

Application of the Protocol on SEA to energy related plans and programmes, policies

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and Protocol to energy-related issues ,
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Context

- IEA: \$48 trillion in investment to meet its energy needs to 2035
- Market rules in Europe do not incentivise the investment needed - risk reliability of supply
- Growing complexity – supply options, technologies, energy security risks
- More ambitious environmental targets
- More complex environmental assessment and permitting procedures

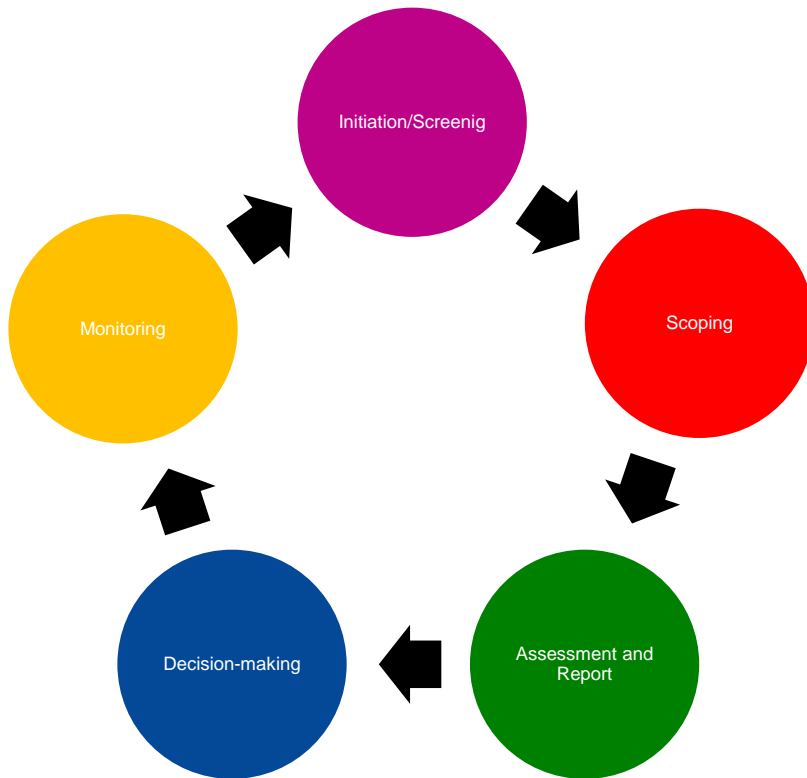
Questions typically asked ...

- What should be promoted, in what scale?
- What technologies should be used?
- Where should it go?
- What are the priorities and best sequencing?

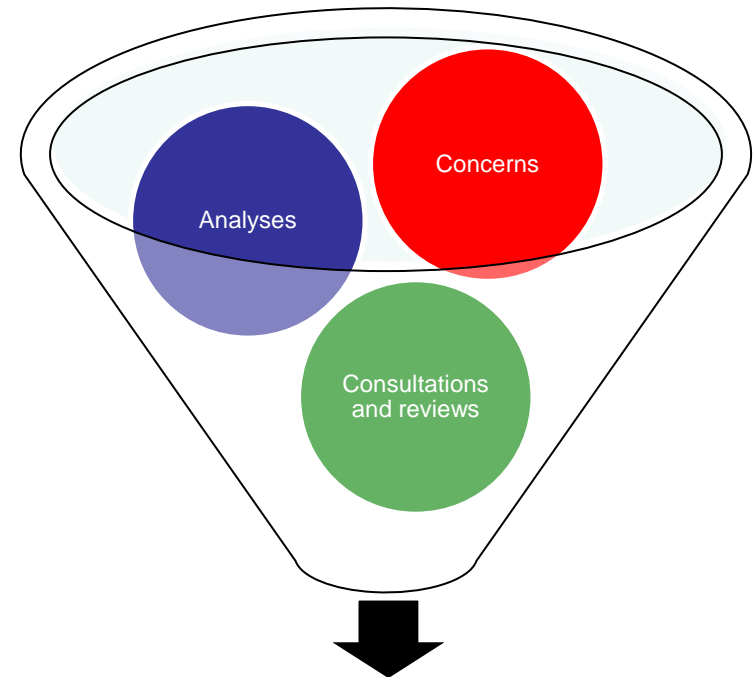
....not necessarily in one process but it is good to have an overall picture

Search for efficiency

Ideal(ized) SEA process



Flexible planning dialogue



**Strategic thinking and
adaptive management**

Can SEA Protocol Article 13 offer some leads?

- Continuous (long-term) energy/env. policy process
- Round-tables with key stakeholder groups - targeted debates on: policy questions, commissioning studies, reviewing them, providing policy advice
- Background studies for environmental feasibility each sector – even academic, perhaps with different outcomes based on the methodology (LCA, spatial analyses, trend analyses)

Search for non-procedural forms of SEA?

- Can outcome of WB work on Policy SEA and other similar studies be of use?
- Would energy sector policies offer lessons or opportunities for 'controlled testing'?
- May be useful not only for policies but also inspire SEA practice for plans and programmes ...

Thank you for your attention

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