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Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA) Methodology and Practice

European Seminar

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Brochure



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BACKGROUND

The European Union Directive 2001/42/EC requires national, regional and local authorities in Member States to carry out Strategic Environmental Assessment to address environmental aspects at the earliest appropriate stage including a broader stakeholder engagement. Dealing with programmes and projects in the fields such as transport, energy, waste, water and regional planning requires in-depth knowledge on implementing Strategic Environmental Assessment in practice. The challenge for decision-makers is to focus on the right issues at the right time, choosing the appropriate methods and procedures as well as examining appropriate alternatives. Moreover, they need to know how to enhance public acceptance, while implementing planning procedures.

SEMINAR CONTENTS

This Seminar addresses the challenges of implementing SEA in practice. It provides decision makers on national, regional and local level with the specific knowledge and essential skills required for an efficient SEA. Seminar participants will learn the substantive legal requirements and processes according to the European Union SEA Directive and the UNECE SEA Protocol on SEA. From a practical point of view, the procedural stages and methodologies of SEA will be discussed on different policies, plans and programmes in the fields of infrastructure, transport, agriculture, waste management and regional planning. The case studies and group work will provide practical examples of how to make SEA a successful and efficient assessment tool and give SEA recommendations. A special focus is also given to the challenge of transboundary and cross-border SEAs that will be discussed in the context of different programmes.

YOUR BENEFIT

- Learn about the methods and procedures of SEA and their practical application through a group work and discussions
- Find out about the potential for SEA to integrate climate change considerations into strategic actions
- Learn how to implement SEA into policies and programmes, sectoral plans and regional planning through detailed case studies
- Improve the quality of your transboundary and cross border SEAs by learning from case studies in the field of operational programmes for cross-border cooperation within the Cohesion Policy
- Discuss how to successfully involve the public or its representatives in the decision-making process and how to clearly and reasonably provide the necessary environmental information
- Exchange experience with delegates from other European countries working with SEA

TEACHING METHODS

- Lectures and case studies
- Interactive workshops
- Discussions and Q&A- sessions
- Best practice reports
- Rich course material and handouts

TARGET GROUP

The seminar is targeted at

- Decision makers from ministries, regional and local planning and development authorities in the field of
 - Transport
 - Infrastructure
 - Regional development
 - Environment
 - Economy
 - Energy
 - Agriculture
 - Waste
- Especially invited are Heads of Units and Senior Planners from
 - Programme Coordination
 - Planning Division
 - Town Planning and Housing
 - Environmental Protection
 - Public Procurement Agencies in the field of transport, infrastructure
- Consultants
 - actively involved in transport and infrastructure projects
 - specialised in SEA/EIA
 - Environmental and Planning Agencies

„First hand information, benefit from the seminar’s practical approach.“



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YOUR SPEAKERS

Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA) Methodology and Practice



PROF MIKAEL HILDÉN

PROGRAMME DIRECTOR, RESEARCH DEPARTMENT, FINNISH ENVIRONMENT INSTITUTE (SYKE)

Prof. Mikael Hildén is the Programme Director of the Research Department at the Finnish Environment Institute (SYKE). He has a Ph.D. in Ecology/Resource Management and more than 25 years of experience in environmental management, research, training and consulting both in Finland and abroad. He has gained broad expertise in combining legal, economic, social, technical and scientific research on environmental policy. He has lead several multidisciplinary research projects in particular on the evaluation of environmental policy and on environmental assessment of policies, plans and programmes, including the national climate strategy, the Natura 2000 network in Finland, the national forestry programme, the programme for protection of biodiversity in the forests of southern Finland and the national biodiversity programme.



VESNA KOLAR PLANINŠIČ

HEAD OF SEA DEPARTMENT, MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND SPATIAL PLANNING, SLOVENIA

Vesna Kolar Planinšič has been working in the Ministry of Environment and Spatial Planning since 1995, first on Alpine Convention, then on natural conservation themes like Life III-Nature and Natura 2000 coordinator. Currently, she is Head of the SEA Department since 2005. She is the focal point for the Convention of transboundary effects (Espoo), active in Working group and acting as vice-president of Implementation Committee. Furthermore, she was active for MOP-4 of Espoo Convention, EIA/SEA Working group and ENEA during the Slovenian presidency. She is leading the cross border procedures for SEA, EIA and IPPC. Being involved in the EU and OECD process and coordinating the EC Directive 42/2001, Vesna Kolar Planinšič was preparing the system proposals (Law/degrees) for SEA and developing the process of implementation in Slovenia as well as monitoring SEA best-practice experiences. After graduating in Landscape Architecture in the 1986, she was finishing her specialisation at the Royal Danish Academy of Fine Arts in Copenhagen and Master in Urban and Spatial Planning at University of Ljubljana in 1990. Subsequently, she was working in practice on the integration of natural and culture heritage into spatial plans. Vesna Kolar Planinšič is also guest lecturer at the University of Ljubljana and at the University of Klagenfurt.



LONE KØRNØV

ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR, DEPARTMENT OF DEVELOPMENT AND PLANNING, AALBORG UNIVERSITY, DENMARK / SEA CENTRE DENMARK

Lone Kørnøv is Associate Professor and Research Coordinator at Aalborg University. She has worked with impact assessment since 1995, and holds a Ph.D. in Strategic Environmental Assessment. Lone has researched, published and trained within environmental assessment, planning and policy making for 15 years. She has been involved in several research projects and national work, e.g.: Development of national guidance on SEA of plans and programmes and evaluation of EIA in Denmark, both projects carried out for the Ministry of Environment. Internationally, Lone is focusing on SEA of planning and mega projects in Greenland and on the Chinese implementation of SEA. She is involved in Chinese research projects on SEA and is member of International Advisory Committee for the Centre of Strategic Environmental Assessment for China. Alongside research Lone has been involved for several years in SEA practice as consultant for local authorities implementing SEA. This includes experience with the assessment process, organisational aspects and methodologies for assessing different environmental aspects like e.g. human health and climatic factors.



PROF DR. MICHAEL SCHMIDT

DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PLANNING, BRANDENBURG UNIVERSITY OF TECHNOLOGY (BTU), GERMANY

Michael Schmidt has been University Professor at the Brandenburg Technical University of Cottbus (BTU Cottbus) since 1994. After graduating in Landscape Planning in the early 80ths, Michael Schmidt started his career as a Scientific Employee in the Division Ecology at the German Federal Agency for the Environment. From 1991-1994 he was Head of Department "Soil Conservation" at the Brandenburg State Agency for the Environment. As University Professor he was Chair of Environmental Planning and later Dean of the Faculty of Environmental Science and Process Engineering since 1994. He has initiated and managed in cooperation with UNEP and UNESCO the International Study Programme "Environmental and Resource Management" as well as the Master Programme "World Heritage Studies" at BTU Cottbus. In cooperation with GTZ and EU-FSMU Programme Germany, Michael Schmidt developed EIA legal framework in Syria and trained the administrative sector in Yemen on capacity building. He organises and carries out summer schools on EIA/SEA for postgraduates and professionals and is an expert for transboundary EIA and SEA within the EU as well as for land use planning. He is a member of several commissions and bodies such as Curatorium of Brandenburg State Center for Political Development, Advisory Council of the German State Ministry for the Environment, Nature Protection and Nuclear Safety and Curatorium of "Deutsche Bundesstiftung Umwelt". He has published widely on implementing SEA and regional planning in the EU and Ukraine and quantitative thresholds for SEA.



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PROGRAMME DAY 1

Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA)

Methodology and Practice

2nd November 2009

8.30 - 9.00

Registration and handout of seminar documents

9.00 - 9.05

Opening remarks from the European Academy for Taxes, Economics & Law

9.05 - 9.15

Opening by the Chair:

Prof Dr. Dr. h. c. Michael Schmidt, Faculty of Environmental Planning, Brandenburg University of Technology (BTU), Germany

Part I – SEA Procedure and Methodology

9.15 - 9.45

Procedural Requirements for SEA in the European Union SEA Directive and UNECE SEA Protocol

- Significance of SEA Directive and SEA Protocol in the EU and UNECE countries
- SEA process according to SEA Directive and SEA Protocol
- Contents of SEA
- Consultations and participation in SEA
- Provisions related to integration of SEA into the planning process

Prof Dr. Dr. h. c. Michael Schmidt, Faculty of Environmental Planning, Brandenburg University of Technology (BTU), Germany

9.45 - 10.30

SEA Methodology in Practice

Methodological and procedural aspects of

- Screening
- Assessment of impacts according to a broad concept of the environment
- Effectiveness of SEA

Lone Kørnøv Associate Professor, Aalborg University, Department of Development and Planning / SEA Centre Denmark

10.30 - 10.45

Q&A Session

10.45 - 11.00

Coffee Break

Part II – SEA for Policies and Programmes

11.00 - 11.45

SEA for Climate Change Policies in the EU Member States

- The specific characteristics of climate change policy issues
- The policy cycle and the role of assessments and evaluations
- Specific questions in climate change policy assessment; time horizons – national vs. global issues
- Assessing the possibility and likelihood of radical innovations
- The interaction of qualitative and quantitative methods and approaches
- The role of public debate and the importance of open preparation

Prof. Mikael Hildén

Research Department, Finnish Environment Institute (SYKE)

11.45 - 12.00

Q&A Session

12.00 - 12.45

SEA for Agricultural Policy and Programmes in the EU Member States

- EU agricultural policy
- SEA for agricultural plans and programmes under the scope of the SEA Directive
- Projects requiring EIA and their influence for agricultural plans and programmes
- Suitability of the German Preliminary Agrarian Structure Planning (gAEP) for the implementation of SEA

Prof Dr. Dr. h. c. Michael Schmidt, Faculty of Environmental Planning, Brandenburg University of Technology (BTU), Germany

12.45-13.00

Q&A Session

13.00-14.30

Lunch

14.30-15.15

SEA for Natural Resource Management

- The rising challenges of natural resource management
- The nature of natural resource management conflicts: new demands, uncertainty and ignorance, thresholds of change
- The role of SEA in examining natural resource management
- Approaches of SEA in resource management
- The contribution of SEA to adaptive management and evaluation

Prof. Mikael Hildén, Research Department, Finnish Environment Institute (SYKE)

15.15-15.30

Q&A Session

15.30-15.45

Coffee Break

Part III – Workshop on Methods and Procedure of SEA

15.45-16.15

Workshop Introduction

Lone Kørnøv

Associate Professor, Aalborg University, Department of Development and Planning / SEA Centre Denmark

16.15-17.15

Case study – Group Work

17.15-18.00

Workshop – Result Presentation by Working Groups

Workshop & Case Study

18.00

End of Day 1



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PROGRAMME DAY 2

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3rd November 2009

Part IV – SEA for Programmes on Sectoral Planning

9.00-09.45

Waste Management Programmes / Plans – Case Studies

- The waste management programme in the framework of the waste directive
- Correlation between SEA and the Habitat directive
- SEA scoping
- Environmental report
- The improvement of the programme/added value
- Public involvement
- What can be avoided in future

**Vesna Kolar Planinšič, Head of SEA Department,
Ministry of Environment and Spatial Planning**

Case
Study

9.45-10.00

Q&A Session

10.00-10.30

Coffee Break

10.30-11.15

Special Methodology of SEA for Cross-border Cooperation Programmes

- Four cross border programmes
- Methodology of SEA in transboundary context and SEA Protocol
- Important SEA transboundary steps
- Transboundary scoping
- Environmental report preparation
- The gaps and how to avoid them
- Public consultation
- Environmental aims within the programme
- Conclusions

**Vesna Kolar Planinšič, Head of SEA Department, Ministry of
Environment and Spatial Planning**

11.15-11.30

Q&A Session

Part V – SEA for Comprehensive Planning

11.30-12.15

SEA for National and Local Spatial Development Plans

- Case studies: urban area and settlement
- SEA development
- The question of levels and alternatives
- How to keep transparency
- Screening & Scoping
- Environmental report preparation
- Public consultation
- How to include the conclusion of Environmental report into the plan
- The quality assurance and control
- Post project analysis and monitoring
- Case study: Transport plan

**Vesna Kolar Planinšič, Head of SEA Department, Ministry of
Environment and Spatial Planning**

Case
Study

12.15-12.30

Q&A Session

12.30-14.00

Lunch Break

14.00-14.45

SEA for Regional Development Plans

- The domain of regional planning
- Integration of SEA into the regional planning process
- Environmental targets and standards in regional planning
- Indicator system for SEA of regional development plans
- Analysis of conflicts in regional planning
- Transboundary SEA in regional planning (Saxony-Poland-Czech Republic)

**Prof Dr. Dr. h. c. Michael Schmidt, Faculty of Environmental
Planning, Brandenburg University of Technology (BTU),
Germany**

14.45-15.00

Q&A Session

15.00-15.30

Coffee Break

15.30-16.45

Summary of Results and Conclusions

**Prof Dr. Dr. h. c. Michael Schmidt, Faculty of Environmental
Planning, Brandenburg University of Technology (BTU),
Germany**

16.45

End of the Seminar and Hand-out of Certificates



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949,- Euro, excl. German VAT (19%)

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- Hand-out documents
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- Lunch

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