Environmental assessments of hydropower projects

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Geographical Scope
Three pillars of the Energy Community

- Creation of a regional energy market / enhance regional competition
- Security of supply
- Sustainability of energy systems
1) Title II: “ACQUIS of the EnC” → NETWORK ENERGY
geographical scope: Contracting Parties

**Environment**

- Directive 2012/92/EU (EIA) – after entry into force
- Directive 2016/802 (SiF) – as of 1 January 2012
- Directive 2001/80/EC (LCP) – as of 1 January 2018
- Directive 2010/75/EU (IED) – as of 1 January 2018/2028
- Endeavour to accede/implement: Kyoto Protocol; Directive 96/61/EC (IPPC)
- Construction and operation of new generating plants – after the entry into force of the Treaty and with compliance on the acquis on environment
- Climate acquis in development
Activities of the Energy Community

ENVIRONMENTAL COMPLIANCE

- Environmental assessments – project and strategic level
- Emissions abatement → a possible contribution to climate goals
- Large Combustion Plants (fossil fuel-fired installations)
- Sulphur content of liquid fuels
- Energy efficiency and renewables
- Climate targets
- Hydropower projects – where do they fit in
Context

• Hydropower projects in the region
• Public opposition / complaints
• Podgorica Ministerial meeting and conclusions / sustainability principles
• Sustainability Forum on 27 June
• EnC Policy Guidelines
EIA and SEA

Environmental Assessments

Policies

Plans & Programmes
covered by SEA Directive

Projects (public - private)
covered by EIA Directive

- Waste Framework Directive
- Water Framework Directive
- Habitats and Birds Directives
- IPPC/IED Directive
- Landfill Directive
- Carbon Capture Storage Directive

Energy Community Secretariat

Expert Group on Flow Regulation and Environmental Flows, 12 June 2019
Dispute settlement

- Mechanism established by the Treaty
- 3-step procedure: Opening Letter, Reasoned Opinion, Reasoned Request
- Final instance: Ministerial Council
- Role of the Advisory Committee
- Treaty amendments
**Policy guidelines - outline**

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