



European Academy
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Implementing Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA)

Requirements and Practice

European Seminar:
8th – 9th June 2009, Berlin, Germany

Brochure

SEMINAR:

BACKGROUND

Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA) is a new tool in order to evaluate the potential environmental effects of a policy, a plan or a programme. Whereas the Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) is already quite well known as a project specific tool, the main benefits of Strategic Environmental Assessment include a broader stakeholder engagement, earlier identification of sensitive areas and streamlining of Environmental Impact Assessment. By consulting the public and examining alternatives at an early stage, Strategic Environmental Assessment is considered as an important tool for improving decision-making on major transport and infrastructure projects.

Decision makers dealing with transport / infrastructure projects and regional planning need to know how to implement Strategic Environmental Assessment as a tool in order to select the most sustainable and environment-friendly option. Furthermore, they need to know how to implement planning procedures more efficiently by enhancing public acceptance.

YOUR BENEFIT

- Discuss how to successfully involve the public or its representatives in the decision-making process and how to clearly and reasonably provide the necessary environmental information
- Learn how to find innovative and creative alternatives in transport and infrastructure planning by integrating SEA
- Learn how to implement SEA into regional planning and how to use SEA as an instrument for devising regional sustainable development strategies
- Improve the quality of your transboundary and cross border SEAs by learning from case studies in the field of transport and infrastructure planning
- Find out about the potential for SEA to integrate climate change considerations into strategic actions

TARGET GROUP

The seminar is targeted at

- Decision makers of national, regional and local public authorities in the field of
 - Transport
 - Infrastructure
 - Regional development
 - Environment
 - Economy
 - Energy
 - Agriculture
- Governmental and urban infrastructure planning initiatives and bodies
- Public Procurement Agencies in the field of transport, infrastructure
- Consultants
 - actively involved in transport and infrastructure projects
 - specialised in SEA/EIA
- Environmental Agencies and non-governmental environment organisations



SPEAKERTEAM

DR INGA-MAJ ERIKSSON

EIA Expert and SEA Consultant with the Swedish Road Administration

As an EIA/SEA-expert at the Swedish Road Administration for 25 years she plans and initiates research and development within the field of Strategic Environmental Assessment as well as urban traffic/city planning related issues. She was on missions with OECD, the EU Commission and US-TRB, advised several countries on SEA implementation and taught at SEA training seminar in Slovenia (mission under EU) and in Serbia. Inga-May Eriksson was a member of reference group of the EU Commission developing manuals for SEA of transport infrastructure planning. She is a frequent speaker at conferences and seminars. She has a background as an environmental planner.

ÅSA HEITER

Lecturer, Swedish EIA Centre

Åsa Heiter is a lecturer and a research officer at the Swedish EIA Centre, in Uppsala, Sweden. Åsa Heiter has been with SEC since it started in 1999. She is responsible for all SEC's undergraduate courses in EIA and SEA. In addition, she works with shorter training courses and with research and development projects, for example concerning integration of EIA in planning processes, risk management, reviewing processes etc. Åsa Heiter holds a Master of Science in Environmental Engineering.

PROF DR MICHAEL SCHMIDT

Department of Environmental Planning, Brandenburg University of Technology (BTU), Germany

After graduating in Landscape Planning in the early 80ths, Michael Schmidt started his career as a Scientific Employee in the Division Ecology at the German Federal Agency for the Environment. From 1991-1994 he was Head of Department "Soil Conservation" at the Brandenburg State Agency for the Environment. In 1994 he was appointed to University Professor at Brandenburg Technical University

of Cottbus (BTU Cottbus) where he was Chair of Environmental Planning and later Dean of the Faculty of Environmental Science and Process Engineering. He has initiated and managed in cooperation with UNEP and UNESCO the International Study Programme "Environmental and Resource Management" as well as the Master Programme "World Heritage Studies" at BTU Cottbus.

2002 he was awarded for prominent achievements on international cooperation in higher education by the German State Ministry for Higher Education and Research. In cooperation with GTZ and EU-FSMU Programme Germany, Michael Schmidt developed EIA legal framework in Syria and trained the administrative sector in Yemen on capacity building. He organises and carries out summer schools on EIA/SEA for postgraduates and professionals and is an expert for transboundary EIA and SEA within the EU as well as for land use planning. He is a member of several commissions and bodies such as Curatorium of Brandenburg State Center for Political Development, Advisory Council of the German State Ministry for the Environment, Nature Protection and Nuclear Safety and Curatorium of Deutsche Bundesstiftung Umwelt. He has published widely on implementing SEA and regional planning in the EU and Ukraine and quantitative thresholds for SEA.

DR JOACHIM HARTLIK

Member of the Execution Board of the German EIA Association

Joachim Hartlik is a founding member of the German EIA-Association, and member of the execution board and chairman of the EIA quality management working group. He has gained vast project experience as an EIA expert for the EU and the GTZ in Colombia, Poland and Syria. In Germany, he was involved in the Quality Management for the extension of Frankfurt/Main Airport, the landfill in Hamburg-Moorfleet as well as in a research project for the German Federal Environmental Agency concerning "Screening Regulations". He holds a diploma degree in Landscape Planning/ Environmental Planning as well as a doctoral degree from Institute for Environmental Management and Planning at Technical University of Berlin.

PROGRAMME DAY 1

8.30-9.00

Registration and Handout of Seminar Documents

9.00-9.05

Opening Remarks from the European Academy for Taxes, Economics & Law

9.05-9.10

Welcome Note from the Chair:

Prof Dr Michael Schmidt, Faculty of Environmental Planning, Brandenburg University of Technology (BTU), Germany

9.10-9.40

From “Environmental Impact Assessment” to “Strategic Environmental Assessment”: Implementation of the EU Directives

- EU Directives on EIA and SEA
- Requirements for national authorities
- Espoo Convention
- Sweden’s approach to EIA/SEA
- Common features and differences

Åsa Heiter, Lecturer, Swedish EIA Centre

9.40-10.00

Strategic Environmental Assessment of European Commission Policies:

- Communication from the Commission on Impact Assessment (COM(2002) 276 final)
- European Commission’s Impact Assessment Guidelines 2009
- Objectives and procedure of Impact Assessment
- Coverage of Impact Assessment
- The IA Report
- Significance of impacts
- The principle of proportionality in Impact Assessment

Prof Dr Michael Schmidt, Faculty of Environmental Planning, Brandenburg University of Technology (BTU), Germany

10.00-10.15

Q&A Session

10.15-10.45

Coffee Break

10.45-11.30

Innovative Alternatives and Creativity in Transport Planning by Integrating Strategic Environmental Assessment Part I

- The right issues at the right level of planning
- Strategic issues at system level (studies of multimodal networks and corridors)
- Type of alternatives at system level

Dr Inga-Maj Eriksson, EIA Expert and SEA Consultant with the Swedish National Road Administration

11.30-11.50

Q&A Session

11.50-12.30

Innovative Alternatives and Creativity in Transport Planning by Integrating Strategic Environmental Assessment Part II

- Experience from application of SEA, planning methodologies are developing
- Potentials of cooperation between Member States for solving Pan-European Transport issues
- How to integrate interest groups and key stakeholders affected
- Where and how to provide information on the plan / project

Åsa Heiter, Lecturer, Swedish EIA Centre

12.30-13.45

Lunch Break

13.45-14.00

Introduction to the Workshop

14.00-15.00

Workshop: Innovative Alternatives and Creativity in Transport Planning by Integrating Environmental Impact Assessment and Strategic Environmental Assessment



- Transport sector – case study

Dr Inga-Maj Eriksson, EIA Expert and SEA Consultant with the Swedish National Road Administration and Åsa Heiter, Lecturer, Swedish EIA Centre

15.00-15.30

Coffee Break

15.30-16.15

Workshop: Result Presentation by Working Groups

16.15-16.45

Q&A Session

16.45

End of day one



PROGRAMME DAY 2

9.25-9.30

Opening Note from the Chair:

Prof Dr Michael Schmidt, Faculty of Environmental Planning,
Brandenburg University of Technology (BTU), Germany

9.30-10.15

Transboundary Strategic Environmental Assessment

- Transboundary SEA in the European and international legislation
- Procedure of transboundary SEA
- Public participation and transboundary involvement of authorities
- Issues and challenges in transboundary SEA – differences in administrative systems, planning, data and procedures, communication issues
- Best practice example – transboundary SEA in regional planning in Poland, Czech Republic and Germany

Prof Dr Michael Schmidt, Faculty of Environmental Planning, Brandenburg
University of Technology (BTU), Germany

10.15-10.30

Q&A Session

10.30-11.00

Coffee Break

11.00-12.00

Weakness in Practice and Future Challenges of Strategic Environmental Impact Assessment

- Actual EIA/SEA practice complies quite often not the requirements of a “good EIA/SEA practice” (case studies)
- There is a strong need for instruments of an effective quality management system to ensure a better practice
- Establishing a EIA/SEA network for experts could be a solution
- A good quality of EIA and SEA can give a strong contribute to ensure a good production site and location factor in a mid and long term perspective

Dr Joachim Hartlik, Member of the Execution Board of the German EIA Association

12.00-12.15

Q&A Session

12.15-13.30

Lunch Break

13.30-14.30

How to Integrate Climate Change Considerations into Strategic Actions

- Impacts of climate change
- Climate change policy targets (UNCCC, Kyoto protocol)
- Climate change adaptation and mitigation

- Regional and land use planning
- Key indicators and assessment thresholds

Prof Dr Michael Schmidt, Faculty of Environmental Planning, Brandenburg
University of Technology (BTU), Germany

14.30-15.00

Coffee Break

15.00-15.45

How to Make SEA a Successful Assessment Tool?

- Summary of discussions
- Recommendations for SEA practice
- Future challenges and possibilities

Prof Dr Michael Schmidt, Faculty of Environmental Planning, Brandenburg
University of Technology (BTU), Germany

Dr Joachim Hartlik, Member of the Execution Board of the German EIA Association

15.45

End of the Seminar and Handout of Certificates

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DATES OF EVENT

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- Training material documents printed
- Training material digital version
- Soft drinks and coffee/tea on both days
- Lunch on both days

EVENT LANGUAGE

The event language will be English.

EVENT LOCATION

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