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# Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA): SEA for Regional and Spatial Plans

## Concluding remarks

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Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA) in Regional and Spatial  
Planning

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# Executing SEA successfully

## 1. Understanding to the Content and Context of the Plan

- Baseline conditions – Social, Economic, Environmental
- Evaluation of the implementation of the old (existing) (Master)plan?
- SWOT analysis ?
- Planning objectives: Sectoral, spatial, ..
- Thematic concepts (transport system, residential areas, technical infrastructure, natural risks and limits,...
- Coordination scheme (Main map)
  
- Key question to ask: What is proposed by the new Masterplan? i.e. What will be different compared to the existing land-use and spatial limits??

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## 2. Meaningful SEA Scoping:

- Baseline conditions - existing environmental issues
- Environmental objectives
- Identification of environmental issues that can be potentially affected by the Plan

Environmental issues Plan components	Water	Air	Noise	Biodiversity	....
New residential areas					
Transport infrastructure					
....					
...					



### 3. Good participatory SEA process

Scoping Report:

- Drafting, submission
  - Consultation
  - Scoping conclusion
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- SEA Report: Evolution of likely effects:
    - Specific analyses (Spatial conflicts, pollution dispersion studies? transport modelling?, biodiversity surveys?)
    - Potential effects assessment: Quantitative? Qualitative?
  - SEA Report: Mitigation measures – changes in the Plan, adjusting limits and conditions for development, monitoring

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### 3. Good participatory SEA process (cont'd)

- Consultations (joint process SEA and Plan)
  - Stakeholders
  - Process
- SEA Conclusion
- Masterplan approval (taking SEA into consideration)

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## SEA implementation challenges

- Awareness of the planning authorities
  - Consultation with MENR
  - Allocation of resources
  - Procuring the SEA services (qualified expertise)
- Effective public consultations
- Quality control
  - State Ecological Expertise (?)
- Reflection of the SEA results in the Plan implementation
- Monitoring and follow-up

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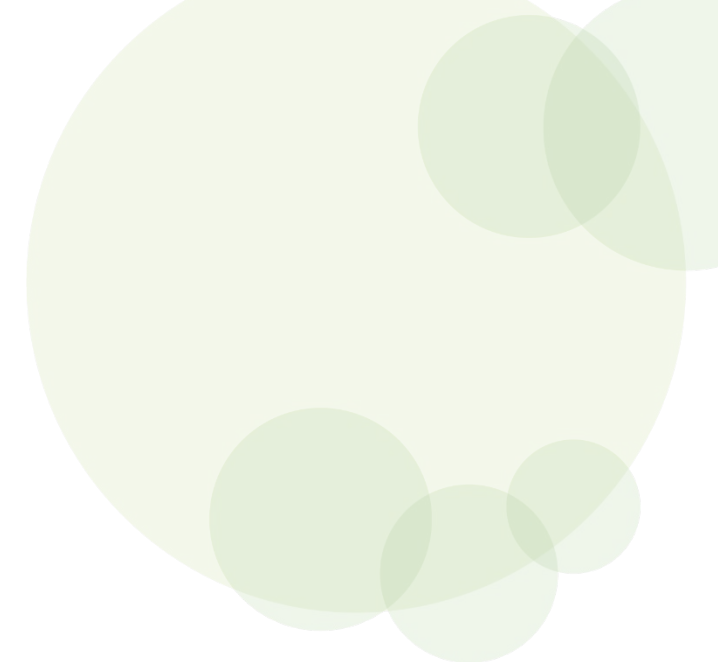


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# Thank you!



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