EU project funds in-depth training for environmental and statistical authorities in Armenia on environment reporting**.**

The Statistical Committee (ARMSTAT) of RA and the Ministry of Nature Protection of RA inform that the training will take place on 4 - 6 June 2019 in "DVIN" Hall of "ANI" Hotel in Yerevan, with the participation of representatives from state bodies of RA and international organizations.

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The European Environment Agency and Slovak Environment Agency specialists will provide training on the state of environment reporting and assessment tools to Armenian experts. This training will develop institutional capacities in providing timely, relevant and reliable information to policymakers and the public. Capacity building in areas such as data collection, environmental assessments and accounting is integral to common efforts and approaches to tackle global issues such as climate change and global warming. This is in line with international commitments related to the capacity building, technology and systemic issues targets of Sustainable Development Goal (SDG) 17: 'Strengthen the means of implementation and revitalize the global partnership for sustainable development'.

This event, which is a part of on-going EU-funded technical assistance, enhances institutional and methodological capacity in environmental assessment reports and contributes to sound environmental governance. Comprehensive environmental assessments enable policy makers to take targeted actions and show systemic links for policy intervention. Strengthening this capacity will help produce streamlined environmental reports contributing to regional and global reactions to environmental issues.

Background information:

The European Environment Agency is implementing the EU funded 4-year ENI SEIS II East project. The project supports regular environmental reporting in the Eastern Partnership countries: Armenia, Azerbaijan, Belarus, Georgia, Moldova and Ukraine to strengthen environmental governance.

Project activities use the EEA's expertise and best national practices in EU Member States to develop the institutional capacities of environmental and statistical authorities.

The project supports implementation of the principles and practices of the Shared Environmental Information System (SEIS) to strengthen the production of environmental data, indicators and assessment reports in biodiversity, water, land, waste and air. The project develops countries' institutional capacity in environmental assessment and accounting, and communication.

The European Environment Agency (EEA) is a unique institution in its capacity to generate environmental information and knowledge. Through its activities, the EEA supports capacity

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building as an evidence-driven process, and the long-term transition to a sustainable society. It is increasingly active in these areas in the six Eastern Partnership countries of the European Neighbourhood Instrument (ENI), for whom the EEA acts as a hub for the development of environmental and statistical institutions.

ENI SEIS II East project : https://eni-seis.eionet.europa.eu/east/governance
Assessment area of the project: https://eni-seis.eionet.europa.eu/east/areas-of-work/Indicators%20and%20Assessments
European Environment Agency's European environment – state and outlook 2015 report: https://www.eea.europa.eu/soer
European Neighbourhood Policy And Enlargement Negotiations: https://ec.europa.eu/neighbourhood-enlargement/neighbourhood/eastern-partnership_en
Slovak Environment Agency: http://www.sazp.sk/en/the-environment/

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