Regional work plan 2017-2020 ENI SEIS II East project *(version November 2018, updated after 3rd Steering Committee meeting)*

**Subject to the 6-month project extension (beyond January 2020)*

Description of Action and regional priorities				Activities		2017				2018				2019				*2020**	
Activity area	**Objectives**	**Activity types**	**Regional implementation**	**2019-2020**	**Expected outputs/deliverables**	**Q1**	**Q2**	**Q3**	**Q4**	**Q1**	**Q2**	**Q3**	**Q4**	**Q1**	**Q2**	**Q3**	**Q4**	**Q1**	**Q2**
1.1: Support to national capacities to respond to international commitments in priority areas	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 and the **Water Framework Directive**; ■ Regional event(s) for sharing knowledge and experiences on data harmonisation	REG- 1.1.1 **Water** ■ WFD and water ecosystem-based management ■ Water resources & efficiency/water accounts ■ WISE - data flows and information structure	REG- 1.1.1 **Water** ■ Developing country fact sheets based on standadised water indicators produced by the countries - as contributions to national state of water reports and/or water chapters of national state of the environment reports ■ Technical developments of national Water Information Systems and/or water component of Intergrated Environmental Infomration systems; data flows and information structure *(links to Activity 2.1*) ■ Regional integration of infomation on the state of waters in Eastern Europe and the Caucasus Region	■ Water indicators (C1-C5, C10-C11) as contributions/chapters to national state of water reports based on standadised regional approach and published online on national sources; ■ Regional integration of state of water report as a contrinution to the regional/global policy process, targets and assessment															
		■ Scientific evaluation seminars on **Emerald Network** Sites; ■ Support to national capacities to respond to reporting on the conservation status of species and habitats of European importance to the **Bern Convention** by 2019	REG- 1.1.2 **Biodiversity** ■ D1. Protected areas	REG- 1.1.2 **Biodiversity** ■ Supporting the first execise of data reporting to the Emerald Network under Resolution No. 8 (2012) of the Bern Convention	■ Improved coverage of Emerald sites as response to the Aichi Startegic Goal C target 11 and SDG Goal 15; ■ Improved capacity to report data on species and habitats; ■ Production of regionally comparable biodioversity indicators in accordance to EEA and UNECE.															
		Technical assistance related to implementation of **EU Air Quality Directives** and the management of air quality data and information	REG- 1.1.3 **Air Quality** ■ Increasing the use and public accessibility of air quality measurement data	REG- 1.1.3 **Air Quality** ■ Evaluating the status of air quality data monitoring and management in each country to assess the feasibility of, and identify practical steps for, producing and sharing a near-real time Air Quality Index	■ Country fact sheets on status of air quality monitoring and data management; ■ Some tested practical cases applying the EU Air Quality Index methodology															
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 a common approach applying the **UN System of Environmental-Economic Accounting (UN SEEA)**	REG- 1.2: Harmonisation of methodologies for production of comparable environmental indicators across the region	REG- 1.2.1 UN SEEA ■ Vocational training and seminar on **UN SEEA**	■ See outputs 1.1 (water accounts as part of water quantity indicators) ■ Annual progress report on implementation of regional environmental indicators;															
		Regional events with other EU/regional/international partner organisations on data harmonisation and regional envirionmental indicators		REG- 1.2.2 Supporting a common approach with UNECE and UNEP for the estabishment of a **SEIS Assessment Framework**	■ Common approach with UNECE and UNEP to support the development of a SEIS Assessment Framework as a response to the 2016 Environment for Europe Ministrerial Declaration (Batumi Declaration)															
2.1: Expert assistance and capacity building in development of national environmental information system(s) and supporting infrastructure	Support the capacity building for developing indicator management systems	Hands-on training on tools and systems	REG- 2.1: Expert assistance and capacity building on e.g. developments of the Water Information System for Europe (WISE), the Biodiversity Information System for Europe (BISE) and an Air Quality Index, and supporting infrastructure	REG- 2.1.1 Terms of Reference to **mobilise resources and expertise for technical developments** as appropriate and based on countries interest and commitments (primary focus on water, biodiversity and air components) - *links with Activity 2.4*	■ Established data flows to gradually be aligned with the reporting obligations ■ Technical documents tailored to country needs (i.e. data dictionary, indicator templates, etc)															
		Regional events for sharing knowledge and experiences on infrastructure and QA/QC		REG- 2.1.2 Regional events for the development of **national roadmaps** for integrating environmental information into national e-governance /open data processes and platforms- *links with Activity 2.5*	■ Open Data Maturity Report for each country ■ Preparation of a generic road map that can be further tailored to the specific needs of each EaP country during the regional meeting															

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	REG- 2.2: Support the development of inter-institutional dialogue and public participation in the environmental decision-making process	REG- 2.2.1 Supporting, as needed, relevant and feasible, regular meetings of **SEIS National Implementation Teams**	■ Inter-institutional and multi-stakeholder working groups established and operational; ■ SEIS and Eionet concepts embedded in national strategies												
		Participation of key NIT members in relevant Eionet activities		REG- 2.2.2 Agenda points on ENI East cooperation in **Eionet events and activities**, as relevant													
	Civil society involvement	Working meetings/visits to the partner countries		*REG- 2.2.3 To be confirmed, based on commitment of countries*													
2.3 Pilot on extending CORINE Land Cover (CLC) methodology to capital areas of the partner countries	Capacity building on Corine land cover methodology (CLC)	Training of the CLC methodology	REG- 2.3: Pilot on extending **CORINE Land Cover (CLC)** methodology to capital areas of the partner countries	REG- 2.3.1 Continuing training on **CLC methodology**, as defined in technical specifications	■ Comparable data layers over pilot areas of CLC and CLC change over a period of time: ■ Comparable data as input for regional land-related indicators (e.g. land uptake)												
		Regional event(s) for sharing knowledge and experience on integration of CLC database		REG- 2.3.2 Explore synergies and interactions with the Eionet network for **National Reference Centres on Land Cover**	■ Proceedings of the regional events; ■ Training package updated and proposals for future possible actions												
2.4: Implementation of national pilot projects demonstrating data sharing and integration	Support the implemetation of the Monitorin-Data-Indicators-Assessment-Knowledge chain (via e.g. WISE and BISE, *see Activity 2.1*)	Expert support at national level for the various MDIAK components	REG- 2.4: Implementation of National Environmental Information System demonstrating data sharing and integration	REG- 2.4.1 In accordance with national priorities, interest and commitment, the EEA to identify and propose, case-by-case, functional and practical options to support the implementation of **national actions**, fully respecting contractual procedures.	■ Website pages and/or online services operational												
		Regional event(s) for sharing Eionet knowledge and experiences on indicator development		REG- 2.4.2 Synergies with the **UNECE** Working Group on Environmental Monitoring and Assessment (WGEMA) and Joint Task Force of Envionmental Statistics and Indicators (JTFESI)	■ Examples of online indicator development												
2.5: Expert assistance to solidify legislative and regulatory frameworks around data management, access and use	Develop a roadmap and identify feasible and practical means for intergrating environmental information into national e-governance /open data processes and platforms.	Expert support at national/regional level. **Synergies with the implementation of the Aarhus Convention**	REG- 2.5: Expert assistance to facilitate regional dialogue for sharing knowledge and experience around data management, access and use	REG- 2.5.1 Overview of **existing initiatives/trends/common practices** on e-governance and open data (Open data maturity reports based on EU model for each country)	■ Draft Open Data maturity reports for each country ■ Network of relevant institutions/experts in each country to be involved in the environmental dimension of e-governance and Open Data and to assist the further implementation of the agreed road map												
				REG- 2.5.2 **Regional meetings** to discuss the findings of the Open data maturity reports and facilitate the preparation of a generic road map	■ Generic road map that can be further tailored to the specific needs of each country												
				REG- 2.5.3 **Country actions** (round tables) to agree on generic road map and practical means for intergrating environmental information into national e-governance /open data processes and platforms	■ National draft roadmap/checklist for closing common gaps between environmental information providers and national e-governance set-ups; ■ Tailor-made priority actions/pilots identified for each country and concrete steps towards implementation: ■ Compendium of best practices from national cases for experience sharing												

3.1: National training and expert assistance on SOER production, based on SEIS-compliant data	Develop training programmes to build national capacities for producing state and outlook on the environment reports (SOER)	Expert visits and missions (to partner and/or Eionet countries)	REG- 3.1: National training and expert assistance on SOER production, based on SEIS-compliant data	REG- 3.1.1 Country-specific **training programmes** (Moldova and Armenia);	■ National core set of environmental indicators - national data and indicator catalogues made available; ■ Data, indicators and environmental assessment products on national websites; ■ New generation of assessments and indicators to help improve environmental governance and reporting; ■ Stregthened networking and consolidated cooperation of national experts and organisations involved in production and assessment activities												
				REG-3.1.2. **Regional meeting** on SOER development												
		Regional events on environmental assessments (EEA SOER methodology in line with EEA guidance on **SOER 2015/2020 processes**)		REG- 3.1.3 Attendance and participation at the **2019 EEAcademy Summer School** on Integrated Assessment												
3.2: Methodological support for production of indicator-based assessments	Bridging the **UNECE/WGEMA indicators** and indicator-based assessments	Expert technical assistance and visits (to partner and/or Eionet countries)	REG-3.2:Environmental accounting: Methodological support for production of enviromental indicators and indicator-based assessments by implementation of the UN SEEA and UNFDES	REG- 3.2.1 Biannual overview/update of indicators and assessments produced and available across the region;												
				REG- 3.2.2 **Visits** to Moldova and Armenia;												
		Regional events on indicator development and indicator-based assessment methodologies		REG-3.2.3. Vocational training on **environmental accounting, land accounts**												
				REG- 3.2.4 Participation and continuations to **UNECE meetings** of WGEMA, JTFESI, UNECE/OECD Seminar on SEEA and in relation to the implementation of the UN FDES and UN SEEA												
4.1: Development and implementation of project communication and visibility plan at regional and national levels	Implement the regional communication and visibility plan and support activities at national level	Identify and support national communication and visibility activities	REG- 4.1: Development and implementation of project communication and visibility plan at regional and national levels	REG- 4.1.1 Implementation of the **national communication and visibility plans**	■ National workplan contain communication and visibility activities											
		Creation/updating and management of the project website, as well as production of bi-annual newsletters and other promotional materials		REG- 4.1.2 Regular updating and management of the project **website,** as well as production of bi-annual **newsletters** and other **promotional materials**	■ Operational project website, bi-annual project newsletters and promotional materials developed and disseminated at relevant events											
		Translation of promotional materials and guidance/ methodological documents of relevance for the SEIS implementation into Russian and/or local languages		REG- 4.1.3 **Translation** into national languages key documents and terchnical specifications	■ Translation of relevant promotional materials and documents into Russian and/or national languages											
		Regional events adding visibility of SEIS as side events at relevant European and regional fora		REG- 4.1.3 In synergy with **relevant networks** such as the OECD Green Action Task Force, the Aarhus Convention	■ Participation in events and raising visibility											
4.2. Regular dialogue with Eionet and synergy activities	Create appropriate synergies between the project and Eionet NFPs and ensure Eionet expertise is transferred to the project stakeholders	Establish a dedicated thematic and expert network	REG- 4.2. Regular dialogue with Eionet and synergy activities	REG- 4.2.1 *to be explored*												
		Training on Eionet working methods		REG- 4.2.2 Through the thematic activities	■ Best practices based on Eionet shared											
		Training of the visibility of Environmental Assessments through EEA tools and services		REG- 4.2.3 **Second follow-up workshop** on sharing environmental information effectively	■ Training on communication and visibility for authorities and civil society											
		Regular dialogue with Eionet NFPs (mainly during Eionet NFP meetings) and experts to ensure awareness of, and involvement, in project activities		REG- 4.2.4 As applicable based on Eionet activities	■ Eionet engagement documented in project progress reports. Stong links with EU Delegations											
5.1: Project management and coordination of cross-cutting issues with relevant partners	Management and coordination of cross-cutting issues with relevant partners, covering the project Management Group	Meetings of the project management group	REG- 5.1: Project management and coordination of cross-cutting issues with relevant partners	REG- 5.1.1 Bi-annual meeting with European Commissin and other key partners as relevant	■ Proceedings and action lists ■ *Identified synergies with new and upcoming EU programmes (such as EU4Environment and EU4Climate) in order to the maintain continuity and sustainability of SEIS-related activities in post 2020 period*											
		Annual regional Steering Committee meeting		REG- 5.1.2 4th project **Steering Committee and** the **final project event** (Spring/Summer 2020), aiming to maximise the impact and visibility of project results.	■ Work plans updated and endorsed											
5.2: Overview and reporting of the project administrative and financial execution	Ensure proper coordination and management of all related administrative, legal and financial issues with the project Contracting Authority in EC DG NEAR, and in close dialogue with DG ENV as needed	Regular monitoring and execution of project implementation	REG- 5.2: Overview and reporting of the project administrative and financial execution	REG- 5.2.1 Annual **progress report** plus requesting a six-month extension for the project	■ Annual progress report and quarterly work plan updates											
5.3: Interaction(s) with relevant regional expert and initiatives	Building on synergies with other relevant regional activities and initiatives (EU-funded and from other donors)	***[list of key events in separate file]***	REG- 5.3: Interaction(s) with relevant regional expert and initiatives	REG- 5.3.1 Primarely with **EUWI+** to coordinate jointly support towards the development of national water information systems, and technical aspects relatd to data management	■ Practical cases of joint cooperation between EU-funded projects (operational information systems)											