

Workshops on Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA) – discussing the role of environmental authorities in SEAs at the national level

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Screening – is SEA needed?

- The purpose is to decide whether SEA needs to be applied for a given strategic planning document
- Screening is important for efficiency of the SEA system in the country
 - To conduct SEA for P&P which may have significant impacts
 - To avoid SEA for P&P with ‘no harm’ to environment and health

Screening – discussion

- What criteria should be considered?
- Shall environmental and health authorities be involved in screening?
- If so, how?
- How the screening decision should be publicly disclosed?

Scoping – what should SEA focus on?

- Scoping shall identify development interventions and relevant environmental and health issues, which should be further considered within the SEA
- Scoping can also identify, as far as possible:
 - territorial scope of the assessment and key areas of concern,
 - stakeholders to be involved,
 - data and information to be considered
 - timeframe and program for SEA (ToR)
- **Scoping is important for the efficiency of the SEA process – it determines priority issues of concern and „scopes-out“ issues that are less important**

Scoping – discussion

- Which environmental and health authorities should be consulted in scoping?
- What should be the major focus when commenting on the ‘declaration of scoping’?
- In addition to written comments, what other means of consultations with relevant authorities should be used in scoping?
- How arrange consultations with public in scoping?

SEA report

- SEA Report shall summarize all findings and conclusions concluded during the entire SEA process
- It should also reflect comments received
- Together with the draft P&P it is a subject of consultations
- EU SEA Directive stipulates information to be provided in the SEA report
- The draft Law on Ukraine on SEA also contains requirements to the contents of the SEA report

SEA report – discussion

- Which environmental and health authorities should be consulted on the draft P&P and the SEA report?
- What should be the major focus when commenting on the draft P&P and the SEA report?
- In addition to written comments, what other means of consultations should be used in scoping?
- How to ensure that comments are integrated in the final P&P and its approval?

Questions, comments?

Thank you for your attention!