

Economic Commission for Europe

Meeting of the Parties to the Convention
on Environmental Impact Assessment in
a Transboundary Context

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serving as the Meeting of the Parties
to the Protocol on Strategic
Environmental Assessment

**Working Group on Environmental Impact Assessment
and Strategic Environmental Assessment****Second meeting**

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Exchange of good practices**Seminar on biodiversity in environmental impact assessment
and strategic environmental assessment****Note by Belgium**

Chair: Mr. Michiel Boodts, staff member Flemish minister for the environment Ms. Joke Schauvliege, Belgium

Welcome note and objective of the seminar (Chair)
General introduction to the issue of biodiversity degradation (Ms. Els Martens, Flemish Agency for Nature and Forests, Belgium)
Biodiversity in EIA and SEA: the Convention on Biological Diversity's point of view (Ms. Kristina Gjerd, IUCN Global Marine and Polar Programme)
EU Biodiversity Policy and Environmental Assessments (Ms. Milena Novakova, DG ENV European Commission)
Ecosystem services in EIA/SEA: connecting biodiversity and people (Mr. Roel Slootweg, SevS Consultancy)
Discussion
Case studies: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Deepening of the navigation channel in the Scheldt estuary: case study of a cross-border EIA in an estuarine environment (Mr. Stefaan Ides, Port of Antwerp, Belgium) • Experience from the Nord Stream Pipeline project from the authority's perspective (Mr. Manfred Zeiler, Bundesamt für Seeschifffahrt und Hydrographie (BSH), Federal Maritime and Hydrographic Agency, Germany)
Closing remarks (Chair)