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# Introduction to Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA)

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# Why we need EIA

- To ensure that environmental and health concerns are considered in the design and implementation of the projects (new projects or their changes or extensions)
- To enable public and public concerned to participate in the environmental decision-making procedures

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# Main principles

- EIA should be
  - applied to the projects with likely significant environmental impacts
  - carried out early in the preparation of the projects and related decision-making process
  - based on correct and complete information
  - focused on relevant environmental impacts and formulate appropriate mitigation measures
  - transparent and participatory – taking into account public views

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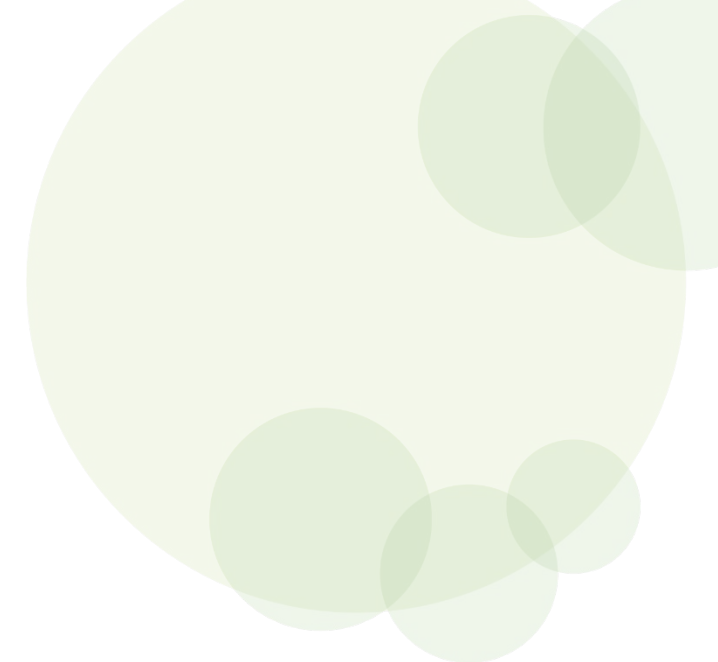


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# What EIA includes

1. Preparation of the EIA report
2. Conducting consultations
3. Quality control of the EIA report
4. Issuing reasoned conclusion on the significant environmental effects
5. Integration of reasoned conclusion in the project approval (development consent)

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# Main actors in EIA

- **Project developer** (initiator): private or public entity which seeks the project approval
- **Environment Agency** (competent authority)
- Technical committee
- **Public concerned**: public (*one or more natural or legal persons, as well as associations, organizations or groups*) that is or can be affected or is interested in environmental decision-making procedures
- Likely affected country (or countries)

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# International legal framework

- EU EIA Directive (Directive 2011/92/EU as amended by Directive 2014/52/EU)
- UNECE Convention in EIA in a Transboundary Context (Espoo Convention)
- UNECE Convention on Access to Information, Public Participation in Decision-making and Access to Justice in Environmental Matters (Aarhus Convention)

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