



Transboundary procedure: practical issues

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Case example: SEA for National Transport Strategies of the Czech Republic (2012)

- Likely challenges
 - Lack of interest by affected countries to get involved in early consultations (out of Espoo / SEA Directive scheme)
 - Insufficient consultations in affected countries
 - Some of the transport projects have been already subjects of bilateral agreements between countries – i.e. what SEA can change?

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- Scoping
 - Likely transboundary impacts cannot be excluded, however cannot be further specified
 - Scoping report was consulted only in the Czech Republic
- SEA initiated discussions between MoT, MoE in order to agree on approach to transboundary consultations
- A preliminary enquiry was sent to all neighboring countries recently (*out of Espoo mechanism*) with (i) brief outline of the strategy, and (ii) list of projects having direct transboundary impacts

Consultations

- Main aim at finding out interests in launching future transboundary EIAs and related consultations for any of the transport projects included in the strategy *(30 days for response)*
 - Which of the projects would merit formal transboundary EIA and related consultations between Czech Republic and other country(-ies)?
 - Which specific transboundary impacts and alternatives would be recommended to be investigated during EIAs of these projects?
 - Would standard EIAs that address transboundary impacts provide suitable means for addressing concerns of the affected country or would country be interested in obtaining further information on the proposed strategy and its overall environmental impacts?