNEP

Area 2 - Improved capacities in the national administrations to manage and use environmental statistics, data and information

Area 3 - Preparation of regular indicator-based assessments



Inception phase activities

0.1 Stocktaking, gap identification and analysis

0.2 Development of four-year SEIS national work plans

Related activities:

Recruitment

Procurement and financial management

EEA and Eionet awareness

Governance aspects

Project Inception Phase (Febr-Oct 2016)

Dialogue with the partner countries

Regional events and country visits

Administration and internal management, incl. recruitment

Communication and visibility

Design of further implementation

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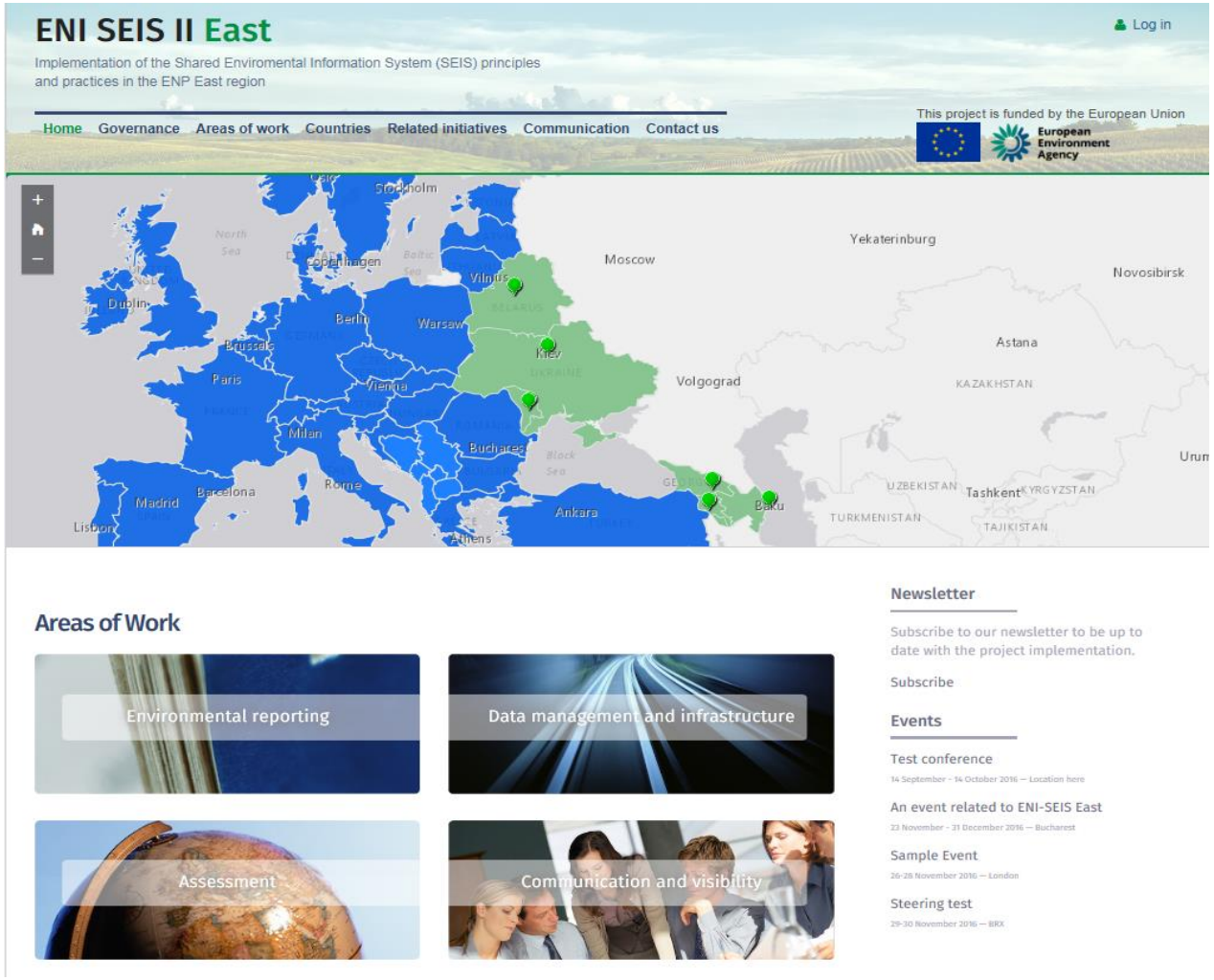

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