

# ***Environmental Assessment in Republic of Croatia***

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# Collecting experiences

Prior to legal ground...

- Sofia initiative on EIA,
- SEA CARDS '03

# **Sofia Initiative**

# **Environmental Impact Assessment**

**Established in Sofia 1995**

**Closed in Kiev 2003.**

**Chaired by Croatia**

**Logistical support by**

**Regional Environmental Center for CEE**

With assistance of

UNEP

WHO Europe

US EPA

# Goals

- promote East-East co-operation in EIA development,
- support EIA capacity building in CEE and NIS - training and networking among EIA practitioners in CEE and NIS

# Oslo and Aarhus Declaration

- Recognizes that strategic environmental assessment facilitates the systematic analyses of the environmental impacts of proposed policies, plans and programmes,
- Emphasizes that -with a view to the integration of environmental considerations in the decision -making process principles of EIA should be applied on the strategic level

# Cards '03 on SEA

- to support the Ministry of Environmental Protection, Physical Planning and Construction (MEPPPC) the transposition of the EC Directive on Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA)
- to strengthen the institutional framework for the implementation of the EC Directive on SEA
- to strengthen the administrative capacity for execution of SEAs

# The Croatian legislation

- The SEA Protocol is being transposed in Croatia through specific sections in the Environmental Protection Act and its implementing regulations, which are under development

# The Croatian legislation

The Act and its implementing regulations define:

- Plans and programmes that should be subject to SEA;
- SEA process and actors involved, including the consultation process;
- Identification, prediction, evaluation and mitigation of environmental impacts, and preparation of an environmental report and quality review of it;
- Stakeholder consultation on an Environmental Report and revision of a plan or programme, and an Environmental Statement on the adoption of a Plan or Programme;
- Monitoring the implementation of a Plan or Programme



# Mandatory implementation of SEA

- plan or programme, excluding its amendments, brought at the national or regional level in the area of: agriculture, forestry, fishery, energy, industry, mining, transport, telecommunications, tourism, waste management, water management;
- physical plan of the Counties or physical plan of the City of Zagreb, excluding their amendments

# Responsible authorities

- The responsible authority for SEA, in principle, is the authority which is responsible for the preparation of the plan or programme which has to be subjected to SEA

# Responsible authorities

- Strategic assessment for a plan or programme at the national level shall be done by the Ministry, or a ministry responsible for the area for which a plan or programme is brought.
- Strategic assessment for a plan or programme at the regional level shall be done by the administrative department at the county responsible for environmental protection, in cooperation with the administrative department at the county responsible for the area for which the plan or programme is brought

# EPA encourages

**Parallel and distinct processes**

**Decision Process**

**SEA Process**



