

# Regional Environmental Center

Project:

**Capacity Building for Effective Implementation of  
SEA and EIA Laws in Bulgaria, Romania and Turkey**

Preliminary Findings of the Draft Regional Study

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# Various Issues

- Project fragmentation (cumulative impacts)
- Insufficient resources to deal with EIA/SEA cases
- Improve availability of statistical information
- Unify planning periods for all types of PPs
- Streamline spatial planning and regional development planning



# Possibilities for Public / NGOs to access information and to participate in decision making

- Choice of media and languages
- Choice of the places for the public hearings
- Choice whether to involve NGOs in the planning process



# Capacity of NGOs to review EIA/SEAs

- Many EIA / SEA cases
- Often very long reports
- Narrow internal focus / expertise
- Sometimes in coalitions
- Sometimes relying on external experts
  
- One National NGO serving all others regarding EIA / SEA quality reviewing?
- Quality reviewing trainings for NGOs?



# Quality of EIA and SEA Reports

- Dependence of the experts on the proponents
- Public Participation screening and scoping phase
- External advice (consultation) in these phases
- External quality reviewing of draft EIA/ SEA reports with recommendations for improvements
- But, how to fund these mechanisms?
- How to not over-complicate the procedure?



# How to evolve from EIA to SEA?

- Involvement of a wider spectrum of experts
- Trainings for EIA > SEA experts
- Centers for systematic / ongoing trainings
- Specific Guidelines in National Language
- Sector Specific Lists of Indicators & Criteria
- ...templates (per sectors and issues)
- Translated SEA Examples / Case studies



Thank you!

