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Introduction to SEA

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SEA is a systematic & anticipatory process, undertaken to analyze environmental effects of proposed plans, programmes & other strategic actions and to integrate findings into decision-making

Key principles:

- Undertaken by the authority responsible for Plan preparation
- Applied as early as possible in decision-making process
- Focused on key issues
- Evaluates reasonable range of alternatives
- Provides appropriate opportunities for involvement of key stakeholders & the public
- Carried out with appropriate, cost-effective methods & techniques of analysis

SEA Benefits

- Provide for high level of environmental protection
- Improve quality of P/P making
- Increase efficiency of decision-making
- Facilitate identification of new development opportunities
- Help prevent costly mistakes
- Strengthen governance
- Facilitate transboundary cooperation



Typical / Generic SEA Steps

0. Screening

1. Scoping / Baseline Analysis

- Determination of key issues that should be considered within the SEA process
- Analysis of key issues i.e. past evolution, current situation and likely future evolution if the plan or programme is not implemented

2. Assessment of effects of the plan or programme on the key issues and development of mitigation measures (including monitoring scheme)

3. Compilation of the SEA Report and its submission for consultations with environmental and health authorities and the public



4. Consultations

5. Taking information generated in SEA into due account in planning and decision-making and explaining decision in publicly accountable manner