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Pilot Strategic Environmental Assessment of the draft Micro-Regional Combined Spatial Plan for Gegharkunik Region (Gegharkunik-2)

SEA Scoping, SEA coordination with the planning process
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Executing SEA successfully

1. Understanding to the Content and Context of the Gegharkunik-2 plan

- Baseline conditions – Social, Economic, Environmental
- Evaluation of the implementation of the old (existing) (spatial) 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 Gegharkunik-2 spatial plan? i.e. What will be different compared to the existing land-use and spatial limits??**

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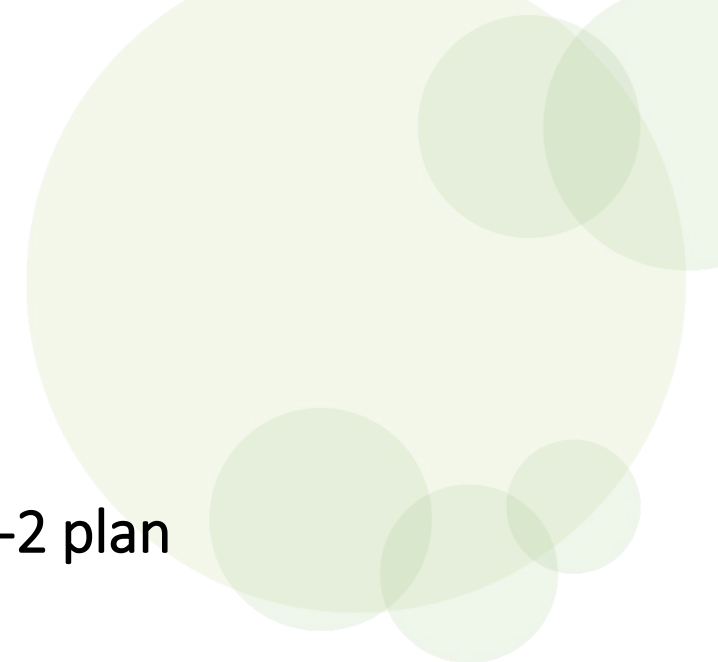


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1. Understanding to the Content and Context of the Gegharkunik-2 plan

- What is the Gegharkunik-2 plan timeline and milestones?
- What is the right arrangement for SEA stakeholder consultations
- How and when to deliver effectively the outputs of the SEA to the key stakeholders

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2. Meaningful SEA Scoping:

- To define territorial dimension of the assessment (area affected by the Gegharkunik-2 plan).
- To identify stakeholders to be involved.
- To suggest what methods or specific questions shall guide further analyses within the SEA process.

The Scoping for SEA for Gegharkunik-2 plan entails several activities, these are namely the following:

- Preliminary analysis of the environmental situation (baseline) of the Gegharkunik-2 planing area
- Identification of environmental (and health) policy objectives relevant for the Gegharkunik-2 plan preparation and implementation
- identification of key environmental (and public health) issues relevant to the Gegharkunik-2 plan preparation and implementation
- Consultations with stakeholders

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Scoping Report

1. Description of content and the main objectives of the Gegharkunik-2 plan and its links with other plans or programmes
 - Objectives and Content of the Gegharkunik-2 plan
 - A short analysis of the planning alternatives
 - Planning process
2. State of the environment
 - Air, Water, Land and Soil, Solid Waste, Nature and Biodiversity, Public Health, Socio-economic situation and trends, Cultural heritage, Other Issues
3. Identification of Key Relevant Environmental Issues
 - Environmental policy objectives
 - Key environmental concerns (Scoping Matrix)
 - Identification of needs for further analyses and consultations
5. Stakeholder analysis
6. Preliminary Recommendations
7. Appendices and supporting materials (e.g. maps)

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SEA Scoping: Identification of key issues

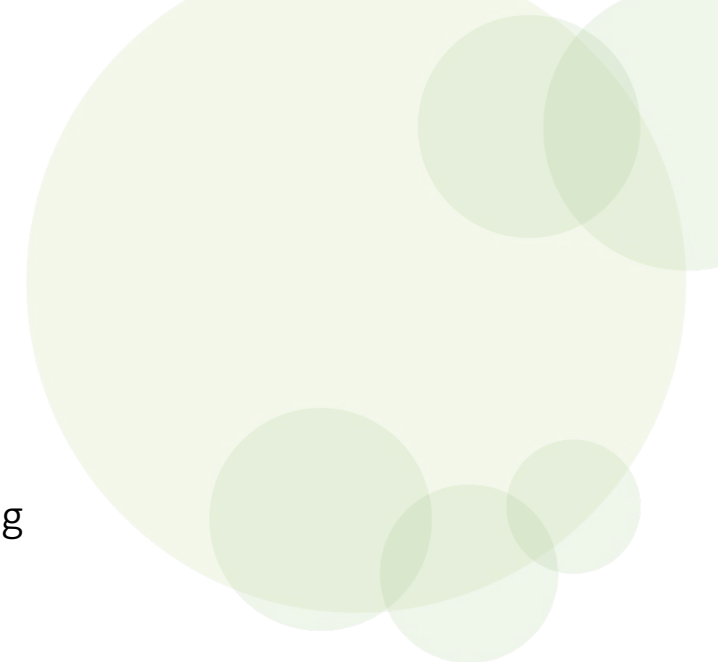
- Based on:
 - (preliminary) baseline analyses: Existing environmental problems and key trends in the concerned area
 - Relevant environmental policy objectives and goals

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10.	Vytváření územních podmínek pro rozvoj integrované hromadné dopravy.	0	0	0	X	0	X	0	0	X
11.	Vytváření územních podmínek pro rozvoj udržitelných druhů dopravy (pěší doprava, cyklo-doprava) v návaznosti na: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ostatní dopravní systémy kraje; systém pěších a cyklistických tras přílehlého území ČR, Slovenska a Polska včetně preference jejich vymezování formou samostatných stezek s využitím vybraných místních a účelových komunikací s omezeným podílem motorové dopravy. 	0	0	0	X	X	X	0	0	0
12.	Polyfunkční využití rekultivovaných a revitalizovaných ploch ve vazbě na vlastnosti a požadavky okolního území.	X	XX	X	0	0	XX	XX	X	X
13.	Stabilizace a postupné zlepšování stavu složek životního prostředí především v centrální a východní části kraje. Vytváření podmínek pro postupné snižování zátěže obytného a rekreačního území hlukem a emisemi z dopravy a výrobních provozů.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0



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SEA Consultations

- Identification of relevant stakeholders (stakeholder analysis during Scoping)
- Somewhat broader definition of stakeholder than generally in Spatial Planning
- Shall be aligned with formal Planning process
- Role of Environmental authorities?

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In conclusion: What makes good SEA?

- Proper participatory process
- A good reliable report with
 - Identifies environmental risks and opportunities
 - Scientifically sound estimation of likely effects
 - Mitigation measures proposed
- Improvement of the plan under assessment
 - Ensured compliance with environmental goals
 - Put in place safeguards and monitoring for unforeseen effects
- Final decision (permit/approval) considering SEA conclusions
- Something else?
 - Seeking windows of opportunity to influence planning and decision making
 - Quality of planning and decision making are critical limits
 - Commitment to SEA results