

Practical application of SEA in the renewable energy sector

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SEA Report

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Role of SEA report

- SEA Report should **summarize all findings and conclusions** achieved during the entire SEA process
- It serves as a **basis for consultations** (usually final round) with relevant authorities and other stakeholders

Good SEA report...

- Is a well-readable and understandable
- Provides all important information and data
- Summarizes conclusions and recommendations in a clear way
- Indicates if (and how) any inputs from SEA have been already accepted and integrated in the draft plan or programme

Only such SEA Report enables efficient consultations with relevant authorities and other stakeholders

Tips for practice

Explicitly describe in the SEA Report

- **What is suggested** (mitigation measures, monitoring schemes, conditions to be adopted by decision-makers etc.),
- **Why it is suggested** (e.g. in order to minimize certain adverse effects)
- **Who / which institutions should perform these actions** (planning agency, project developer, environmental agencies, decision-makers etc.)

Do not forget executive or non-technical summary!

Tips for practice

- **Don't overcomplicate the SEA Report:** Its main body should be short and clear, while all detailed analyses and information can be provided in annexes
- **Use understandable language:** avoid using e.g. technical terms or acronyms without proper explanation
- **Provide information on SEA process** – its structure, linkages to planning process, consultations carried out and how the outcomes of these consultations have been considered in SEA
- Don't forget to clearly indicate **which suggestions have been already integrated** in the final draft of the plan or programme
- Clearly **indicate any uncertainties and a lack of data** and information.

Content of SEA Report (draft EIA/SEA Law)

- The content, main objectives and its coordination with other strategic documents
- **Targets related to environment and human health** adopted at international, national and other levels and taking into account them within the strategic document
- **Current state of natural ecosystems**, natural-economic systems, environment in areas covered in strategic document possibly having significant impact
- **State of environment and human health and possible development** in case of the strategic document is not implemented
- **Significant impacts** on environment, human health and possible problems concerning human health and environment related to strategic document implementation

Content of SEA Report (draft EIA/SEA Law)

- Environmental policy and action plan implemented on preventive and **mitigating measures** by the organization (entity) implementing economic activity in the reviewed territory
- **Justification for the choice of alternatives**, environmental effectiveness, evaluation methods, resources, and data on technical and non-technical resolution or description of information gaps
- Provision of targets on environment and human health during implementation of strategic document and **monitoring** for implementation of considered measures
- Possible impacts on environment in **transboundary context**
- **Legislative base on strategic document**
- **The results of public hearings and discussions**

Group discussion

- Based on the structure of the SEA Report as stipulated by the draft EIA/SEA Law, please develop the outline of the SEA Report for the Strategy
- When working on the task, please indicate:
 - Any changes of the structure you would suggest
 - Additional items to be included
 - A way of providing information required (text, tables, pictures)

Questions, comments?

Thank you for your attention!