

Experience with SEA in spatial planning from EU countries **SLOVENIA**

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Spatial Planning in Slovenia

- **Spatial Planning was „re-set“** by a new Law on Spatial Planning in 2007.
- 3 levels of Spatial Plans:
 - State level Spatial Plans
 - Locale level Spatial Plans (Municipal)
 - Detailed Spatial Plans (Development zones)

Regional level???

- All Spatial Plans undergo an **SEA screening procedure!**



SEA in Slovenia – Legal Framework

Slovenia does not have a specific law on SEA.

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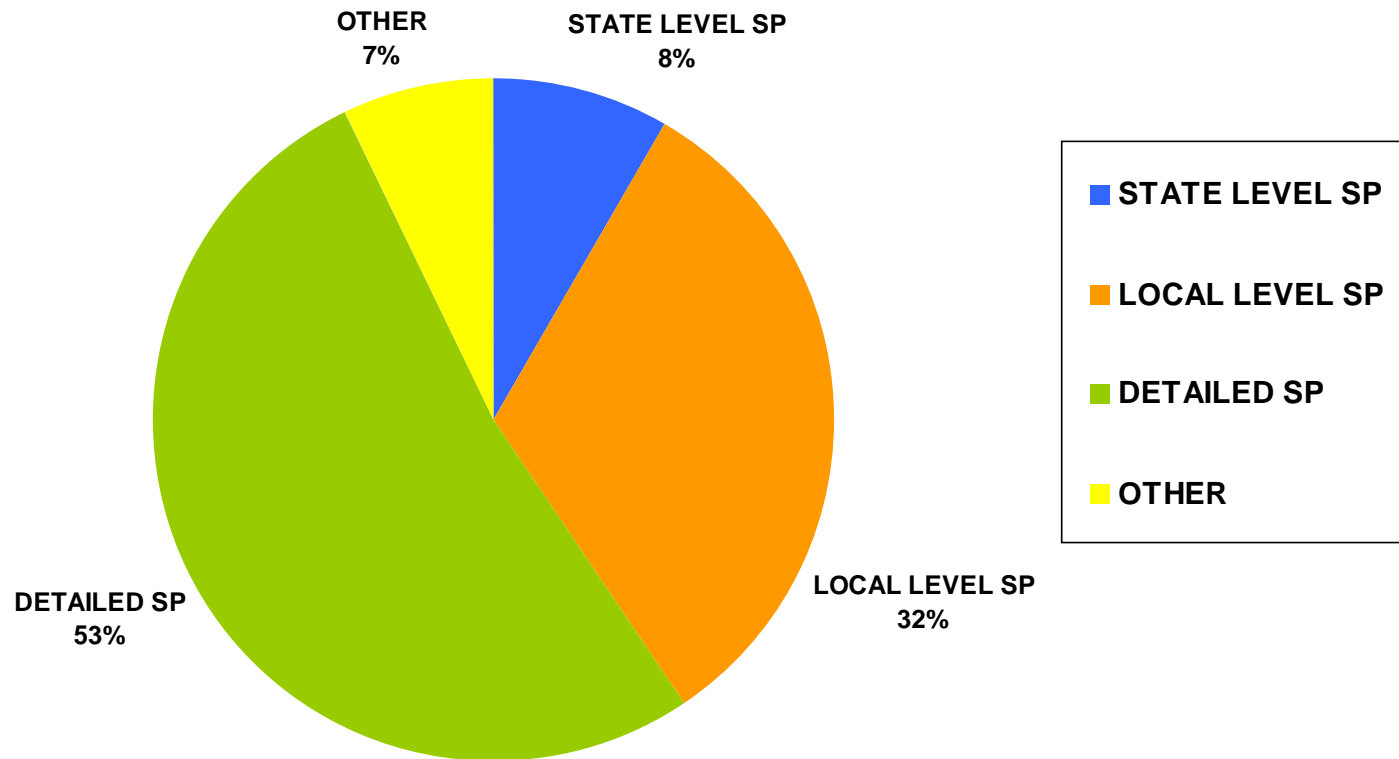
- **Environmental Protection Act** – *main aims and procedure.*
- **Nature Conservation Act** – *transposition of art. 6(3), 6(4) Habitats Directive, Appropriate Assessment.*
- **Water Protection Act** – *transposition of art. 4.7 of the Water Framework Directive*

Several Decrees cover specific issues.



SEA in Slovenia – Implementation

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Why?

- SEA adopted in 2004.
- New Spatial Planning Law adopted in 2007.
- In the period 2004-2010 **only 45 out of 213 Municipalities prepared new Spatial Plans** with SEAs.
- Until 2015 **140 Municipalities prepared new Spatial Plans** with SEAs.

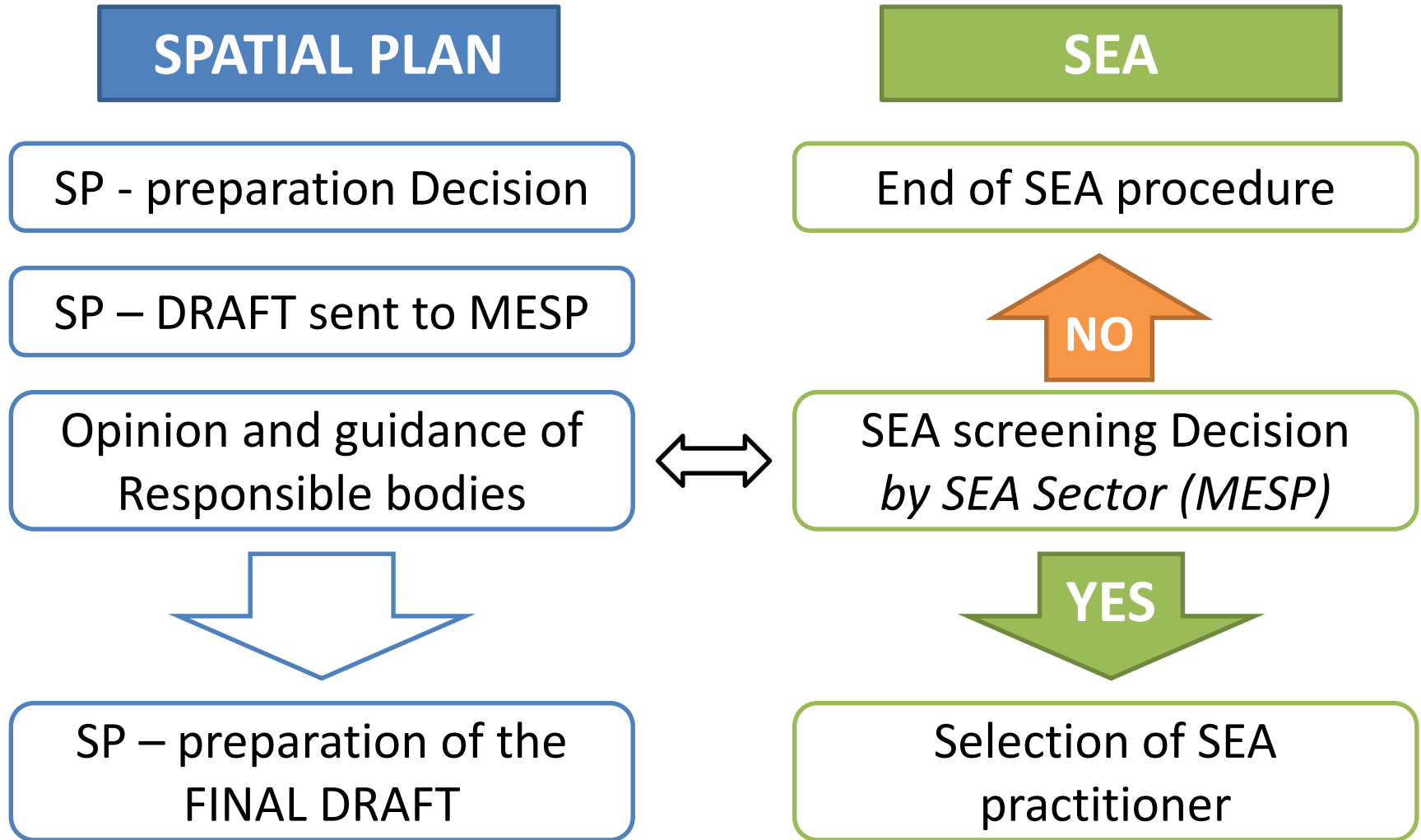


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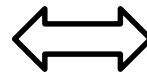


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SPATIAL PLAN

SEA

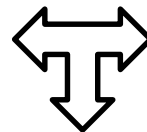
SP – preparation of the
FINAL DRAFT



Preparation of the
SEA Report

SEA Report evaluation by
Responsible Bodies

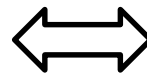
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SEA Report Opinion

30 days Public Participation Process + Public Hearing

SP – FOR ADDOPTION



SEA Report – changes after
Public Participation

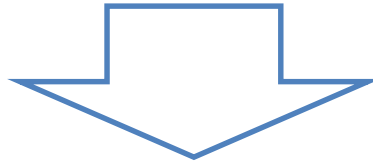


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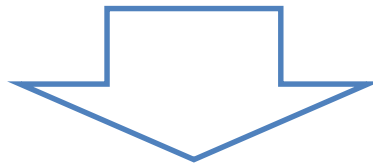
SPATIAL PLAN

SEA

Revision of SP – FOR ADOPTION by MESP and Responsible Bodies



Confirmation of the SP – FOR ADOPTION by the Minister



Adoption of the SP – FOR ADOPTION
by Government/Municipality



SEA in Slovenia – Tools

Operational tools:

- **Formal/informal consultations** with Responsible Bodies and main Stakeholders (*screening/scoping/evaluation*).
- „Internal“ and „External“ Scoping.
- Data exchange platforms.

Geoportal ARSO omogoča...

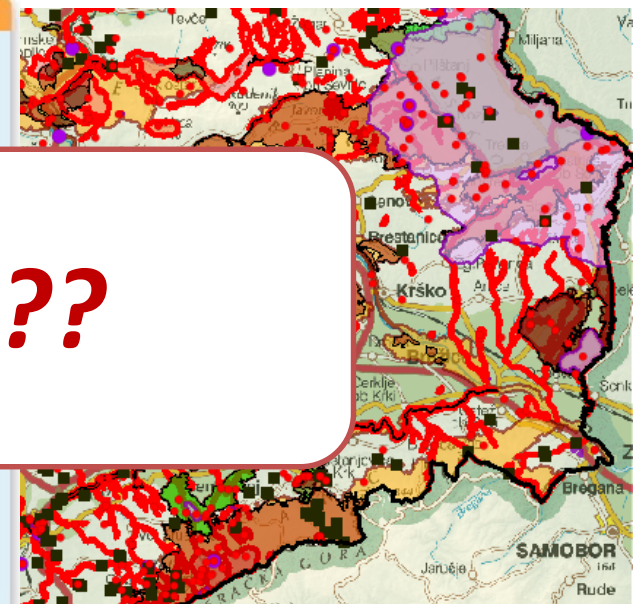
Iskanje metapodatkov

Prenos podatkov

Spletna objektna storitev (WFS)

GIS pregledovalnik

ALTERNATIVES???



SEA in Slovenia – Tools

Evaluation tools:

- Trend analysis
- Matrix methods
- GIS modeling and calculations
- Expert evaluations
- Environmental Goals with Environmental Indicators
- **FORMAL SEA EVALUATION SCALE:**
 - A - Positive impact
 - B – No impact
 - C – No impact under mitigation measures
 - D – Significant impact which can not be mitigate
 - E – Significant negative impact



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SEA in Slovenia – Main Challenges

- **Too-often and uncoordinated changes of sectoral legislation** linked to SEA/Spatial Planning.
- **„Non-existing“ Regional level** Spatial Planning.
- Lack of strategic and forward oriented thinking - **„Investor dictated“ Spatial Planning.**
- **Rare and inappropriate use of alternatives.**
- **Lack of baseline data/studies** – e.g. flood studies, Natura 2000 data, noise studies, etc.
- **Lack of capacity** to focus on the most important topics.
- **Lengthy procedures** – also due to indecisiveness.



SEA vs. EIA Case Example

Business/Industrial zone



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Description of the Project

- Municipality of Braslovče planned to develop a Business/Industrial zone Trnava.
- SEA was not undertaken for the Spatial plan of Municipality of Braslovče at that time – hence requirement of SEA for „Urban development plan“.
- Business/Industrial zone Trnava occupies around 7,5 ha of land – making it an EIA project in accordance with set By-law thresholds.



KEY FEATURES

Size: 7,5 ha

Proposed land use:

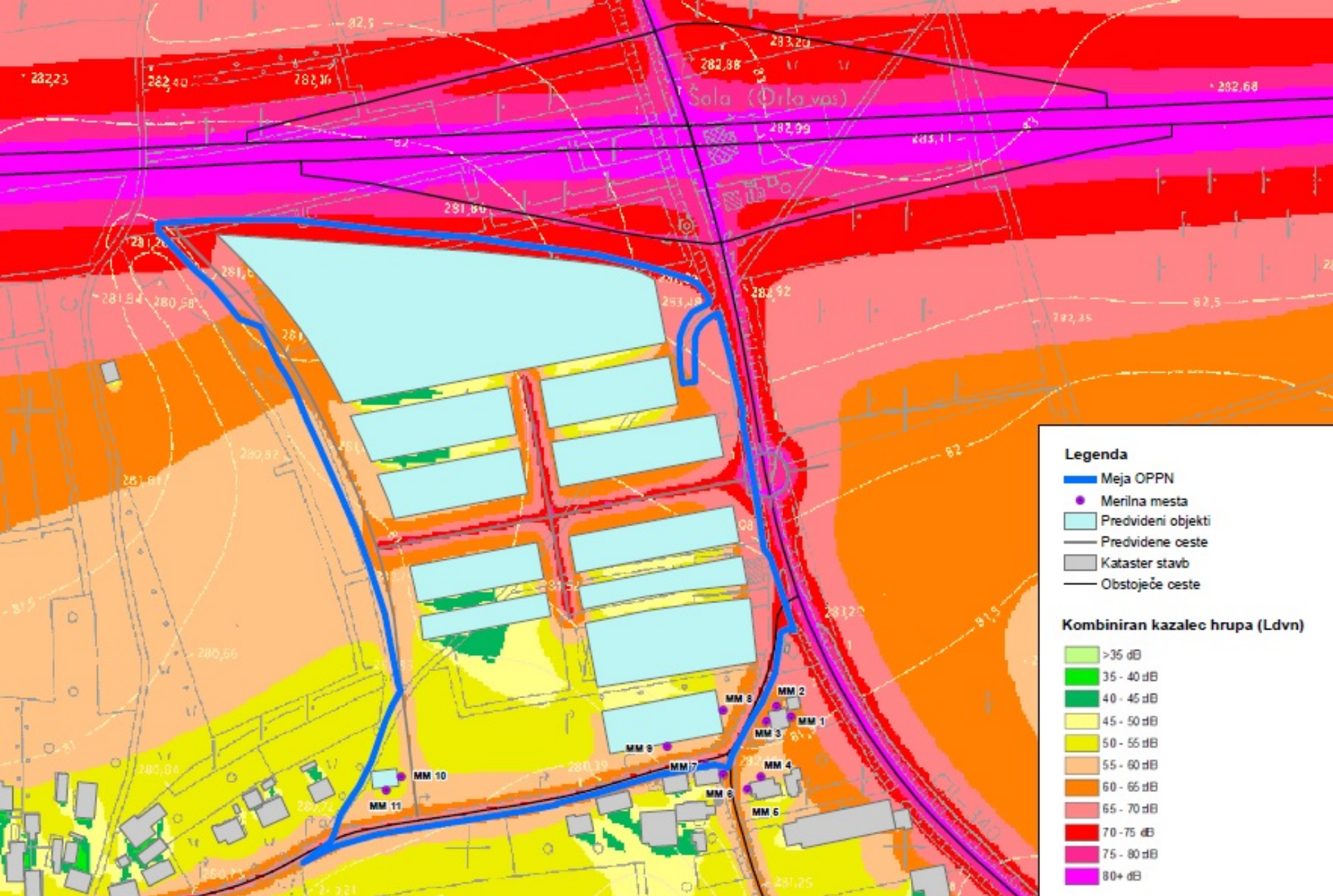
- 5 ha – Business/ Industry zone – *for already known investors*
- 2,5 ha – School and recreational surfaces

Baseline studies:

- Traffic model/study
- Communal infrastructure plan



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When procedures stop making sense...

**... It is time for creative
thinking!**



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