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Scoping and SEA Report

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Scoping – art.6

- Early at planning proces (at the stage of blueprint or outline/concept for strategic document)
- Role of
 - environmental and health authorities
 - planning authorities
 - SEA consultants
 - the public
- Procedure – scoping meeting
- Scoping „decision”

Scoping

- Mandatory stage in SEA
- Procedural elements
 - Scoping document
 - Who participates
 - Who decides
- Scoping determination/decision
 - Form and legal nature

SEA (environmental) report– art. 7

- Requirements in Art. 7 and annex IV
- Key elements
- Specificity of SEA report
 - 5. The environmental, including health, objectives established at international, national and other levels which are relevant to the plan or programme, and the ways in which these objectives and other environmental, including health, considerations have been taken into account during its preparation.
- Streamlining the report following the concept of tiering

SEA report – cd

- Relation to
 - Definition of SEA
 - Definition of SEA Report
- Requirements - Annex IV
 - Mandatory – all items must be included
 - New items may be added
 - Relation to scoping
 - Key elements
 - Environmental objectives
 - Health issues

Quality control

- Issue not regulated in SEA Protocol
- Different approaches
 - Regulating consultants
 - Regulating reviewers
- Role of
 - Environmental and health authorities (system of grading)
 - The public
- Transparency – mandatory publicly available databases of SEA Reports
- Combination of approaches

Regulating consultants

- Legal requirements for consultants
 - Education
 - Experience
- Accreditation of consultants
 - Mandatory or voluntary
 - Scope
 - Individuals
 - Consultancy firms
- Experience : pros and cons

Regulating reviewers

- Advisory commissions
 - Structure
 - Composition
 - Mandatory involvement or ad hoc
 - Advisory role
- Panels of experts
- Expertise model
- Pros and cons

Participants discuss experience

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