

# Governance and institutional aspects of environmental mainstreaming (in Eastern Europe and Central Asia)

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## Key fact



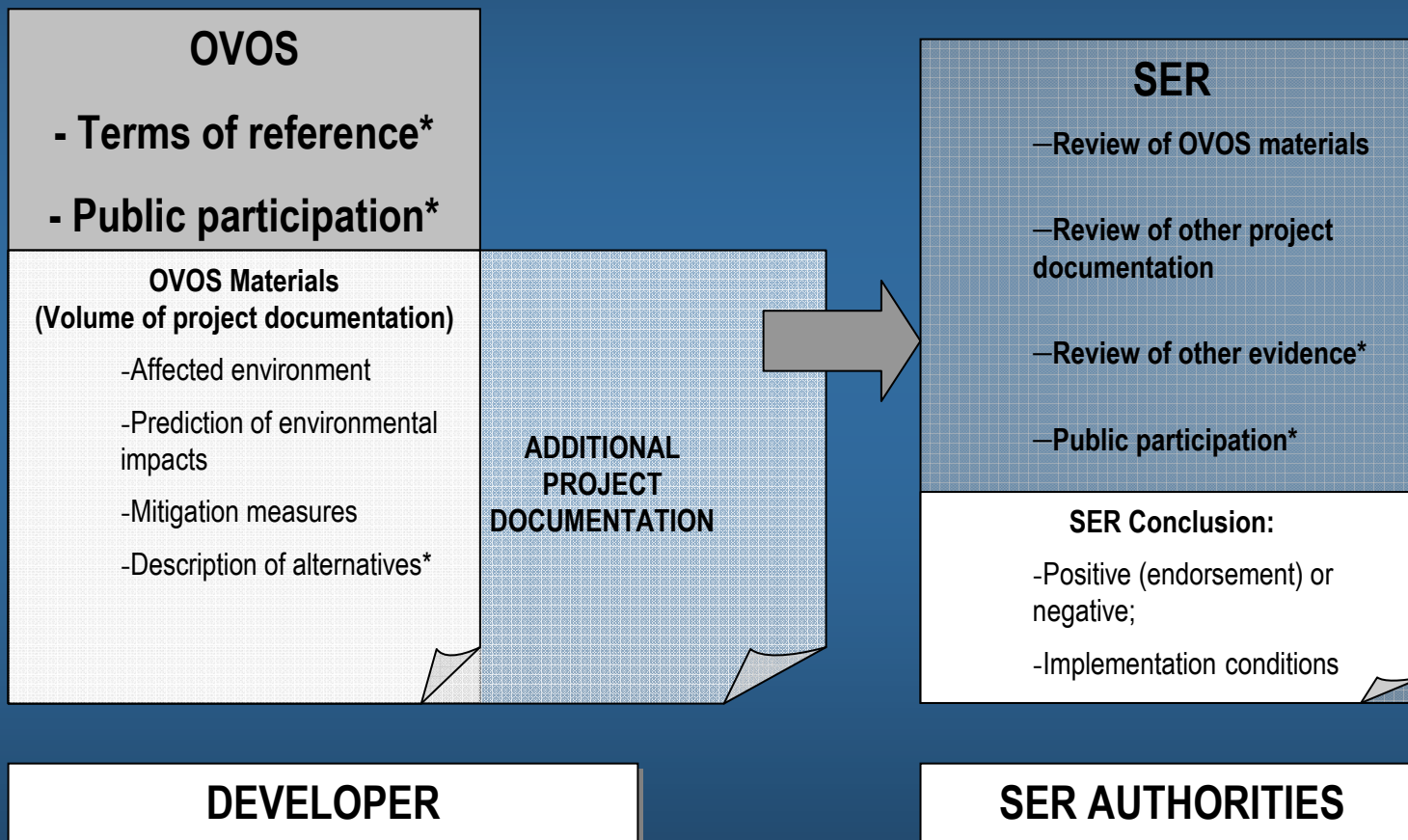
Environment, poverty and economic development are **addressed separately** in the **national and sub-national** planning processes as well as in **donor supported interventions**.

# Country context for mainstreaming



- ☺ High awareness on links between environment, economic development and poverty reduction
- ☺ Environment as a priority in strategic planning document
- ☺ Increased level of public participation in planning
- ☺ Existing legal framework supporting mainstreaming (national, EIA and SEA Directive, and UNECE SEA Protocol);

# Environmental Assessment System in Eastern Europe and Central Asia



# Country mainstreaming context – cont.



- ⊖ Status and capacity of environment authorities
- ⊖ Capacity of planning and sector authorities
- ⊖ Communication and cooperation within and among ministries
- ⊖ Technocratic application of legal and regulatory framework
- ⊖ Missing methodological base and limited experience in env. mainstreaming and integrated strategic planning
- ⊖ Not sufficient links between planning and budgeting, especially at sub-national level (budgeting centralized and non-transparent)

# Are development agencies doing better?



- ☺ Many agencies have and apply environmental and social safeguard policies
- ☹ Work in silos (substantially and operationally) – limited dialogue and cooperation
- ☹ Resistance to additional complexity (to project design and management)
- ☹ 'Aggressive' (not consultative) mainstreaming
- ☹ Uncoordinated partnership and assistance to governments;
- ☹ Not systematically applied environmental safeguard policies and approaches;
- ☹ Weak monitoring and evaluation systems for integrated approach;
- ☹ Not coordinated resource mobilization and not effective use of funds;

# Tajikistan PEI Country Programme



**Key partner:** Ministry of Economic Development and Trade

**Key PEI entry point:** District Development Planning and PRS M&E

**Proposed interventions:**

- Economic analysis of natural resources use
- Awareness raising and capacity development
- Institutional set-up
- Mainstreaming P-E in DDPs and PRS
- Design and costing of environmentally sound pro-poor measures (support RM)
- Knowledge products to support evidence based mainstreaming
- National environmental assessment system improvement



# Country context for mainstreaming in Tajikistan



- ☺ Environment as the sector and objective in key national (NDS, PRS) and regional documents but
  - ☺ Existing legal framework for mainstreaming (SER)
  - ☺ High level of expert capacity
- ☹ No environmental ministry but the state committee;
- ☹ Low consideration of environment in other sectors (in NDS and PRS)
- ☹ Legal mainstreaming framework not applied in plan/policy making
- ☹ No reference to environment in local district level plans
- ☹ Low capacity of MinFin in budget forecasting at national level (MTEF piloted in 2008 and 2009, not for environment sector)
- ☹ Budgeting system centralized and not linked / supportive of local planning;

# Donor assistance context for PE(I) mainstreaming



UNDP TJ Communities Programme – umbrella programme supporting integrated area-based development;

UNDP and GTZ (DFID funded) Rural Growth Programme (RGP) – supports local economic development via district development planning and financing (Trust Fund, micro-finance services);

☹ Environment not sufficiently reflected in the donor's internal structure, programme / project focus, management and institutional / partnership set-ups: **CEP not included in the inter-agency steering committees of the above interventions / programmes;**

# PEI response and initial results:

- Joint PEI environment and poverty teams
- PE agenda fully adopted by donor agencies' (DFID, GTZ, UNDP) support to local economic development
- After 7 years existence CEP becomes member of UNDP CP (RGP) Steering Committees
- MEDT, Min of Agriculture and CEP start dialogue on substantive cooperation;
- PEI supports government owned planning process
- Joint RGP and PEI planning , management and products (difficult but rewarding) ;
- Directing donor budget allocation towards poverty – environment (district Trust Funds, micro-finance, PRS M&E capacity development)



THANK YOU! 😊

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