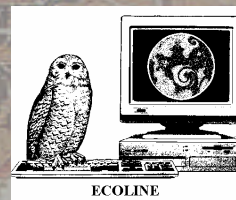



# Strategic Environmental Assessment and State Ecological Expertise: *Combining Incompatible?*

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# Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA) vs. State Ecological Expertise (SEE)

## *SEA*

- 👍 Tool to support decision making
- 👍 Democratic
- 👍 Flexible
- 👍 Accountable
- 👍 Preventive approach
- 👍 Tier-based approach

## *SEE*

- 👎 Decision-making mechanism
- 👎 Closed procedure
- 👎 Non-flexible
- 👎 Centralised
- 👎 Limits-based approach
- 👎 Same for all activities

A historical map of Moscow, titled 'СХЕМА ПЛАНИРОВКИ МОСКВЫ' (Scheme of Planning of Moscow) at the top. The map shows the city's layout with streets, parks, and the Moskva River. A large, semi-transparent grey oval is superimposed over the central part of the map. The text 'Can SEE develop into SEA?' is written in a large, blue, serif font across the top of the oval. The word 'SEA' is written in a smaller, blue, serif font in the center of the oval. In the bottom right corner, there is a legend and a scale bar.

**Can SEE develop into SEA?**

**SEA**



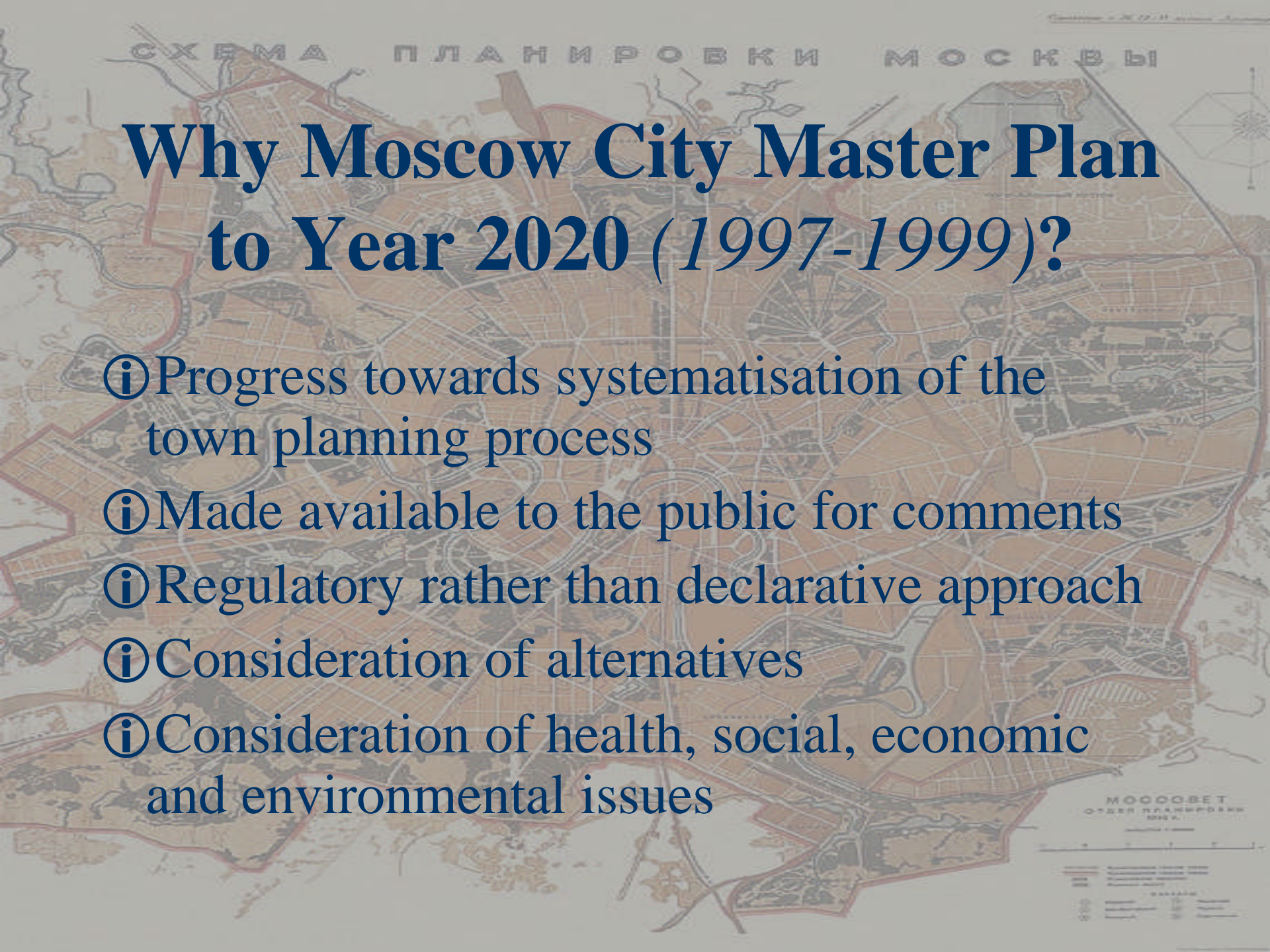
# Criteria of Success

## *Process-oriented*

1. *Legal context*
2. *Timing*
3. *Terms of Reference (ToR)*
4. *Integration*
5. *Alternatives*
6. *Relevant documentation*
7. *Quality Review*
8. *Resources*
9. *Public Participation*

## *Outcome-oriented*

10. *Recommendations of SEA taken into account in decision-making*
11. *Changes in PPPs as a result of SEA*
12. *Commitment & Accountability*
13. *Sustainability considerations*
14. *Feedback and Learning*
15. *Costs*



# Why Moscow City Master Plan to Year 2020 (1997-1999)?

- ① Progress towards systematisation of the town planning process
- ① Made available to the public for comments
- ① Regulatory rather than declarative approach
- ① Consideration of alternatives
- ① Consideration of health, social, economic and environmental issues



# What was new about MCMP?

- ✌ Transparency of the planning process
- ✌ Involvement of all stakeholders
- ✌ Sufficient time allocated for public consultations
- ✌ Tiering
- ✌ Environmental considerations present in all components of MCMP
- ✌ Flexible design of MCMP
- ✌ Sustainability-driven

# Was MCMP successful?

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# Why was this possible?

- 👍 Accumulated environmental, social and economic problems
- 👍 Good will of all stakeholders
- 👍 Sustainability agenda of the government
- 👍 Democratisation of the society
- 👍 Increased levels of awareness among the population
- 👍 Increased activity of the public
- 👍 High levels of expertise/knowledge



# What needs improving?

- 👉 Clearer timing
- 👉 Terms of Reference
- 👉 Consideration of alternatives and mitigation measures
- 👉 Public participation at various stages
- 👉 Considerations of outcomes in decision-making
- 👉 Financing scheme

A historical map of Moscow, titled 'СХЕМА ПЛАНИРОВКИ МОСКВЫ' (Scheme of Planning of Moscow). The map shows a dense urban layout with a grid-like street pattern, surrounded by a red boundary line. The text 'Can SEE and planning develop into SEA?' is overlaid in a large, bold, serif font. The word 'SEE' is in red, and 'planning' is in blue. The rest of the text is in blue. The map is in a sepia tone with some color highlights.

Can **SEE** and **planning** develop  
into **SEA**?

(Planning +) **SEA**