EU Environmental Impact Assessment Directive - challenges and perspectives in the light of the past experiences and the recent proposal for amendment

23 May 2013 (Thursday)

8.15 - 9.00 - Registration
9.00 - Opening

I. Introductory session (9.30 - 11.15)

1) EC proposal for EIA Directive amendment (Stephanos Ampatzis, Cohesion Policy and EIA Unit, DG ENV, European Commission),
2) EIA Directive amendment – Member States’ views (Vytautas Kalpokas, Ministry of Environment, Lithuania, Lithuanian Presidency)
3) EIA Directive amendment – European Parliament’s views (Sergiusz Urban, Wierciński, Kwieciński, Baehr)

Discussion / questions

Coffee break (11.15-11.45)

Session II. EIA in environmental policy (11.45 - 13.15)

4) Environmental assessment in Europe–genesis, historical developments and trends (Jerzy Jendrońska, Opole University, Environmental Law Center and Jendroska Jerzmanski Bar & Partners. Environmental Lawyers)
5) EIA as a tool for sustainability (Francesco la Camera, Ministry of Environment, Italy)
6) Place of EIA in development control (Piotr Otawski, General Directorate for Environmental Protection, Poland)

Discussion / questions
**Lunch break (13.15-14.15)**

**Session III. Scope of assessment (14.15 - 16.00)**
- 7) Concept of "project" (Magdalena Bar, Jendróska Jerzmański Bar & Partners. Environmental Lawyers)
- 8) Screening procedure - criteria for screening, justification (Hendrik Schoukens, Ghent University)
- 9) EIA and compliance with environmental quality standards (Eckard Rehbinder, professor emeritus, Frankfurt University)
- 10) Alternatives (Gerd Winter, Bremen University)

Discussion / questions

**Coffee break (16.00-16.30)**

**Session IV. EIA and other forms of assessment (16.30 - 18.30)**
- 11) Need for streamlining various assessments (Stephanos Ampatzis, Cohesion Policy and EIA Unit, DG ENV, European Commission)
- 12) EIA and SEA (Pavel Cerny, Ekologicky Pravni Servis, Brno)
- 13) EIA and habitat assessment (Nicolas de Sadeleer, FUSL-Brussels, Academy of Louvain)
- 14) EIA and the assessment under Water Framework Directive (Marcin Pchalek, Ochrona środowiska i działalność inwestycyjna - Konsulting)
- 15) EIA and waste management (Marek Górski, Łódź University and Szczecin University; Magdalena Michalak, Łódź University)

Discussion / questions

**24 May 2013 (Friday)**

**Session I - cont. (9.00 - 9.30)**
- 16) EIA Directive amendment – European Economic and Social Committee views (Josef Zboril, EESC Rapporteur)

**Session V. EIA: citizen’s rights and transboundary procedure (9.30 - 11.15)**
- 17) Public participation (Teresa Weber, Justice and Environment, Vienna)
- 18) Access to justice (Jan Darpo, Uppsala University and Chair of Aarhus Convention Access to Justice Task Force)
- 19) Transboundary procedure (Ludwig Krämer, EU Aarhus Center, Brussels)
- 20) Forthcoming UNECE Recommendation on Public Participation (Jerzy Jendróska, consultant UNECE, Opole University and Environmental Law Center)

Discussion / questions

**Coffee break (11.15-11.45)**

**Session VI. Judicial review, quality control and monitoring (11.45 - 13.15)**
- 21) Scope of judicial review (Marc Clement, Administrative Court of Appeal of Lyon)
- 22) Accreditation of EIA experts and other tools for assuring quality control (Luc Lavrysen, Ghent University and Constitutional Court, Belgium)
- 23) Quality control and monitoring (Jiří Dusík, Integra Consulting, Prague/Hong Kong, former IAIA Board member)

Discussion / questions

**Lunch break (13.15-14.15)**

**Session VII. Effectiveness of EIA (14.15 - 16.00)**
24) Effectiveness of EIA in the light of practical experience (Martin Fuhr, University of Applied Sciences, Darmstadt; ELNI)
25) Mythology, Deception, and Secrecy - How to Reform Some Unacceptable EIA Practices in in Europe and Beyond (John Bonine, Oregon University and E-Law)
26) The effectiveness of environmental impact assessment in integral sustainable development implementation (Kazimierz Równy, professor emeritus, Polish Academy of Sciences)
27) Smarter EIA system through a deeper harmonization? (Ismo Pölönen, University of Eastern Finland)

Discussion / questions

Coffee break (16.00-16.30)

Session VIII. National experience with EIA (16.30 - 18.30)

29) EIA in Korea (Nankyoung Moon, Korea Environment Institute, Seoul)
30) EIA Directive as a model for EIA in Near East and Africa (Eike Albrecht, Brandenburg University of Technology Cottbus)

Discussion / questions

End of the conference (expected at 18.30)

18.30 - ELNI General Meeting - office of the Jendrośka Jerzmański Bar i Wspólnicy law firm; Pl. Solny 16, office 406, IV floor

25 May 2013 (Saturday)

10.00-13.00 - City Guided Tour (free of charge)

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