



2nd Steering Committee Meeting of ENI SEIS II East project, 12–13 December 2017, Minsk

Project contribution to pan-European commitment at Batumi Ministerial Conference in 2016 on reporting on progress in establishing SEIS (SEIS assessment framework)

Key events and milestones in 2018 and 2019



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- Outcome of Batumi Ministerial Conference & overview on milestones in SEIS establishment in the pan-European region since 2016
- Timeline for the mid-term review on establishing SEIS
- Project: Support Production and regular update of the regional set of indicators and strengthening environmental statistics and accounting in the six Eastern Partnership countries under ENI SEIS II East Project
- Project events and milestones in 2018 and 2019 that support the establishment of SEIS and a regular assessment process in the pan-European region
- Synergies with other projects



Overview on main activities and milestones in the establishment of SEIS in the pan-European region since 2016

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Milestones in SEIS establishment in the pan-European region

8th Environment for Europe Ministerial Conference in Batumi, 8–10 June 2016

Ministerial Declaration stated that:

“While welcoming progress in developing the SEIS to support a regular process of environmental assessment, we invite countries to continue their efforts and to further develop their national information systems to have SEIS in place in the countries of Europe and Central Asia by 2021”.

The UNECE Committee on Environmental Policy was invited to convene a mid-term review in 2018 to assess progress in the implementation.



Overview on main activities and milestones in the establishment of SEIS in the pan-European region



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DATE	Milestones in SEIS establishment in the pan-European region
June 2016 / June 2017 / October 2017	18th & 19th meetings of the UNECE Working Group on Environmental Monitoring and Assessment and 13th & 14th sessions of the UNECE Joint Task Force on Environmental Statistics and Indicators - Several decisions made regarding reporting on progress in establishing SEIS, the need to revise the review criteria & integrate a quality component as part of the SEIS assessment framework.
September 2017	SEIS assessment framework technical meeting & country workshop in Vienna
October– November 2017	Finalization of SEIS assessment framework by UNECE secretariat in consultation with member States, EEA and UNEP
November– December 2017	Generation of online SEIS reporting tool by UNEP
2018	Mid-term review of progress in establishing SEIS in the pan-European region based on revised SEIS assessment framework and online reporting tool



Shared Environmental Information System

Mid-term review



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Timeline	Activity
December 2017 – February 2018	Data provision by countries using the online SEIS reporting tool
March–April 2018	Analysis and compilation by secretariat; production of first draft of mid-term review
May–June 2018	Validation of draft mid-term review by member States and revision by the secretariat
June 2018	Finalization of mid-term review by means of an online consultation
3–4 September 2018	Consideration of mid-term review at 20 th session of Working Group
September– October 2018	Editing of mid-term review; submission for translation and issue

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Timeline	Activity
January 2019	Committee on Environmental Policy to consider mid-term review
2019	Working Group to adjust SEIS assessment framework, as necessary
12–15 November 2019	UNECE secretariat to report on progress to Committee on Environmental Policy
2020	Data provision by countries
10–13 November 2020	Committee on Environmental Policy to consider SEIS final review
2021	Ministers to consider the SEIS final review (to be confirmed)

Project: Support Production and regular update of the regional set of indicators and strengthening environmental statistics and accounting in the six Eastern Partnership countries under ENI SEIS II East Project



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- **Outline of Main Project Activities contributing to commitment from Batumi Ministerial Conference:**
 - **Activity 1:** Ensure participation of EaP countries' representatives in 19th session of Working Group, 13th, 14th and 15th sessions of Joint Task Force and a seminar on implementation of the System of Environmental-Economic Accounting (SEEA)
 - **Activity 2:** Preparation of analytical report on current status of production and sharing of UNECE environmental indicators in EaP countries
 - **Activity 3:** Streamlining of state-of-the-environment reporting, SDG reporting and production of UNECE set of environmental indicators in EaP countries

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Project contribution to the pan-European commitment from Batumi Ministerial Conference

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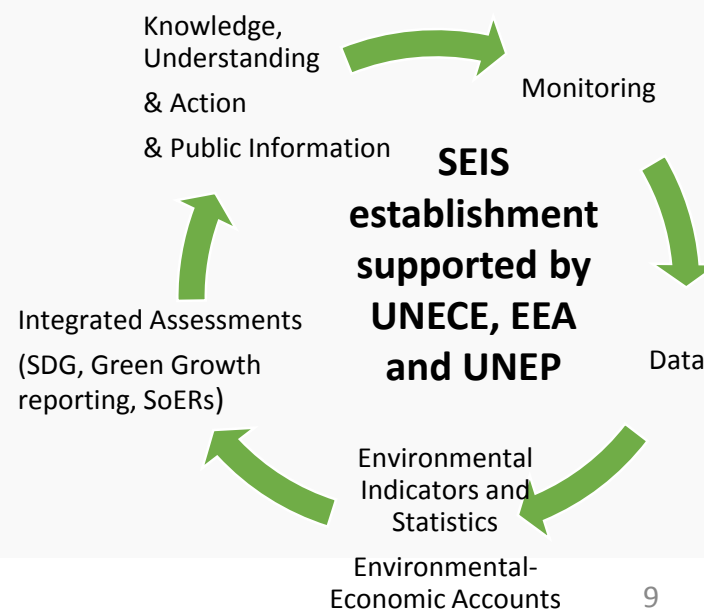


- Participation of EaP countries' representatives ensured in 19th Working Group session and 13th and 14th Joint Task Force sessions in 2017
- Guidance and support for reviewing and updating UNECE core set of environmental indicators ongoing
- Proposals for revisions of biodiversity and energy indicators discussed at 14th Joint Task Force session to align better with SDGs
- Energy indicators were added to the core set of indicators
- Analytical report on status of production & sharing of core environmental indicators for EaP countries in process
 - Report will also contribute to a better analysis and integration of environmental indicators into SDG/global reporting and their use in national, regional and global assessments and/or state-of-the-environment reports for EaP countries

Project contribution to the pan-European commitment from Batumi Ministerial Conference

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- Capacity strengthening for improved data quality standards, the integration of the environmental indicators into SDG/global reporting and their use in national, regional and global assessments
- Strengthening of environmental statistics and accounting, in particular through application of the global standard SEEA-CF and revised United Nations Framework for the Development of Environment Statistics
- Strengthened institutional cooperation (e.g. Environment and Statistics)



Project events and milestones in 2018 and 2019

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- Capacity Strengthening
 - 3rd Joint OECD/UNECE Seminar on the Implementation of SEEA (21-22 February 2018, Geneva) with participation of EaP countries
 - SEEA Training workshop (15-18 January 2018, Minsk) with participation of EaP countries
- Finalization of analytical report (spring 2018) and recommendations and development of training sessions
- Training sessions to be conducted during next JTF session in October 2018
- 20th session of Working Group (3-4 September 2018) to consider draft mid-term review and discuss outcomes of project

Synergies with other projects (1)

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- EEA SEIS activities in six EaP countries and other projects implemented by UNECE and UNEP have mutual benefits
- Ongoing projects include:
 - EU-funded (GPGC-ENRTP) project led by UNEP on SEIS Capacity Building
 - Target countries in the region: 5 Central Asian countries
 - Main objective: strengthen capacity for data sharing to support state of environment reporting and other assessment and reporting processes including on the SDGs
 - Activities: needs and readiness assessments; technical support on environmental data sharing; and exchange of knowledge and lessons learned
 - UNDA-funded joint UNECE/UNEP project: Strengthen capacity to measure and monitor SDG indicators in environment statistics areas
 - Target regions/countries: Eastern Europe, Caucasus and Central Asia
 - Main objective: Strengthen capacity to measure and monitor SDG indicators in environment statistics areas. Focus on SDGs 6,7,12,13,14 and 15
 - Activities: Country sensitization and initiation workshops, regional workshops, targeted training, advisory missions and other capacity building activities

Synergies with other projects (2)



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- Ongoing projects include:
 - GEF-funded UNEP CCCD project in Bosnia and Herzegovina (incl. IRIS tool)
 - UNEP technical support to Montenegro and Serbia on testing of IRIS tool for managing environmental data flows (as related to SEIS & SDGs)
- Projects in the pipeline include:
 - UNDA-funded project led by UNECE in partnership with UNEP: Improved environmental monitoring and assessment in support of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development in South-Eastern Europe, Central Asia and the Caucasus
 - Target countries in the region include Armenia and Georgia
 - Main objectives: (1) strengthen capacities of national environmental authorities and statistical agencies to collect and produce required data and application of environmental indicators in accordance with SEIS principles and practices; and (2) improved accessibility and use of regularly updated and high quality environmental indicators, within the framework of SEIS, to respond to international indicator-based reporting obligations, including monitoring progress towards the SDGs
 - Activities: SEIS gap analysis reviews; advisory missions, capacity building workshops, guidelines for monitoring progress towards the SDGs, and development on a SEIS e-learning platform
 - Russian ODA-funded UNEP project on Geospatial Information & SDGs in Central Asia
 - Interagency cooperation activities under the Regional UNDG aimed at supporting identification of environmental data gaps and sources in support of SDGs-MAPS missions and report



Thank you!

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