Strategic Environmental Assessment in Greece

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SEA in Greece

Plans and programmes:

- including those co-financed by the European Community, as well as modification of them,

- which are subject to the preparation and/or adoption by an public authority at national, regional or local lever or which are prepared by an public authority for adoption, through a legislative procedure by Parliament or Government, and

- which are required by legislative or regulatory provisions and specifically by Laws, Acts of the Ministerial Council, Ministerial Decisions and Acts of the Secretary General of the Regions, and other administrative provisions.
SEA in Greece

SEA for plans and programmes which are likely to have significant environmental effects:

Mandatory SEA:
- p & p prepared for agriculture, forestry, fisheries, energy, industry, transport, waste management, water management, telecommunications, tourism, town and country planning or land use and which set the framework for future development consent of projects and activities listed in subcategories 1 and 2 of the EIA legal provisions.

ANNEX I
SEA in Greece

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- Operational Programmes of the Community Structural Funds and other plans and programmes co-financed by the European Union that concern the sectors of §1 of article 3 (i.e. art.3.2 of the Directive)
- Special Frameworks for Spatial Planning and Sustainable Development (such as those for Renewable Energy, Industry, Tourism, Energy, Transportation, Settlement Networks)
- Regional Frameworks for Spatial Planning and Sustainable Development
- Spatial & Urban Plans (7 types listed)
- Areas of Integrated Development for Tourism
- Aquatic Systems Management Plans
- Regional Solid Waste Management Plans
- National planning for the Management of Hazardous Waste
- Agricultural land (Land reclamation) and Land & Water Resource Plans
- Development programmes for tourist ports
SEA in Greece

SEA for plans and programmes which are likely to have significant environmental effects:

After Environmental Pre-Assessment Procedure (screening):

- Other p & p which are likely to have significant environmental effects on NATURA 2000 sites.
- Minor p & p of the mandatory group and other p & p. (ANNEX II)
ENIRONMENTAL PRE-ASSESSMENT PROCEDURE (SCREENING) FOR CERTAIN PLANS AND PROGRAMMES (as specified in JMD107017/2006)

- Plans and programmes of § 1b & 2 of article 3 JMD107017/2006

APPLICATION FILE IN ACCORDANCE TO APPENDIX IV OF ARTICLE 11

Planning Authority submits application to Competent Environmental Authority.

Is file complete?

- YES

FORWARD FILE FOR CONSULTATION

A) If the competent authority is the SES of MoE:
   - to the Ministries of Culture, Rural Development and Food, Mercantile Marine on a case-by-case basis,
   - to the competent services of MoE on a case-by-case basis
   - to the Organizations of Athens or Salonika or other Organizations of article 3 of Law 2508/1997.
B) If the competent authority is the competent environmental service of the relative Region:
   - to the respective, to the authorities mentioned above, competent services of the relative Region.
C) In exceptional cases, to other public authorities if deemed necessary by the competent authority.

- NO

Opinions of relevant environmental authorities

The competent authority assesses whether the proposed plan or programme is likely to have significant effects on the environment and has to undergo a SEA.

POSITIVE OPINION OR NEGATIVE DECISION

PUBLICATION BY PLANNING AUTHORITY

SES: Special Environmental Service
MoE: Ministry for the Environment, Energy & Climate Change
STRATEGIC ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT (SEA) PROCEDURE

Plans and programmes of § 1 & 2 of article 3 JMD107017/2006 likely to have significant impacts on the environment

STRATEGIC ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STUDY (S-EIS) IN ACCORDANCE TO APP. III OF ART. 11, including:
A) the positive opinion from the environmental pre-assessment (screening), if taken place,
B) the response of the competent authority to an application for further specification of the S-EIS content (scoping), if submitted.

Submission of application by planning authority to competent authority.

Additional information

NO

Is SEIS complete?

YES

FORWARD S-EIS FOR CONSULTATIONS WITH PUBLIC AUTHORITIES

A) If the competent authority is the SES of MoE:
- to the Ministries of Culture, Rural Development and Food, Mercantile Marine on a case-by-case basis,
- to the competent services of MoE on a case-by-case basis
- to the Organization of Athens or Salonika or other Organizations of article 3 of Law 2508/1997,
- to the relevant Regional Council(s),
- to the competent, depending on sector, Ministry.
B) If the competent authority is the competent environmental service of the relative Region:
- to the respective, to the authorities mentioned above,
- competent services of the relative Region,
- to the relative Prefectural Council(s).
C) In exceptional cases, to other public authorities if deemed necessary by the competent authority.

FORWARD S-EIS FOR PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

The planning authority publicizes the S-EIS in order to inform the public and provides the interested public with the opportunity to express their opinion in writing or possibly by e-mail if they wish to do so.

Opinions

DECISION OF APPROVAL OF S-EIS OR NOT

DECISION PUBLICATION BY PLANNING AUTHORITY

ADAPTATION OF PLAN OR PROGRAMME TO THE DECISION OF APPROVAL OF THE S-EIS
Special Remarks

There are provisions for monitoring by the planning authorities.

There is inter-relation between EIA and SEA procedures.

Changes to the SEA provisions are planned for the near future.