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**GOOD PRACTICE AND LESSONS LEARNED FROM THE APPLICATION
OF THE ESPOO CONVENTION AND ITS PROTOCOL**

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ESPOO, SEA, MULTILATERAL AGREEMENT

International agreements

- CONVENTION ON ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT IN A TRANSBOUNDARY CONTEXT –Espoo
- MULTILATERAL AGREEMENT AMONG THE COUNTRIES OF SOUTH-EASTERN EUROPE FOR IMPLEMENTATION OF THE CONVENTION ON ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT IN A TRANSBOUNDARY CONTEXT
- PROTOCOL ON STRATEGIC ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT TO THE CONVENTION ON ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT IN A TRANSBOUNDARY CONTEXT-SEA Protocol

Have become a part of domestic legal system in 2009.

Domestic laws

- Law on strategic impact assessment
- Law on environmental impact assessment

Implementation started in 2008.

- Transboundary procedure is being conducted in accordance with international agreements and domestic laws.

Since 2009 the implementation of transboundary procedures has been implementing.

AS A PARTY OF ORIGIN

Montenegro has had no project in transboundary context.

The largest number of transboundary procedures relates to SEA.

AS A AFFECTED PARTY

The largest number of transboundary procedures also refers to SEA.

There have been a couple of cases of project level –refere to EIA.

Consultation process:

- Notification
- Exchange of information
- Decision

Focal point/Contact point

Diplomatic channel

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CHALLENGES

- Understanding of transboundary procedure (TP)
- Competent authorities (Understanding of TP and Communication)
- Communication – diplomatic channel (slows down procedure)
- Public –transboundary/domestic
- Timetable of the plan, programme/project –duration of transboundary procedure (additional time requested)
- Duration of public consultation (usually 30 days)
- Translation
- Decision / Final decision
- Differences in interpretation of MA

LESSONS LEARNED FROM THE APPLICATION OF THE ESPOO CONVENTION AND ITS PROTOCOL

WEAKNESSES

- By completion of RENA/ECRAN there is no capacity building on regional level
- There was no action related to Bucharest Agreement
- There is no focal point network on the regional level
- Contact of point –different from country to country

ADVANTAGES OF TP

- Improved a quality of document and plan, programme or project
- Public involvement
- Participation in decision-making (not only complied procedure)
- Decision making in regional context
- Cooperation with the secretariat
- Rena –ECRAN network – capacities on regional level
- Application of the Espoo convention and its Protocol promote and foster regional cooperation in environmental matters



Thank you for attention!