SESSION 1

Overview of 2017 Project activities and achievements

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The project timeframe

UNECE

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

SEIS Assessment Framework → Mid-term assessment (2018) → → Full assessment (2021)

Fitness Check on Reporting and Monitoring

Actions for streamlining environmental reporting → →

2020/2021 Next reporting cycle

REGIONAL

2016   **2017**   **2018**   **2019**

NATIONAL

EU Pan-European Global

Inception phase
- Elaboration of work plans
- Governance structure/NFPs

Anchoring the work in national setting
- NIT (mandate, objectives)
- SEIS Assistants
- National support
- Links to other initiatives
- Kick off technical assistance

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

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TOPIC	ISSUE / ACTION
Targets and deliverables:	ENI SEIS II East project *vis-à-vis* the Batumi Declaration (pan-European ambition "*to have SEIS in place by 2021*")
Governance and Coordination:	Anchoring work at national level Understanding the processes at national level that contribute to SEIS: • National Focal Points (NFPs) • SEIS National Implementation Team (NIT) • Letter of Intent signed (country – EEA) • SEIS National Assistants • Project registration (if needed) Keep close dialogue with Eionet, relevant partners (UNECE, UNEP, OECD) and other projects

TOPIC	ISSUE / ACTION

Regional thematic priorities:	- Production of agreed regional set of indicators
	- Harmonise with methodologies of Eionet / EEA
	    • Water (water quality and quantity)
	    • Biodiversity (Emerald Network)
	    • Land cover mapping (Corine Land Cover)
	    • [air, waste]
	- Align with UN System of Environmental-Economic Accounting (UN SEEA) and UN Framework for Development for Environment Statistics (FDES)
	→ Develop capacities on assessments and accounting

Information systems and Infrastructure:	Thematic areas → portals → sub-components of National Integrated Environmental Information Systems • E.g. EU WISE / BISE knowledge platforms

1st Steering Committee, 29-30 November 2016 (3/3)

TOPIC	ISSUE / ACTION
Communication:	- Project website - Project newsletters - Importance to share national news/developments - National communication campaigns - Visibility at key regional events
Synergies with other initiatives/ projects:	- Capacity building based on Eionet practices - Support to UNECE JTFEIS and WGEMA - Regional projects, i.e. EUWI+, UNDP GEF, UNDA - Links to Twinning projects at national level - National cases to demonstrate SEIS in practice

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Regional work plan 2017 as basis for 2018-2019

Regional work plan for 2017 - ENI SEIS II East project (version 1 February 2017)

Note : the Activity areas below, for each SEIS component, are listed in a sequential order to capture the proposed workflow

SEIS component	Activity area	Regional implementation	Objectives	Activity types	J F M A M J J A S O N D
Cooperation	2.5: Expert assistance to solidify legislative and regulatory frameworks around data management, access and use	REG- 2.5: Expert assistance to facilitate regional dialogue for sharing knowledge and experience around data management, access and use	Identify gaps and areas in management of environmental data and data access at the regional scale	Expert support at national/regional level. Synergies with the implementation of the Aarhus Convention	As at
	2.2: Support the development of inter-institutional dialogue and public participation in the environmental decision-making process	REG- 2.2: Support the development of inter-institutional dialogue and public participation in the environmental decision-making process	Establish and formalise a networking structure that approximates working practices of Eionet	Training of the SEIS National Implementation Teams (NIT) on Eionet practices	
				Participation of key NIT members in relevant Eionet activities	Re
			Civil society involvement	Working meetings/visits to the partner countries	
	1.2: Harmonisation of methodologies for production of comparable environmental indicators across the region	REG- 1.2: Harmonisation of methodologies for production of comparable environmental indicators across the region	Capacity building for the aggregation and processing of environmental data and statistics	Technical assistance to develop common approach i.e. **UN SEEA- Water for developing of regional water quantity accounts**	An reg
				Regional events with other EU/regional/international partner organisations on data harmonisation	Pr
				Regional events with other EU-funded projects to support the establishment of regional water quantity accounts	An reg Wl
	1.1: Support to national capacities to respond to international commitments in priority areas	REG- 1.1.1 **Water quantity accounts** ▪ C1. Renewable freshwater resources ▪ C2. Freshwater abstraction ▪ C3. Total water use ▪ C4. Household water use per capita ▪ C5. Water supply industry and population connected to water	Aggregate and align datasets for international use, and to respond to regional/international commitments	Technical assistance through expert visits for harmonising data with international standards	An
				Regional event(s) for sharing knowledge and experiences on data harmonisation	Pr

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2017 National work plans

Armenia- National work plan for 2017 - ENI SEIS II East project

Azerbaijan - National work plan for 2017 - ENI SEIS II East project (versic

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Belarus- National work plan for 2017 - ENI SEIS II East project

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Georgia- National work plan for 2017 - ENI SEIS II East project

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Moldova- National work plan for 2017 - ENI SEIS II East project

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Ukraine - National work plan for 2017 - ENI SEIS II East project (version

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			Civil society involvement	
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Mid-year review: Regional meeting, 30 May-1 June 2017

Review and adjustment of activities:

1. Progress by the countries;
2. Modalities of cooperation;
3. Support mechanisms for capacity building;
4. Communication aspects;
5. Streamlining of environmental reporting.

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2017 achievements and project activities (1/2)

Work plans and engagement of partners (Eionet Member States, ETCs, UN and others) secured for all project areas:

- Water
- Biodiversity
- Corine Land Cover
- Environmental accounting
- Environmental assessment
- Communication and visibility

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- Procedure for SEIS National Assistants in place, recruitment of 3 assistants completed

- Strong linkages between Eionet & ENI East countries

- Regional cooperation (EEA-UNECE-UNEP)

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Overview of cooperation – December 2017

	Armenia	Azerbaijan	Belarus	Georgia	Moldova	Ukraine
Confirmed National Focal Points						
Signed Letter of Intent						
National Implementation Team *						
Approved national work plan						
National SEIS assistant is in place						

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