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

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

European Environment Agency (EEA) mandate and cooperation with the European Neighbourhood partners

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The European Environment Agency (EEA)

- EEA is an agency of the European Union and a key EU body in the field of environment

- Task: provide timely, targeted, relevant and reliable information on Europe's environment

- Coordinate the **European environment information and observation network (Eionet)**
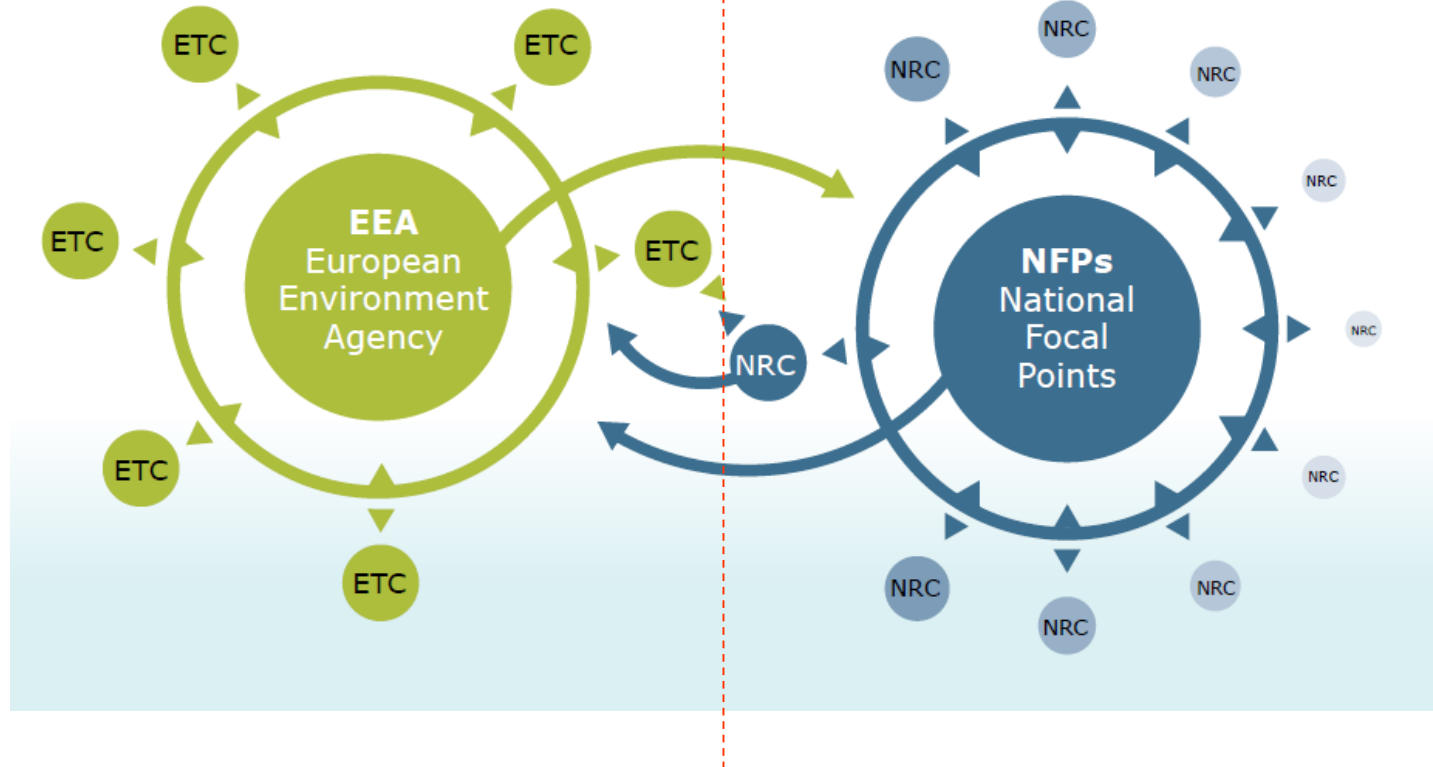
Eionet is a network of around:

  ➢ **1 500 experts** from
  ➢ **39 countries** in up to
  ➢ **350 national bodies** dealing with environmental information

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Eionet structure *(European vs. national)*

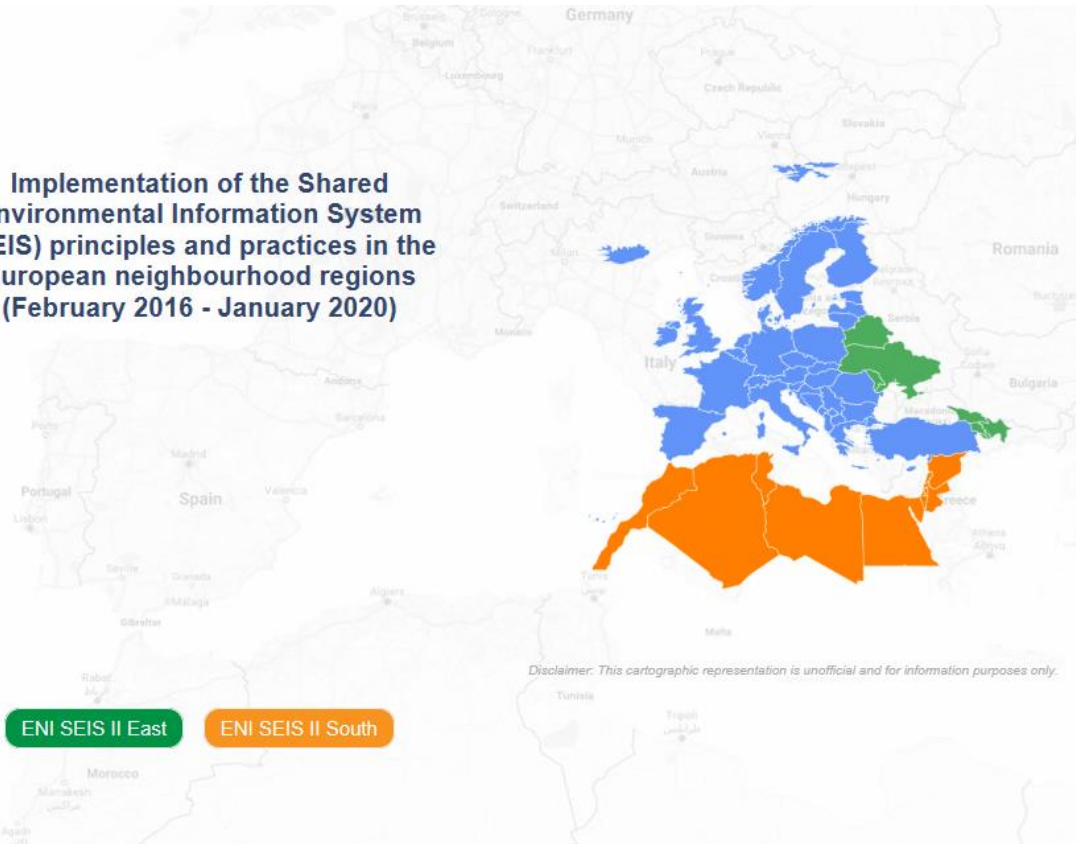**European Topic Centres (ETC)**

National Reference Centres (NRC)

EEA cooperation with the European Neighbourhood

Implementation of the Shared Environmental Information System (SEIS) principles and practices in the European neighbourhood regions (February 2016 - January 2020)

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ENI SEIS II East   ENI SEIS II South

These projects are funded by the European Union and implemented by the European Environment Agency

- 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

EEA and ENI SEIS II East project coverage

- ▉ EEA member countries   ▉ ENI SEIS II East
- ▉ EEA cooperating countries

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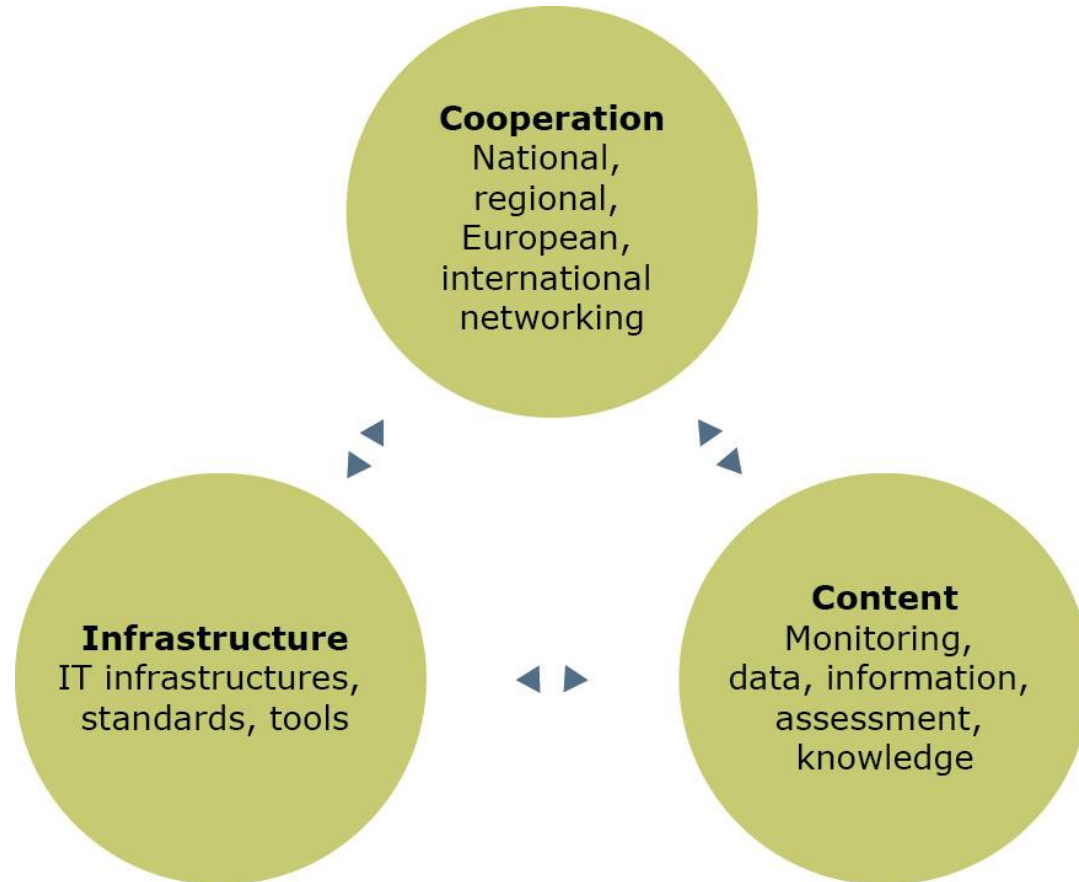
* Collaboration is temporally suspended

- **A regional project** - support to EU policies and external policy framework (Eastern Partnership)

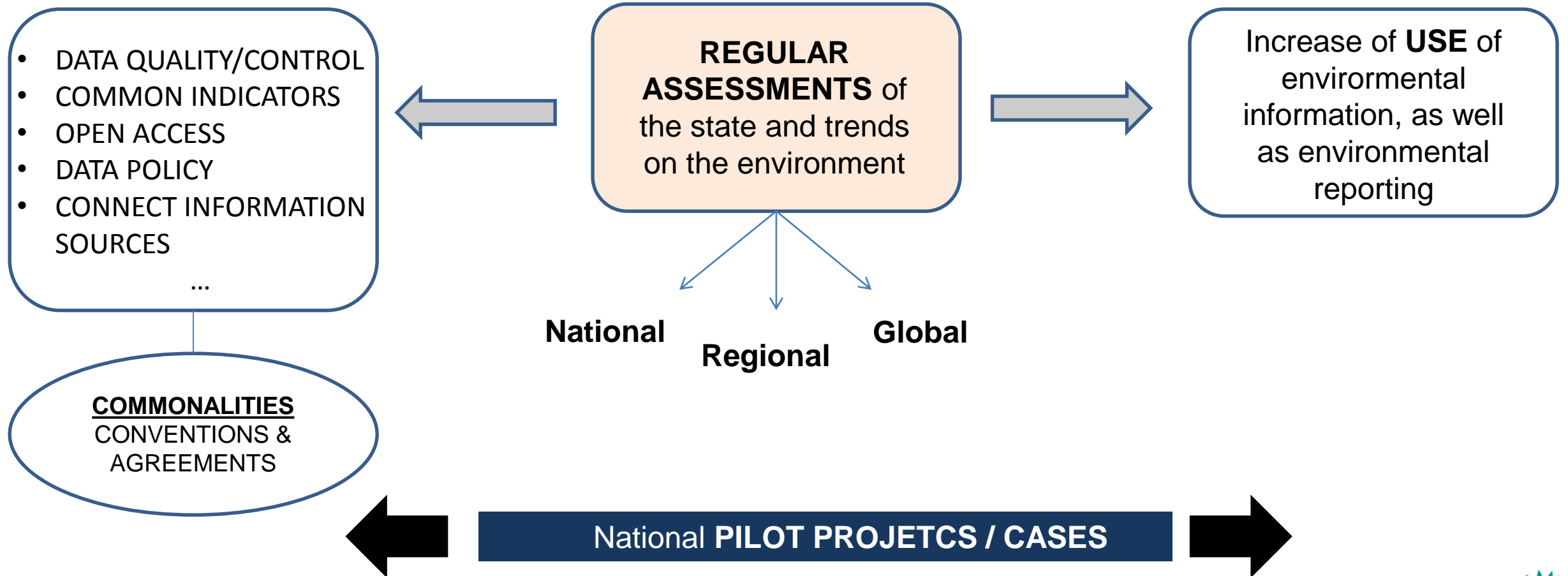 Armenia - Azerbaijan - Belarus - Georgia - Moldova - Ukraine

- **Building on previous cooperation**: ENPI-SEIS (2010-2015) and InSEIS (2014-2015) projects as a baseline for further activities with support from Eionet partners

- **Capacity building activities** and **technical assistance** support to be implemented in synergy with other ongoing projects and initiatives at national and regional level

- Regional scope with provision for implementation of **national pilots**/cases in identified areas

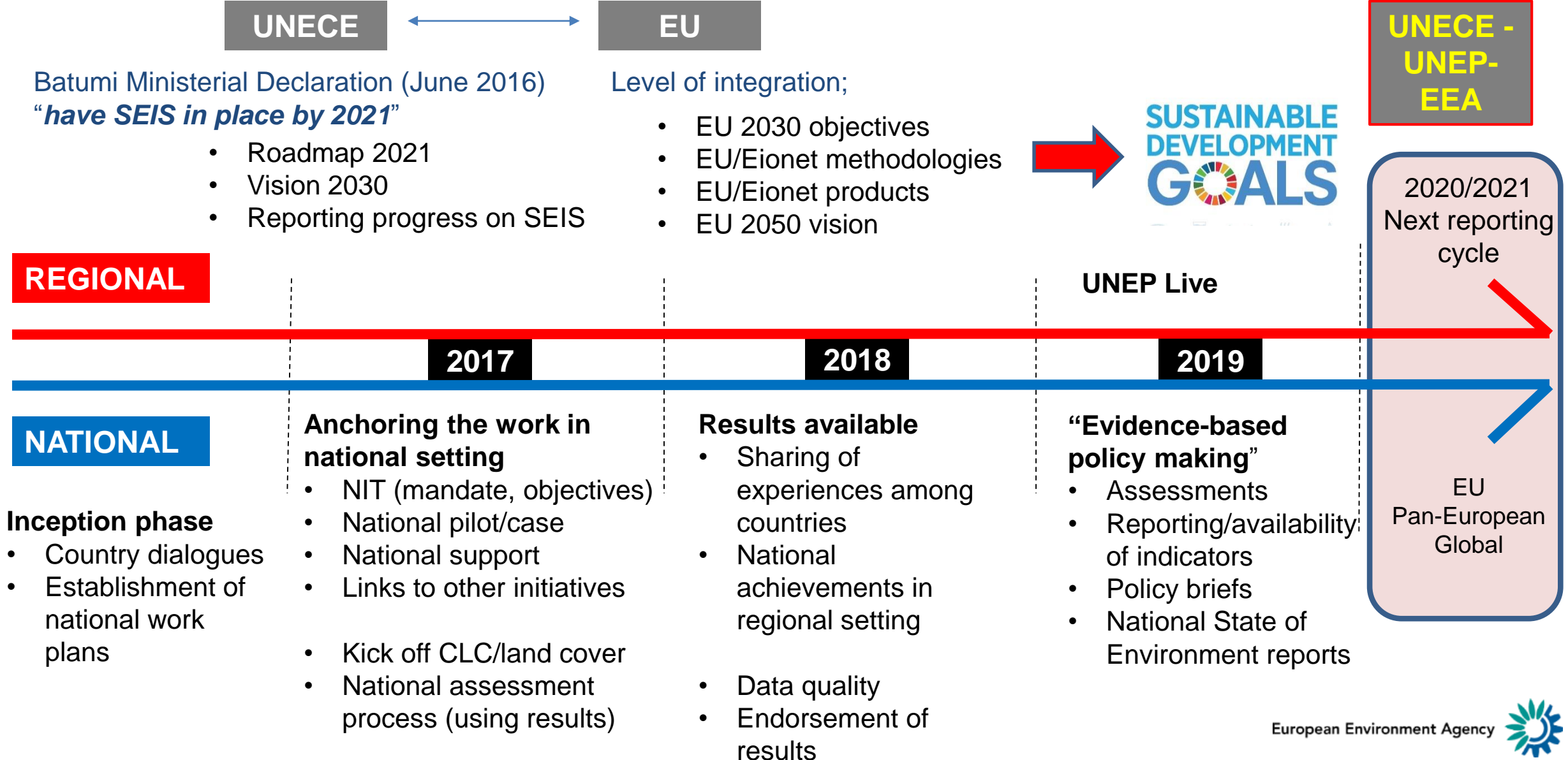European Environment Agency

Our approach

Continue to build on EEA long-term engagement and strengthen the SEIS pillars through partnerships via knowledge sharing

Scope of the project – CORE ELEMENTS

- DATA QUALITY/CONTROL
- COMMON INDICATORS
- OPEN ACCESS
- DATA POLICY
- CONNECT INFORMATION SOURCES

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COMMONALITIES
CONVENTIONS & AGREEMENTS

REGULAR ASSESSMENTS of the state and trends on the environment

National   **Regional**   **Global**

Increase of **USE** of enviromental information, as well as environmental reporting

National **PILOT PROJETCS / CASES**

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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

EU Pan-European Global

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
- National State of Environment reports

Inception phase
- Country dialogues
- Establishment of national work plans

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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
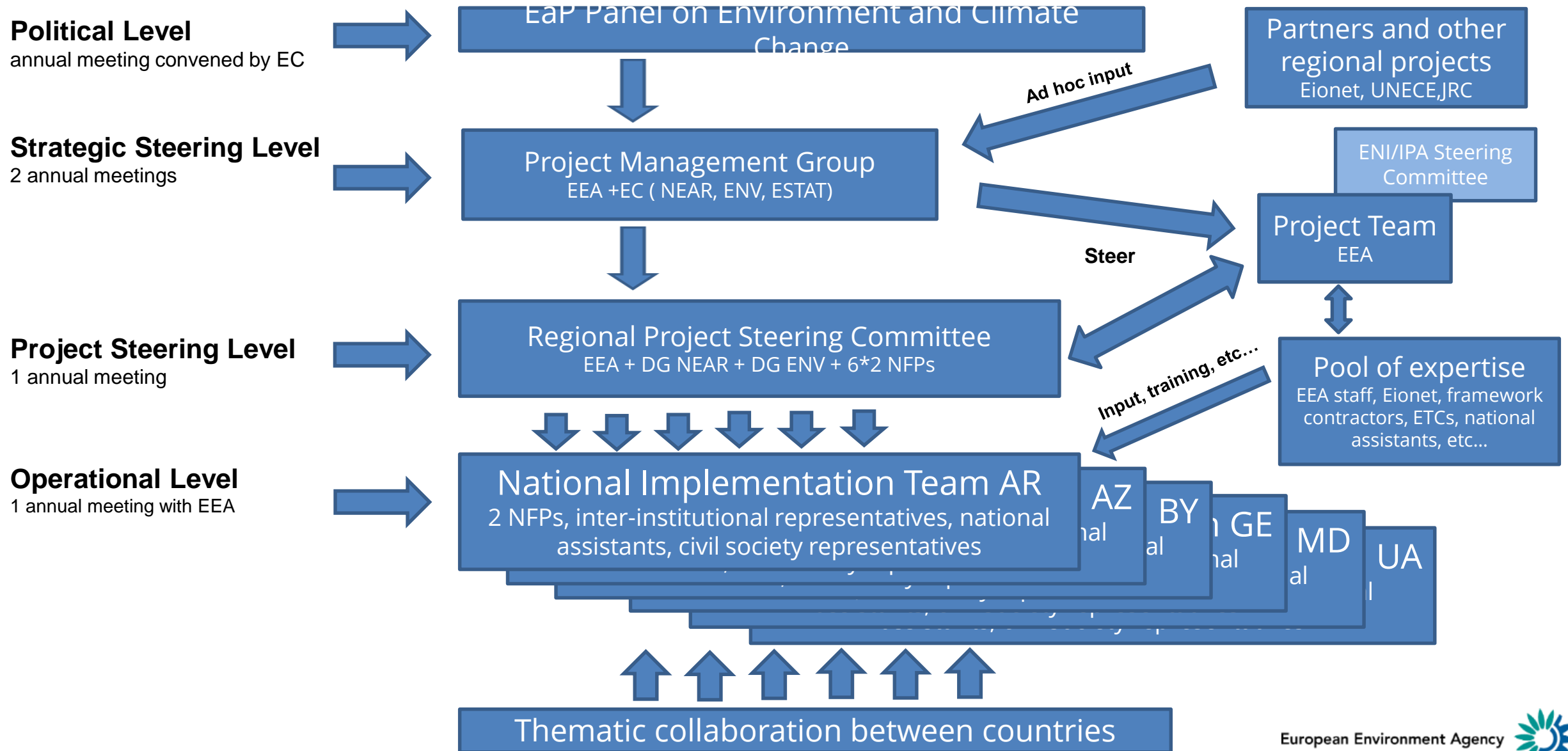
National +
Regional / international (e.g. side events)

AREA 5

Management and coordination

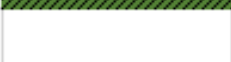Other EU-funded projects
Other partners (UN, Estat, JRC)

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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

EaP Panel on Environment and Climate Change

Partners and other regional projects
Eionet, UNECE,JRC

Ad hoc input

Project Management Group
EEA +EC (NEAR, ENV, ESTAT)

ENI/IPA Steering Committee

Project Team
EEA

Steer

Regional Project Steering Committee
EEA + DG NEAR + DG ENV + 6*2 NFPs

Input, training, etc…

Pool of expertise
EEA staff, Eionet, framework contractors, ETCs, national assistants, etc…

National Implementation Team AR
2 NFPs, inter-institutional representatives, national assistants, civil society representatives

AZ

BY

GE

MD

UA

Thematic collaboration between countries

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Overview of governance cooperation (November 2017)

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

Legend:

In place	■ (dark green)
In progress	■ (light green)
Governmental Reform	▨ (hatched dark green)
No information	□ (white)

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Thank you for your attention!

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