

Environmental Assessment WG

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Overview of main activities within the reporting period

- Task 2.4.1: Organizing the 2nd Annual Meeting
- Task 2.4.2: Continuing support to SEA Pilot in Montenegro
- Task 2.4.3: Organizing joint regional workshop on SEA/EIA and Appropriate Assessment
- Task 2.4.4: Planning of the SEA/EIA national trainings within the Training of Trainers (ToT) scheme



Task 2.4.1: Annual meeting

- 2nd Annual Meeting organized in Vienna (November 2014)
- Key focus
 - Evaluation of EA WG's activities
 - Discussion of the workplan for 2015 with detailed planning of the SEA/EIA national workshops
 - Options for the 2nd SEA Pilot



Task 2.4.2: SEA pilot

- SEA for Offshore hydrocarbons exploitation and production programme in Montenegro
- Role of ECRAN:
 - Providing continuous quality assurance throughout the SEA pilot i.e. reviewing each main stage/analysis of SEA against SEA quality criteria
 - Providing assistance with transboundary consultations (if needed)
- Agreement with the Ministry of Economy was made April/May 2014
- Activities initiated late June / July 2014



Task 2.4.2: SEA pilot

- Interim Report 5 (Nov 2015) and 6 (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
- Finalizing of SEA Report is ongoing, inter-governmental discussions and public consultations are planned for May 2015



Task 2.4.3: Joint regional workshop on SEA/EIA and AA

- October 30 – 31, 2014, Zagreb, with ECRAN and TAIEX experts involved
 - To introduce similarities and differences between AA and EIA/SEA
 - To illustrate the best practice of AA and EIA/SEA application as parallel processes
 - To provide recommendations on conducting these processes in the participants' countries
- Significant contribution of Croatian experts (SINP and MENR)



Task 2.4.4: Training of Trainers

- Planning of national or regional SEA/EIA trainings in ECRAN beneficiary countries
 - To be conducted between 1st and 2nd ToT
 - Key role of national experts/trainers
 - ECRAN/TAIEX experts providing support on developing the training design, facilitation, providing examples from EU
- 1st round: Albania (March), Croatia (May), Serbia and Macedonia (June)



Task 2.4.4: Training of Trainers

- SEA National Workshop in Albania (Tirana), March 11 – 12, 2015
- Facilitated by Ms. Ornela Shoshi, Ministry of Environment, and lectures was delivered by other experts from the Ministry of Environment
- Support provided by TAIEX and ECRAN experts
- 20 participants
- Discussions focused on the legal provisions and their practical application



Planning for next period

- Task 2.4.1: No activities planned
- Task 2.4.2: SEA pilots
 - Continuing support to SEA pilot in Montenegro (by June/July 2015)
 - Initiating support to 2nd SEA pilot in Albania (early summer 2015) – needs to be confirmed



Planning for next period

- Task 2.4.3:
 - Preparation of the 2nd regional training on SEA/EIA and AA (June – Sept 2015), to be organized in Oct – Nov 2015 (linked to one of the AA pilots)
 - Study tour on the water management planning and EIA/SEA to the Czech Republic (June or September 2015)
- Task 2.4.4: ToT
 - Support to SEA/EIA training in Croatia, Serbia, Macedonia
 - Preparation and delivery of the 2nd ToT (September 2015)



Main impacts

- ☺ Improving quality of SEA pilot – integrating of ECRAN's inputs to the SEA Report
- ☺ Increased understanding of linkages between SEA/EIA and AA (especially important for countries making certain steps towards Natura 2000)
- ☺ Increased capacities of the national trainers on SEA/EIA, they have knowledge enabling to conduct SEA/EIA training
- ☺ ToT Training Manual provides a very solid basis for preparing the national trainings + there will be a 'library' of EU case examples to be used further on



Thank you for your attention!



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