

Workshop Topic: EIA/SEA:

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Most important points of our topic:

- Introducing SEA to NGOs to enhance the possibilities to influence decision making in transport
- Alternative in EIA for transport projects

What do we want to achieve?

- Produce SEA Manual for NGOs: not too technical, user-friendly for NGOs, including Good & bad practices, institutions, think tanks and experts
- EIA: create alternatives in EIA
- Public opinion & NGO alternatives to be taken into account in decision making following the legal requirements.

Three possible strategies that are useful to achieve this:

- SEA: produce manual in English and local languages
- Check for existing manuals
- Using umbrella organisation for funding & networking
- Finding local partners
- EIA: influence the structural funds distribution by using the technical assistance for funding alternatives
- Find out who finance the project & conduct quality control over EIA report
- Lobby for changes in law for alternatives (where applicable)

Further Steps to succeed:

SEA:

- Finding funding & experts on SEA
- Work with REC and see what they have so far
- Find more people to join from different countries

EIA:

- Influence DG Regio
- NGOs develop alternatives
- Mobilise local people
- Most-environmentally friendly alternative to be present

Practical action points for the next half year:

SEA:

- Facilitate the process of compiling the manual (Andrzej)
- Get contacts of Czech people working on SEA (Martin)

- Contact Jiri Dusik & Ales Cey (Keti)
- Preparing the text of the manual (Andrzej and Keti)
- Contact western NGOs for help (Miriam)

Concrete things each of us can offer to make it happen:

EIA:

- letter to the commission
- look what the technical assistance of the structural funds is and propose to be extended for alternatives
- find technical experts to conduct alternative economic assessments (econ. Think-tanks)
- awareness raising among local people