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Main steps in EIA: Preliminary assessment

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Purpose

- To identify projects with likely **significant environmental impacts**
- To get an initial feedback on the planned activity, i.e. consultations with
 - public concerned
 - central and local public administration authorities

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Possible results

- For Annex 1 projects – determination of the scope of assessment (EIA program)
- For Annex 2 projects
 - identification of the need to perform EIA + EIA program
 - issue the environmental agreement



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Tasks of project initiator

1. Prepare request for the environmental agreement together with the information regarding the planned activity (Annex 3)
2. Submit request to Environment Agency
3. Inform (under guidance of Environment Agency) the **public concerned** including publishing an announcement in a local or national newspaper.

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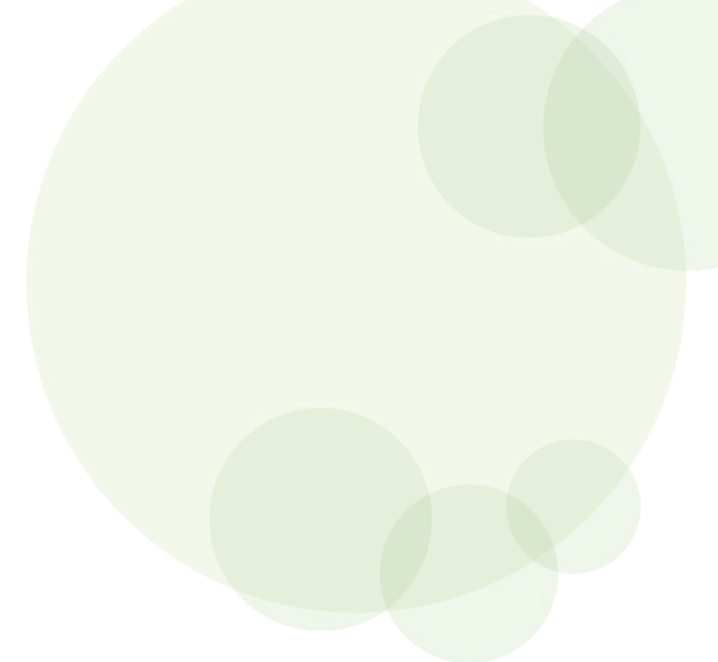


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Information on planned activity

1. Name and type of planned activity
2. Contact details of the initiator
3. Contact person
4. Whether planned activity is included in Annex 1 or 2
+ objectives of the planned activity
5. **Justification** of the planned activity, indicating the **alternatives** (location, technologies used and the 'zero' option)

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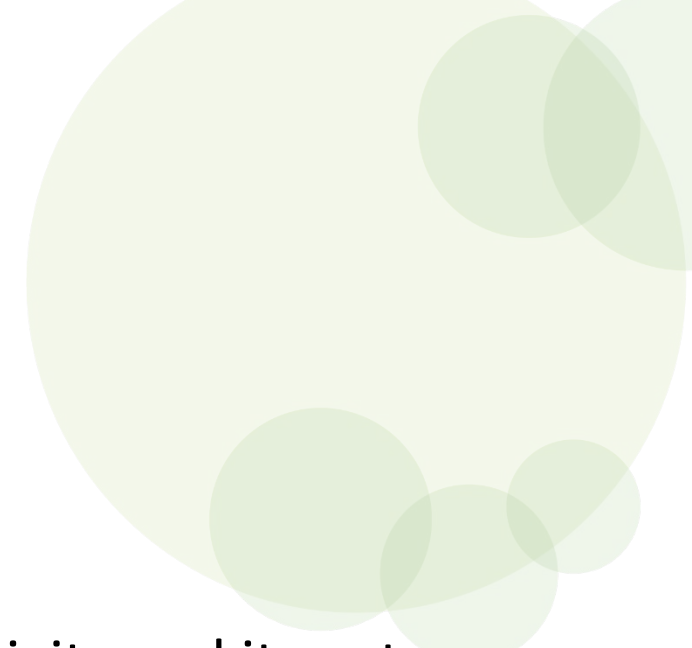


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Information on planned activity

6. Description of the planned activity

- project summary
- technical/physical characteristics of the entire planned activity and its nature, scale, technologies
- relationship with **other existing or planned activities**
- description of demolition works

7. Description of the location of the planned activity

- with particular attention to the **ecological sensitivity** of the geographical **areas likely to be affected** (description and **justification of the choice of location**, location in relation to Emerald sites)

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Information on planned activity

8. Deadlines – start and duration of construction and operation
9. Inclusion of planned activity in approved/adopted town planning/land development plans and/or other policy and planning documents
10. Description of the **environmental aspects likely to be significantly affected** by the planned activity

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Information on planned activity

11. Description of the **potential significant environmental impacts, within the limits of available information** on this impact, resulting from:
 - a) expected residues and emissions, and waste disposal, if any;
 - b) use of natural resources, especially soil, land, water and biodiversity
12. Description of environmental protection **measures to minimize negative impacts**

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Information on planned activity

13. Selection criteria for determining the need to carry out an EIA (Annex 4) are taken into account, if applicable, at the stage of compiling the information in accordance with points 1–12

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Tasks of Environment Agency

- Review the completeness of the request for the environmental agreement
- Publish the request on its official web page and forward it to the central and local public administration authorities concerned
- Guide initiator regarding informing the public concerned
- Issue the reasoned decision on the prior assessment
 - For Annex 1 projects: EIA program
 - For Annex 2 projects: EIA program **or** environmental agreement

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Practical aspects

- EIA can be initiated in various stages of the project preparation
 - Feasibility study
 - Zoning permit documentation
 - Construction documentation
- *Pros and cons*
 - Later stages provide more details on the planned activity
 - Earlier stages provide larger room for adjustments of the project design

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Practical aspects

- Early initiation – well before submitting the request – of certain surveys and studies (e.g. biodiversity surveys)
- Identification of the public concerned – should consider the likely significant impacts, including potential transboundary nature of impacts
- Determining that EIA is not needed usually require more detailed information on the planned activity and the likely impacts

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