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How to prepare the 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 the 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 or enhance some positive ones)
- **Who / which institutions should perform these actions** (planning agency, project developer, environmental agencies, decision-makers etc.)

Do not forget a 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 (the EIA & E Law, Atr. 18, 2014)

'Content of SEA Report' means 'information to be included in the SEA report' and not 'the structure of the document'!

1. The general requirements for the content of the strategic impact assessment report of the fundamental document are the following:

- (1) **the summary of the fundamental document**, its purpose, **its connection and/or compliance with other related fundamental documents**, approved for the given area;
- (2) **the international treaties ratified by the RA with regard to the fundamental document and other related legal acts**, the environmental issues related to the area subject to the impact and their reflection in the fundamental document;
- (3) **the physical characteristics of the proposed activity** within the framework of the fundamental document and the description of potential risks of the resource requirements, the utilized materials, technological processes, emissions, outflows, wastes, industrial dump sites, physical influences and the emergency and disaster situations;
- (4) **the description of the environment, as well as the social-economic situation** of the area subject to the potential impact and the possible changes thereof, without implementation of the provisions of the fundamental document;



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- (5) the **comparison of all options (including zero options)** of the approaches of the fundamental document and the **substantiation of selection** of the preferable option;
- (6) the **measures for the protection and enhancement of the potential positive impacts**, the prevention, exclusion, reduction of negative impacts and the **measures for compensation for the damage to the environment**, their effectiveness, sufficiency and costs;
- (7) **impact monitoring** and post-project analysis programme during the implementation of the fundamental document;
- (8) **the information on the assessment methods, obstacles, difficulties** encountered during the implementation thereof, including information on the absence of the data;
- (9) information on the **data sources** included in the report;
- (10) the **summary** content of the report

Group discussion – 10 min

- Based on the structure of the SEA Report as stipulated by the 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)



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Thank you for your attention!