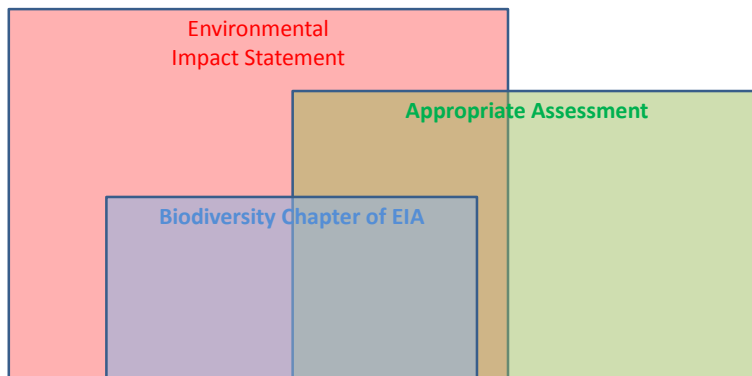


Croatian EIA/AA system



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- Screening procedure similar for all projects
 - Project idea /description is provided (exception are projects for which the need for EIA is tested when a small study is provided which is then also used for AA screening)
- AA can be an independent study or a chapter within EIA (for projects on EIA lists)



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The EIA evaluation

- EIA is evaluated by a committee
 - If Natura 2000 is affected one member of the committee is from Nature Protection Administration (NPA)
 - Member of the committee from NPA requires opinion from the Croatian Agency for Nature Protection (CAEN)



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CAEN opinion

- CAEN opinion is not obligatory for committee member from Nature Protection Administration
- If necessary, amendments are required - i.e:
 - Some possible impacts were not analyzed
 - Impact not supported by adequate data – additional research needed
 - Mitigation measures are not sufficient
- The consultant should amend the study or provide valid explanation why amendments are not necessary



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The decision

- The committee decides if the study is valid and proposes decision to ministry – each member of the committee votes
- If N2K is the topic it can not be outvoted (= meeting of Art. 6(3) HabDir requirement)
- The Ministry writes decision which approves the project for environment and Natura 2000 with obligatory mitigation measures, or rejects the project



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