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Pilot post-project analysis of the activities related to the exploitation of the chalk deposit Hotislavskoye and associated impacts in accordance with the Espoo Convention	Analysis of environmental impact in a transboundary context	Activity description
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6 052	27 867	Funds planned (USD)
Recommendations on post-project 4 948 analysis between Belarus and Ukraine and for improving transboundary EIA based on the pilot case are drafted.	Project activities related to analysis of 26 064 environmental impact in a transboundary context is successfully implemented. Close cooperation with the UNECE, particularly with the Espoo Convention Secretariat, along with the UNEP and an international NGO "Zoi" is established.	get Account Funds Annual target Funds utilised (USD) (USD)
4 948	26 064	Funds utilised (USD)
81,76	93,53	Annual target achieved, %
1 104	1 803	Variance, USD
A report presenting the results of the pilot post-project analysis of the exploitation of the chalk deposit "Hotislavskoye" and associated impacts in accordance with the Espoo Convention was developed by bilateral working group on monitoring and evaluation of the actual impact of the chalk deposit "Hotislavskoye" on the environment and the effectiveness of proposed mitigation measures.  Recommendations on post-project analysis in transboundary EIA in Belarus and Ukraine, including arrangements for public participation and access to information and recommendations on improving transboundary EIA procedure to predict better transboundary impacts and mitigation measures as well as recommendations on complementing the bilateral agreement between Belarus and Ukraine on implementation of the Espoo Convention with provisions on post-project analysis were developed.	The implementation of project activities related to analysis of environmental impact in a transboundary context started. Cooperation with the Espoo Convention Secretariat, UNEP and an international NGO "Zoi" was provided on a regular basis.	Overall project assessment of implemented activities (brief description)

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/ desc	Initiating the process: workshop	Monitoring of the environmental impacts and bilateral working group (funded respectively by the MoEnv of both countries)	Evaluation of the development recommendations project analysis						
	s: Start-up 30000	the environmental 30000 bilateral working respectively by the countries)	pilot case and 300000 of draft for the post-						
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Budget Account			75700 Training, Workshops and Confer	71600 Travel	71300 Local Consultants				
Funds planned (USD)	0	<i>1</i> 5	1 500	2912	1 640				
Annual target	A start-up workshop is organized in Brest, Belarus (April). The issues concerning the time schedule for the pilot project and on practical arrangements (e.g. composition and work plan of the bilateral working group and task force, monitoring programme, procedure of exchange of information) are agreed.  About 40 participants are familiarized with the pilot project and its objectives.	Bilateral Working Group for conducting monitoring on the "Hotislavskoe" deposit is established. Exchange of the monitoring data is provided.	Information related to monitoring of the 168 "Hotislavskoe" chalk depositn is collected. Communication between the Belarusian, Ukrainian and international sides is ensured. Support to the Task Force in evaluating the results of the pilot case is provided.						
Funds utilised (USD)			168	3 092	1688				
Annual target achieved, %		·	11,20	106,18	102,93				
Variance, USD			1 332	-180	-48				
Overall project assessment of implemented activities (brief description)	Activity is completed. Within the start-up workshop organized in Brest (Belarus), April 9-10, 2013, 40 participants, representing UNECE, UNEP, UNDP, the Ministry of Natural Resources and Environmental Protection of Belarus (MoEnv), the Ministry of Ecology and Natural Resources of Ukraine, international consultants from Ukraine and Belarus, NGO's and mass-media were informed about the project objectives, activities and expected results. The issues concerning the time schedule for the pilot project and practical arrangements, e.g. composition and work plan of the working Ggoup and Task Force, monitoring programme, effective communication were aggreed.	A Bilateral Working Group on monitoring and evaluation of the actual impact of the chalk deposit "Hotislavskoye" on the environment and the effectiveness of proposed mitigation measures (hereinafter - the working group) was established. The working group included international and national consultants from Belarus and Ukraine. The expert team evaluated the results of the post-project monitoring and the effectiveness of applied mitigation measures and drafted a report presenting the	The Task Force, which includes representatives from the Ministry of Natural Resources and Environmental Protection of Belarus, the Ministry of Ecology and Natural Resources of Ukraine, international consultants from Ukraine and Belarus, chairpersons of the Ukraine and Belarus, chairpersons of the Ukraine and Belarusian working groups was established. The Task Force Meeting for evaluating the experience gained during	The pilot project in Belarus and Ukraine on post- project analysis of environmental impact in a transboundary context and developing the vant recommendations for the post-project analysis was organized in Minsk (Belarus), December 17, 2013.  The Task Force members discussed the draft report, containing the results of the post-project monitoring and the effectiveness of applied mitigation measures	Currently documents are being finalized by international and national consultants in accordance with the comments received.				

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	Expert review of present 30000 legislation and administrative measures with aim to ratify the SEA Protocol	Technical advice and training of 30000 Belarusian authorities on SEA	Sub-regional conference to disseminate the results of the project	Development of recommendation 300000 for national procedures	Workshops on public participation 30000 and post-project analysis	Activity description
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	Proposals for legislative changes required 2412 for ratifying the Protocol on SEA and proposals for required institutional changes are developed.	Technical advice and training of Belarusian authorities on SEA are provided.	Scheduled for 2014.	Recommendations for an addendum of post-project analysis in projects subject to transboundary EIA procedure to the bilateral agreement between Belarus and Ukraine are drafted.	Scheduled for 2014.	Annual target
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consultants. The existing procedures, the governmental institutional framework and responsibilities to be assumed for implementing SEA system in Belarus were also analyzed, and recommendations on the required institutional and procedural improvements were suggested.	Analysis of the current legislation of the Republic of Belarus, including provisions about the application of the SEA Protocol and identification of gaps in the existing national legislation was carried out by expert them comparison of an interpretable and a particular to the comparison of the interpretable and the provision of the comparison of the interpretable and the public of the comparison of the co	Technical advice on amending the current legislation and training of Belarusian authorities on SEA were provided.	Scheduled for 2014.	The following recommendations were developed by Task Force with the support of international and national experts:  (i) Recommendations on post-project analysis in transboundary EIA in Belarus and Ukraine, including recommendations for public participation and access to information.  (ii) Recommendations on improving transboundary impacts and mitigation measures developed.  (iii) Recommendations on complementing the bilateral agreement between Belarus and Ukraine on implementation of the Espoo Convention with provisions on post-project analysis. Currently documents are being finalized by international and national consultants in accordance with the comments received.	Scheduled for 2014.	Overall project assessment of implemented activities (brief description)

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Draft specification for equipmen monitoring the flow and exchanging flood warnings is developed discussed with key decision-makers.	The realization of proto further strengthen to further strengthen monitoring, eassessment started.			Al least 45 official authorities in Brest, were trained in SE aware of the possibilin in resolving problems programmes typical (October 2013)	A final report, focuse legislative and institution required and the concraken by Belarus to Protocol on SEA, is conternational consultant.	A draft representations and by Belarus to comply of the SEA Precommendations for legislation, is precommentational consult representatives of relevances analyzed the provided comments at discussion organiz (September, 2013).	,
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for equipment for and exchanging early is developed and lecision-makers.	The realization of project activities related to further strengthen Belarus capacities in flood monitoring, early warning and risk assessment started.			Al least 45 officials from provincial authorities in Brest, Gornel and Grodno were trained in SEA process and are aware of the possibilities for utilizing SEA in resolving problems related to plans and programmes typical to the border regions (October 2013)	A final report, focused on presenting legislative and institutional amendments required and the concrete steps to be taken by Belarus to comply with the Protocol on SEA, is developed by the international consultant.	A draft report containing recommendations and steps to be taken by Belarus to comply with the provisions of the SEA Protocol, including recommendations for amending current legislation, is prepared by the international consultant. About 20 representatives of relevant Ministries and NGOs analyzed the draft report and provided comments during a round table discussion organized in Minsk (September, 2013).	
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The list of equipment for monitoring the flow and exchanging early flood warnings is being developed.	Implementation of project activities related to further strengthen Belarus capacities in flood monitoring, early warning and risk assessment by expanding the complex of activities to the Yaselda sub-basin of the Pripyat River basin started.	9), the City of Brest (October 21-23), and the City of Grodno (October 24-25). The majority of the participants evaluated positively and quality and relevance of the trainings (based on the results of evaluation surveys).	the planning stage. The training was provided during three provincial workshops titled "Implementing the UNECE Protocol on Strategic Environmental Assessment to the Convention on Environmental Impact Assessment in Belarus" in three Belarusian Chites - regional centers: the chite	-1 938 Fifty specialists, representing the MoEnv, Regional Executive Committees, Regional Committees of Natural Resources and Environmental Protection, Regional Municipal Public Housing Service Organizations and NGOs were trained in SEA approaches and techniques, along with SEA ability	A final report "Pre-accession legal assistance to Belarus: Technical assistance in improving legislation in the sphere of implementing the Protocol on SEA and advisory support in the required legislative amendments" was developed by the international and national consultants and submitted to the MoEnv.	A report containing the results of the expert review conducted within Act. 1.1.2.1. was drafted by the international consultant. 20 representatives of the Ministry of Natural Resources and Environmental Protection of Belarus, Ministry of Health, National Centre of Legislation and Legal Research of the Republic of Belarus and NGOs discussed the draft report and provided comments during a Round Table organized in Minsk (Belarus), September 12, 2013. The report was finalized based on the comments provided and submitted to the MoEnv.	Overall project assessment of implemented activities (brief description)
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university and scope of work is developed and send to the MoEnv for consideration. TOR for national consultant is developed.
Appropriate applications received and examined by project manager. The draft report on feasibility study and recommendations concerning pilot
Negotiations with regional universities (Grodno university, Brest university etc.) on piloting special course on climate change, including potential security risks and generating for Belgium and processing for Belgium and Belgium a
TOR for national consultant for the development of a course, dedicated to climate change issues, including potential security risks and consequences for Belarus, is developed.
National consultants for preparation informational and promotional materials related to climate change are idetified. TOR is developed.
4 350 Project activities related to increasing 2 669 public awareness related to climate change are successfully implemented.
participation in decision-making
TOR for national consultant is developed.

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PROJECT TOTAL 2013	7%)	PROJECT SUBTOTAL 2013:	TOTAL OUTPUT 4:	Consumables, office supplies	Unities	internet) cnarges (pnones,	ure, access	Liotect beisonell		TOTAL OUTPUT 3:	Project activities effectively 30000 coordinated at the national and regional levels		Activity description
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						approved ADWP and Project Document.	Project office is supplied with the 1867 stationary. Project office operates effectively in accordance with the	Project manager and Administrative and 5 787 finance assistantis are hired. Project IT equipment and accessories are procured.	Component 4. Project Wanagement		Scheduled for 2014.	nent 3. Regional coordination	Annual target
39.046	2 554	36 492	7 759	105	0	0	1 867	5 787					Funds utilised (USD)
88,43	88,43	88,43	85,73	105,00	0,00	0,00	98,26	83,87					Annual target achieved, %
5 109	334	4775	1 291	տ	100	50	33	1 113					Variance, USD
							operates effectively in accordance with the approved ADWP and Project Document.	Project Manager and Administrative and Finance Assistant were recruited. IT equipment was procured (2 laptops, 1 multifunction device) Project office (2 laptops, 1 multifunction device)			Scheduled for 2014.		Overall project assessment of implemented activities (brief description)

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