

Environmental Assessment WG

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Task 2.4.2: Implementation and monitoring of SEA Directive

- Support to two SEA pilots:
 - SEA for Offshore hydrocarbons exploitation and production programme in Montenegro
 - Providing continuous quality assurance throughout the SEA process (Interim QA Reports + Final QA report)
 - SEA of General National Territorial Plan of Albania
 - Methodological support to the national SEA team
 - Working meeting on scoping and SEA report



Task 2.4.2: Achievements and lessons learned

😊 Improved quality of SEA

- Many inputs suggested by ECRAN have been integrated (however, in case of SEA pilot in Montenegro, SEA report still needs to be enhanced)

😊 Increased understanding of SEA role

- Planning agencies are aware of inputs SEA can/should provide
- Montenegro: QA criteria can be used in further SEAs

• Unpredictable time schedule of SEA process



Task 2.4.3: Other environmental assessments

- Two regional workshops on SEA/EIA and AA
- Workshop/study tour on SEA/EIA and WFD
- Three regional workshops on SEA/EIA in selected sectors
 - Hydropower
 - Spatial planning
 - Industry



Task 2.4.3: Achievements and lessons learned

- ☺ Increased understanding regarding the topics addressed
 - Recognizing difficulties of practical application
 - Awareness of a need of further capacity building

- ☺ The informal network of relevant governmental officials
 - Use of real case examples - combination of workshops and study tours
 - Knowledge transfer from new EU MSs
 - Sharing experience among ECRAN countries (Croatian experts)



Task 2.4.4: Training of Trainers

- Three ToT regional sessions
 - Sept 2014 Podgorica
 - Sept 2015 Istanbul
 - Sept 2016 Skopje
- Altogether ten national/regional trainings organized with ToT participants acting as lecturers (in between ToT sessions)



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Task 2.4.4: Achievements Training of Trainers

- ☺ Core group of trainers has been created
 - They have knowledge and skills to conduct SEA/EIA training

- ☺ National/regional trainings successfully organized in five ECRAN countries

- ☺ ToT Training Manual, case examples, and other background documents provide a very solid basis for preparing the national trainings



Overall main impacts

- ☺ EA WG contributed to better regional cooperation between SEA/EIA competent authorities.
 - WG provided a platform for informal communication among the countries involved, and contributed to better regional cooperation between environmental authorities.

- ☺ Skills and capacities of relevant SEA/EIA authorities to enforce legal requirements stipulated by the national SEA/EIA legal framework were enhanced
 - WG members are familiar with a good SEA/EIA practice as well as they are aware of challenges regarding its practical application
 - They are ready to provide support to proper implementation of SEA and EIA in their countries, and thus improved quality of implementation of the EU environmental acquis.



Thank you for your attention!



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