Workshop on the assessment of health impacts of plans and programmes in strategic environmental assessment

Palais des Nations (E-building, room XVIII), Geneva

Wednesday, 27 November 2019, 10 a.m.–1 p.m.

Programme

10.00-10.15 Introductory remarks
- Tea Aulavuo, Secretary to the Espoo Convention and its Protocol on SEA, UNECE
- Angela Filipas, Senior environmental specialist, European Investment Bank
- Julia Nowacki, Technical Officer, WHO European Centre for Environment and Health, Regional Office for Europe

10.15-11.00 Presentation of the draft guidance followed by Q&A by consultants
Thomas Fischer, Professor, University of Liverpool
Ben Cave, Director, Ben Cave Associates Ltd.

11.00-13.00 Sharing good practice and challenges in assessing health impacts and in involving health authorities in SEA:

(a) Available experience, expertise and good practices;
(b) Common difficulties and main obstacles;
(c) Possible solutions, including, how the issues could be addressed in the draft guidance document on assessing health impacts being developed under the Protocol

Presentations followed by Q&A and general discussion

1. Czechia
HIA in SEA - Regional Energy Concept of Vysočina Region update 2017-2042
Jaroslav Volf, Medical Doctor, University Hospital Ostrava

2. The Netherlands
Health in SEA - National Strategy on Spatial Planning and the Environment
Birgit Staatsen, National Institute for Public Health and the Environment (RIVM)

3. Estonia
Rail Baltic high speed rail plan
Heikki Kalle, Estonian Environment Institute

4. Wales (United Kingdom)
National development framework for Wales
Liz Green, Public Health Wales

15-15.15: Brief sum-up of the main conclusions