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Unity amidst Variety? Intellectual Foundations and Requirements for an Enlarged Europe

Public Participation and Environmental Impact Assessment in Russia



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- Democratization and Civic Society
- EIA and SEA as a new tool for public participation in Russia









Research Plan

- Multiple case study research (N=40)
- 3 periods (present time 1996-2002, time of Perestroika 1989-1993, socialism 1979-1985)
- 4 regions (Moscow, St. Petersburg, Western Caucasus, Baikal Region)
- Interviews with key people and analysis of documents within the EIA/SEA process
- Comparison to European standards







Reconstruction of a Harbour on the Black Sea



Strong public protest

Public hearing, referenda

No realization of the project by decision of local auhorities





Orbital Motorway in St. Petersburg



Public hearings, court cases

Partial success of the public interactions









Gas deposit, Baikal Region

No public involvement at all

Official statement: no inhabitants in the location of the project









Res<mark>ults 1996 - 2002</mark>

Public Participation

- Effective
- Partially effective
- Ineffective
- No public participation at all







Cases 1997-2003



	Impact on the Envi- ronment	Public Partici- pation		Impact on the Envi- ronment	Public Partici- pation
Aluminium Plant St. Petersburg	High	Active	Gold Mine Baikal Region	Middle	-
Orbital Motorway St. Petersburg	High	Active	Law on Forest in Towns Baikal Region	Low	-
Motorway Approach Moscow	Low	Formal	Gas deposit, Two Drillings Baikal Region	Middle	Formal
Hilton Hotel Moscow	Low	-	Beverages Production Western Caucasus	Low	-
Waste Utilization Plant Moscow	Middle	Active	Reconstruction of a Port Western Caucasus	High	Active
Heat Pump Station	Low	Active	Reconstruction of a Beach Western Caucasus	Low	-
High-Voltage Line Baikal Region	Middle	Formal	Oil pipeline and sea terminal KTK Western Caucasus	High	Active

