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REFLECTIONS ON SEA SYSTEM DEVELOPMENT IN CROATIA

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Reflections on SEA System Development in Croatia

Starting practice in Croatia

- SEA legally required since June 2008
- Appox. 5 SEAs reported in 2008-2012
- Slovenia: approx. 200 SEAs during this period
- Czech Republic: approx. 300 SEAs during this period
- Austria: approx. 600 SEAs during this period
- Planning authorities have limited experience with this tool
- First applications may create a perception that SEA is too demanding and costly

Wake-up call for planning authorities

- EU membership open opportunities for reviews by the European Court of Justice
- Ex-ante conditionality for EU Cohesion Policy funds in 2014-2020
 - Is the proposed project included in higher-level plans or programmes (land-use plan, sector programme, etc.)?
 - Was SEA done for this plan or programme? What were the results?
- Ensuring that SEA is done is not a task of the MENP – but of proponents of the plans and programs

Windows of opportunity

- New EPL aligns the screening with the requirements of the SEA directive
- New SEA bylaw will promote linkages between SEA and planning and simplify the procedure
- SEA Hrvatska project team prepares guidelines that will suggest practical and simple approaches for conducting SEA

Our penny worth of ...



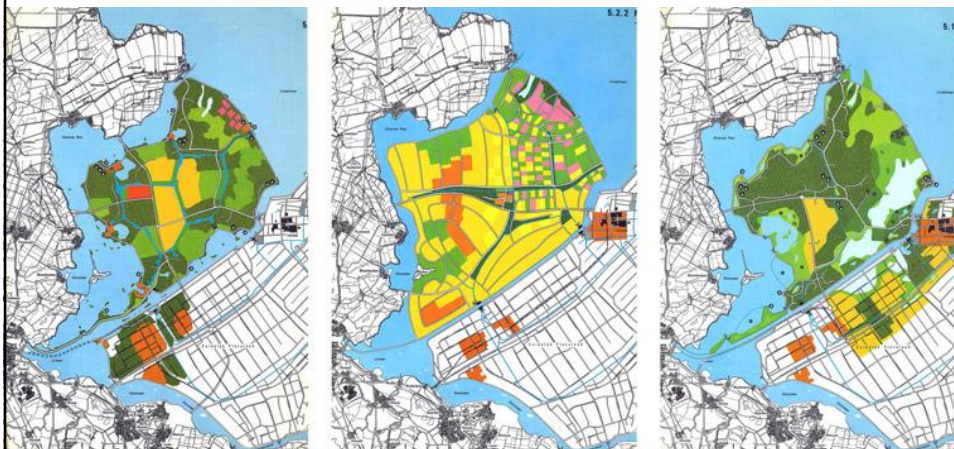
Link SEA and ENIA for plans - screening and assessment process



Link planning and SEA process

Initiating the planning	Determining whether SEA is required or not
Initial analyses	Scoping and baseline analyses
Drafting the plan	Comparing options through impact assessment and selecting mitigation and enhancement measures
Consultations on the draft plan	Consultations on the SEA report
Finalising the plan	Taking the SEA Report and outcomes of consultations into due account
Decision-making	Agreement on conditions for implementation and monitoring

Use SEA for comparing options and plan desing





Accept uncertainty - outline risks and give suggestions if you are not sure

Impact will almost surely occur

Worst-case situation that may realistically happen

Significant risk – depends on, watch out for ...

Best realistic scenario

Impact is totally uncertain

Talk, talk, talk – when scoping, assessing and preparing recommendations



**Advisory Commissions:
focus more on the proposed plans,
less on making SEA Reports look perfect**

