

Environmental Assessment WG: Overview of activities

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Overview of main activities within the reporting period

- Task 2.4.1: No activity
- Task 2.4.2: Initiating support to SEA Pilot in Albania o
- Task 2.4.3: Organizing workshop and study tour on WFD and its linkages to SEA/EIA
- Task 2.4.4: Conducting trainings in beneficiary countries and organizing the 2nd ToT workshop



Task 2.4.2: SEA pilot

- SEA for Offshore hydrocarbons exploitation and production programme in Montenegro
- Interim Report 5 (Nov 2015), 6 and 7 (Feb 2015) were prepared based on the draft SEA Report
 - Impacts evaluation and alternatives,
 - Mitigation measures and monitoring, and
 - Quality of the SEA Report
- Follow-up communication with the Ministry of Economy including meeting with SEA team (Feb 2015) in order to integrate ECRAN's feedback in the SEA Pilot



Task 2.4.2: SEA pilot

- Agreement made on adjustments of SEA report e.g.
 - Reconsideration of scoring regarding likely impacts
 - Changes in overall evaluation of development scenarios
 - Modifications of indicators
- So far, the process has been interrupted



Task 2.4.2: SEA pilot

- SEA for the General National Territorial Plan of Albania
- Role of ECRAN: Providing methodological support to the SEA national team
- Scoping workshop organized in Sept 2015
 - Providing examples from EU
 - Developing initial draft of scoping matrix



Task 2.4.3: Study tour on linkages between WFD and SEA/EIA Directives.

- September 22 – 24, 2015, Czech Republic, altogether 21 participants
- Jointly with Water WG (ECRAN and TAIEX experts involved)
 - Presentation of the Czech practice regarding the application of SEA and EIA related to the assessment under the WFD
 - Discussing practical challenges with the institutions involved in water management planning and SEA/EIA



Task 2.4.4: Training of Trainers

- Conducting national or regional SEA/EIA trainings in ECRAN beneficiary countries
 - SEA workshop in Albania (March 2015)
 - Two national workshops in SEA and EIA in Croatia (May 2015),
 - Regional workshop on practical application of SEA and EIA in Serbia (June 2015).
- Planning for the 2nd round: Albania (November 2015)



Task 2.4.4: Training of Trainers

- Workshops were facilitated by the national experts
- Support provided by TAIEX and ECRAN experts
- Workshops in Croatia included specific topics (climate change, health)
- Discussions often focused on the legal provisions and their practical application



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Task 2.4.4: 2nd ToT workshop

- September 28 – October 1, 2015, Istanbul – extended from originally planned 2 days
- Strong focus on trainings skills
 - Home assignment (i.e. to prepare training session on selected topics)
 - Sessions on training skills and workshop design
 - Training sessions delivered by the participants



Impacts and results

- Enhancing quality of SEA report (Montenegro)
- Increased understanding of linkages between WFD and SEA/EIA
- Significantly increased capacity among beneficiary countries to organize and deliver SEA/EIA trainings
 - Impressive steps forward regarding training skills and SEA/EIA knowledge
 - SEA/EIA Training Manual has proven to be useful



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