



Environment and Climate
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EIA – Scoping objectives



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Scoping objectives

- In scoping we **identify relevant environmental issues**, which should be further considered within the EIA and should also:
 - define territorial dimension of the assessment,
 - identify stakeholders to be involved in EIA,
 - suggest suitable environmental proposals (or specific questions) that will guide analyses within the EIA process.
- Screening is **highly important for efficient and effective EIA implementation** – EIA should only on the likely significant effects relevant for the proposed project.



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EIA Directive 2014/52/EU

Article 5:

- **Where requested** by the developer, the **competent authority shall issue an opinion on the scope and level of detail** of the information to be included by the developer **in the EIA Report**.
- *Member States may also require the competent authorities to give such an opinion, irrespective of whether the developer so requests.*
- **The competent authority shall consult all concerned authorities before it gives its opinion.**
- If the „scoping opinion“ was issued, **EIA Report shall be based on that opinion.**



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What to watch out for?

- **Not all elements of environment have to be addressed** in each and every EIA...
- ...on the other hand scoping **needs to ensure that all main issues to be addressed in EIA were identified** – gaps at this stage may misguide the entire EIA process.
- **Not relevant environmental topics should be dropped** from further EIA process, but only **based on appropriate justification**.
- **Consultations** with main stakeholders and key competent authorities **are strongly recommended** to avoid late identification of problems, data, studies, etc.



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EIA "scoping" in Slovenia

„Scoping,, phase in Slovenia does not exist as a formal step in the EIA procedure!

...in practice, this step is done by EIA practitioner as an integral part of the EIA Report preparation process.

Informal consultations at „scoping stage“ with key competent authorities are considered good practice.

Such an approach has its + and its – !



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