



**Institut Européen
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**International Seminar
The Strategic Environmental Impact Assessment Directive (2001/42/EC):
Implementation and Practices at the Regional Level**

Barcelona (E), 18-19 September 2003

The European Centre for the Regions (Barcelona) and the European Institute of Public Administration (Maastricht), are organising a seminar on **“The Strategic Environmental Impact Assessment Directive (2001/42/EC)”**. The seminar will be held on 18 and 19 September 2003 in the conference room of the School of Public Administration of Catalonia, c/ Girona 20, 08010 Barcelona.

Attached you will find the preliminary programme, the seminar objectives, general information and the registration form. Information can also be found on our website www.eipa.nl, via the following links “Conferences” – “Open Conferences & Seminars 2003” – “Open Barcelona”.

We would greatly appreciate your presence at this seminar, as well as that of other experts who are interested in the topic. We would therefore be very grateful if you could disseminate this information as widely as possible.

The registration fee amounts to € 600 and includes participation, documentation, coffee breaks, two lunches and a certificate of attendance. The working languages will be English and Spanish with simultaneous interpretation. The deadline for registration is **5 September 2003**.

For any further comments or information please do not hesitate to contact Caroline Layous (tel: 93 567 24 00; fax: 93 567 23 99; e-mail: c.layous@eipa-ecr.com) or ourselves (tel: 93 567 24 003; e-mail: g.vara-arribas@eipa-ecr.com)

We hope to be able to welcome you in Barcelona on the occasion of this seminar.

Best regards,

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Collaborator



**Generalitat de Catalunya
Escola d'Administració Pública
de Catalunya**

OBJECTIVES

Directive 2001/42/EC¹ of the European Parliament and of the Council of 27 June 2001 on the assessment of the effects of certain plans and programmes on the environment (SEA Directive) aims to achieve greater integration of the environment in sectoral policies – a fundamental objective of the Treaty of Amsterdam – while exacting a minimum assessment of the plans and programmes that are likely to have an environmental impact before they are approved.

The Member States, the regions and local authorities are feeling the practical consequences of the Environmental Impact Assessment Directive in their daily work. Public administrations have to adapt themselves to meet the requirements of this Directive by 21 July 2004.

The seminar will discuss the quality of the Directive against the background of the implementation activities and pilot projects in several regions as well as the question of guidance documents, which have already been developed.

During two days we will analyse the challenges that this Directive presents for our administrations from a highly practical perspective. The introductory sessions will be followed by interactive workshops, which will give participants the opportunity to exchange experiences and to network.

The working languages will be English and Spanish, with simultaneous interpretation. The number of participants is limited.

PARTICIPANTS

This seminar is aimed at civil servants from regional and state administrations of the EU Member States and the candidate countries who are working with issues related to the Directive or whose activities are carried out in the context of the wider debate on environmental integration policies and sustainable development.

PROGRAMME

Thursday 18 September 2003

- 08.45 Registration of participants
- 09.00 **Opening of the Seminar**
Jordi Rodó, Director, Advisory Council for the Sustainable Development of Catalonia, Government of Catalonia, Barcelona
Gracia Vara Arribas, Senior Lecturer, European Centre for the Regions (EIPA-ECR), Barcelona
Martin Unfried, Lecturer, European Institute of Public Administration (EIPA), Maastricht (NL)
- 09.15 **The SEA and the framework of policy integration**
Martin Unfried
- 10.15 **State of Affairs: On the Way to Implementing the SEA Directive**
A Guidance Document for the EU and the importance for the regional level
David Aspinwall, DG Environment, European Commission, Brussels (B) (invited)
- 11.15 Coffee break
- 11.45 **SEA at the Regional Level**
Development of Guidance Documents in Spain. Experiences
Representative of the Ministry of Environment, Madrid
A Guidance Document for Scotland and first pilot activities
George Burgees, Environment Department, Scottish Executive, Edinburgh (UK)
- 13.15 Lunch
- 15.15 **PARALLEL WORKSHOPS**
- Workshop I: The European Guidance document – questions and experiences**
Chaired by: David Aspinwall
- Workshop II: Guidance document for the regional level**
Chaired by: George Burgees
- 17.15 Break

17.30 **Plenary Discussion**
Results of the workshops and general discussion

Chaired by: Martin Unfried

18.30 End of first day

Friday 19 September 2003

09.15 **Brief Summary of the First Day**
Martin Unfried

09.30 **Case Studies: SEA in the Regional Planning Process**

SEA pilots in Catalonia

Ferran Miralles i Sabadell, Co-ordinator on the application of the strategic environmental impact assessment in territorial planning, Department of Territorial Policy and Public Works, Government of Catalonia, Barcelona

The Case of a Dutch Province: A Spatial Plan for North-Holland

Ton Bossink, Province of North-Holland, Haarlem (NL)

11.00 Coffee break

11.30 **Experiences with a strategic environmental impact assessment on territorial planning in the Westpfalz (Germany)**

Herbert Gouverneur, Planning Authority Westpfalz, Kaiserslautern (D)

SEA - Pilot experiences from the Basque Country

Representative of the Basque Country, Vitoria (E)

13.00 Lunch

15.00 **PARALLEL WORKSHOPS**

Workshop I: The SEA Directive and Regional Spatial Planning

Chaired by: Ton Bossink

Workshop II: The SEA in the Spanish regions

Chaired by: Arnau Queralt, Advisor, Advisory Council for the Sustainable Development of Catalonia, Government of Catalonia, Barcelona

16.30 Break

16.45 **Plenary Session: Report on the Workshops**

17.00 **Final Discussion and Conclusions: On the Right Track?**

Chaired by: Martin Unfried

18.00 Evaluation and end of the seminar

GENERAL INFORMATION

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08010 Barcelona

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Registration:

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Please complete the registration form and return it **before 5 September 2003** to Ms. Caroline Layous, Programme Organisation, tel.: +34 93 567 24 00; fax: +34 93 567 23 99; e-mail: c.layous@eipa-ecr.com.

Payment before 18 September is a condition for participation. Please indicate the method of payment on the registration form. For cancellations received after 5 September we will have to charge an administration fee of € 150 unless an alternative participant is nominated.

Information:

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Hotel reservations:

The EIPA-ECR would be pleased to make reservations for you in one of these two hotels in Barcelona:

Hotel Catalonia Berna**** : (Roger de Llúria, 60 Tel.: +34 93 272 00 50, Fax: +34 93 272 00 58)
€ 118 Double room for single use, € 149 Double room, € 12 breakfast buffet (optional).

Hotel Europark*** : (Aragó, 325 Tel.: +3493 457 92 05, Fax: +34 93 458 99 61)

€ 84 Single room, € 90 Double room for single use, € 108 Double room, € 9 breakfast buffet (optional).

7% of VAT is not included.

Should you wish to make use of this possibility, please indicate the name of the hotel and the dates of arrival and departure on the registration form. Payment is to be made directly and personally to the hotel on checking out.

Confirmation:

Confirmation of registration will be forwarded to participants on receipt of the completed registration form and after 5 September.

REGISTRATION FORM

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PARTICIPANT'S DATA

Surname:
First name(s):
Position held:
Department:
Organisation:
Address:
Country - Postcode and town:
Office tel. no.:
Fax:
E-mail:

REGISTRATION FEE

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€ 600

Payment Method:

- Bank transfer**, clearly stating your name and the reference "Environment" (Proj.Nº. 0360001). The registration fee was transferred on..... 2003 to ECR's account nº **IBAN:** ES23-0182-7305-5700-1800-0228, **BIC:** BBVAESMMXXX at the BBVA, Plaça Catalunya 5, 08002 Barcelona (E)
- Credit card** (an additional charge of 5% of the total amount of the registration fee will be made on credit card payments)
- MasterCard** Nº..... Expiry date:.....CVC.....
- Visa Card** Nº.....Expiry date:.....CVC.....

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HOTEL BOOKING

Please book this hotel for me:
(see fares in "general information")

- HOTEL CATALONIA BERNA****
- HOTEL EUROPARK***
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- Single room (only H. Europark)
- Double room for single use
- Double room

Date of arrival: _____

Date of departure: _____

Number of nights: _____

Place and date:

Signature:

To ensure the optimal organisation of the seminar, please return the completed registration **by fax or e-mail before 5 September 2003 to:**

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