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Application of the Espoo Convention & Protocol

Croatian experience

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Good practice and lessons learned

- ❑ Law on ratification of Espoo Convention **1996**
- ❑ Law on ratification of SEA Protocol **2009**
- ❑ **Neighboring countries:**
 - Slovenia, Hungary, Serbia, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Montenegro, Italy
- ❑ Slovenia, Bosnia and Herzegovina



Case exaple: SEA for Transport Development Strategy

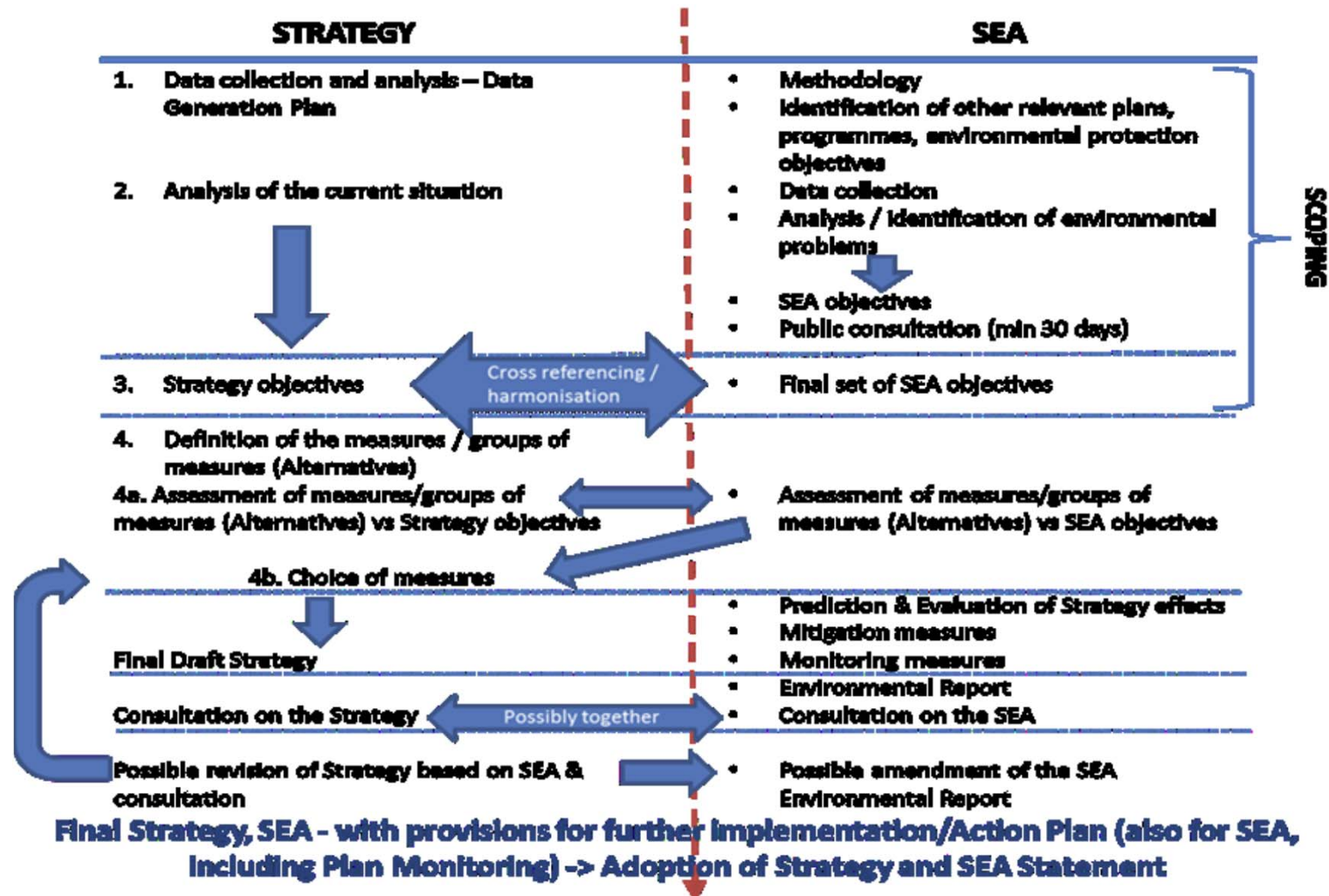
- ❑ major transport document
- ❑ ex ante conditionality for the programming period 2014-2020, basis for EU financing of all transport projects up to 2016 (Structural funds, Cohesion fund, CEF, EIB and EBRD loans)
- ❑ investment decisions based on accurate and complete data for all transport sectors

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- ❑ assess and define the future measures (infrastructure, operation and organization) in the transport sector related to international and national transport
- ❑ provide the framework for the development of interventions and define the interfaces to other strategies or assessments (Functional Regional Concepts-FRC, Master Plans, sectorial strategies, etc.).
- ❑ take into account the European strategies and requirements (TEN-T, ERTMS, TSI, environmental protection, climate protection etc. – general objectives) and be based on a thorough analysis of the Croatian situation (specific objectives for Croatia).

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□ Ministry of Sea, Transport and Infrastructure



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SEA procedure-deadlines

Activity	Deadline for Activity	
Scoping - Opinion on the need for the Main assessment for the ecological network	13/7/2015.	
Decision to start the process SEA	23/9/2015.	
Screening	21/7-30/8/2015.	
Decision on the content and scope of Strategic Studies	23/9/2015.	
ESPOO Notification	26/2/2016.	The public hearing wish to participate: IT, H and Montenegro, Serbia
Final Draft of the TDS	15/12/2016	
Procurement for selection of Authorized company (consultants) for the purpose of preparation of Strategic studies	31/1/2017	
Draft of the SEA Study	30/3/2017	
SEA Committee meeting (s)	4/2017	
Final Draft SEA Study	20/4/2017	
The decision on the start of Public Consultation	20/4/2017	
Information about the start of Public consultation- Publication in newspapers	24/4/2017	
Start of the Public consultation	3/5/2017	
Public hearing	9/5/2017	
End of Public consultation	4/6/2017	
Final SEA Study/Final TDS	18/6/2017	There is a possibility that we will not have the opinion of the neighbouring countries by the end of Public consultation. We will have to wait for a reasonable time (during the development of the Strategy in 2014, Italy had a public hearing 60 days) for the Opinion.
Ministry of Environment and Energy Opinion about SEA procedure	18/7/2017	
A report on the SEA-/End of SEA procedure	25/7/2017	

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- ❑ MSTI – May 2015 - decision to start SEA
 - public informed

- ❑ scoping – May – September 2015
 - competent authorities
 - public
 - MEE points to possible cross-border impacts

- ❑ February 2016 - SEA Report under preparation
 - notification: Bosnia and Herzegovina, Hungary, Italy, Montenegro, Serbia, Slovenia

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☐ Hungary

- states interest in consultations
- issue of water transport development (ecological status of bordering rivers Mura and Drava)
- advises that in order to speed up the process, the entire documentation should be in Hungarian

☐ Italy

- states interest in consultations
- requests non-technical summary in Italian language

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- ❑ Serbia
 - states interest in consultations
- ❑ Montenegro
 - states interest in consultations
 - documents have to be send no later than when informing Croatian public
- ❑ Bosnia and Herzegovina
 - states interest in consultations
 - air pollution related to road transport, ecological state of bordering rivers
- ❑ Slovenia
 - not respond to the notification

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- ❑ public participation in Croatia started in June 2017
- ❑ June 2017 - documentation (ER & draft of TDS) sent to countries that have expressed interest
- ❑ June – August 2017 – consultation
- ❑ end of August 2017 – TDS sent to the Government's procedure

Main challenges and problems

- ❑ different competent authorities for TDS and SEA
- ❑ different legal procedures
- ❑ higher costs (translations)
- ❑ lack of early informal consultations – formal consultation after scoping
- ❑ some of the major transport projects have been already subjects of transboundary EIA's (!?)

Questions



Thank you for your attention!

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