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26th Annual IAIA Conference

Nordic Impact Assessment Day - Effectiveness, experiences and practical tools

Monday 22nd of May 2006, Stavanger,
Room Runde at the IAIA Conference Venue,
10:00 – 17:15

In relation to Impact Assessment (IA) issues close co-operation between the Nordic countries has been evident since the beginning of the 1990s. Formally this co-operation was initially co-ordinated by the Nordic *ad hoc* group of IA, though, since 1999, this task has been carried out by Nordregio. This co-operation is manifested in Nordic IA conferences held every second or third year. Since the IAIA '06 conference is to be held in Norway, where the 6th Nordic IA Conference also was sited, it was decided to replace the Nordic conference with a 'Nordic Day' and several other Nordic inputs included in the IAIA '06 Conference.

The aim of the Nordic IA Day '06 is to look at emerging issues in the IA field, to scrutinize IA cases and present new practitioner tools in a Nordic context. An international IA expert will also be on hand to give perspective to the IA development in the Nordic countries. Special focus will be placed on the issue and concept of effectiveness in relation to IA implementation, that is to say, the relationship between the expected outputs of IA implementation and the actual experienced output – in both the short and long run.

The programme is open for every-one interested in the Nordic perspectives of IA and the programme will be held in English.

Welcome!

Planning committee:

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Registration, fee and contact information

Registration is done on the IAIA home page as part of the IAIA conference registration at: www.iaia.org

Fee: The Nordic Day is free of charge if you participate in and pay the fee for the IAIA-conference. If you wish to just take part in the Nordic Day the fee is 60 US dollars and is payable to IAIA.

For any questions please **contact** Patrick Lindblom: patrick.lindblom@nordregio.se

Preliminary Programme

10:00 **WELCOME (Norway)**

IMPACT ASSESSMENT FROM A NORDIC AND AN INTERNATIONAL PERSPECTIVE

10:10 **Current trends and challenges debated in relation to EIA and SEA (of special interest is the issue of effectiveness and the role of SEA) seen from an international perspective - Barry Sadler**

10:30 **Current trends and challenges in relation to effectiveness in Impact assessment in the Nordic countries**
Finland - Ismo Pölönen (University of Joensuu)
Iceland - Þóroddur F. Þóroddsson (Planning Agency)
Denmark - Lone Kørnøv (Aalborg university)

11:10 **COFFEE BREAK**

11:30 **Sweden** – Charlotta Faith-EI (WSP Group Sweden)
Norway – Arvid Strand (NIBR)

12:00 **Panel discussion with Nordic representatives and Barry Sadler – similarities and differences in perspectives on effectiveness, the IA challenges depending on national contexts etc**

12:30 **LUNCH**

THE EXPERIENCE OF APPLICATION - SEA AND TRANSBOUNDARY EIA

13:30 **Nordic case studies of SEA revisited - Tor Lerstang (Institute for Transport Economics, Norway), Arne Tesli (NIBR, Norway)**

14:00 **Presentation of the application of SEA in land-use planning – Matti Pallasvuori (City of Vantaa, Finland)**

14:30 **Presentation of a Nordic Transboundary EIA case: The phasing out of the Barsebäck nuclear power station, concerning Sweden and Denmark – Gert Johansen (Danish Forest and Natur Agency)**

15:00 **COFFEE BREAK**

EMERGING ISSUES AND PRACTICAL TOOLS

- 15:30** Guidelines – impact significance in EIA and SEA – Jacob Gunnarsson (Planning Agency, Iceland)
- 15:45** Internet-based support – Jorma Jantunen (Uusimaa Regional Environment Centre, Finland)
- 16:00** SEA Guidelines – Robert Johannesson (The National Board of Housing, Building and Planning, Sweden)
- 16:15** Human health politics and the emerging role of Impact Assessment: The EU Commission (IMP)3 Project Results - Tuija Hilding-Rydevik (Nordregio)

FINAL REFLECTIONS AND CLOSING

- 16:30** FINAL REFLECTIONS AND PANEL DISCUSSION- Where are the Nordic countries heading - Barry Sadler, Bo Elling (Roskilde University, Denmark), Lars Emmelin (Blekinge Technical University, Sweden) and Ulla-Riitta Soveri (Ministry of Environment, Finland) (5 minute *à la minute* statements based on the input from the Nordic Day)
- 17:15** CLOSE