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Start up

- 9:00 Welcome Address (Waltraud Petek, AT)
9:30 EU-funded research in Impact Assessment and Sustainable Development (Marialuisa Tamborra, EU DG Research)
10:00 (IMP)3: Goals, methodical approach, general results (Erich Dallhammer OIR, Paulo Pinho, CITTA)

Coffee break

Parallel Sessions

| | Human Health | Risk | Projects subject to EIA |
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| 11:15 | IMP3 contribution Salim Vohra (UK) Tuija Hilding-Rydevik (SE) | IMP3 contribution Wolfgang Lexer (AT) | IMP3 contribution Sabine Mayer (AT) |
| 11:30 | discussants: Ceri Breeze (UK) Eleonora Fabianová (SK) | discussants: Jaroslav Schwarz (SK) André Gazsó (AT) | discussants: Sandra Ruža (LV) Eberhartinger-Tafill (AT) |
| 11:40 | open discussion | open discussion | open discussion |
| 12:25 | roundup | roundup | roundup |
| 12:30 | end of session | end of session | end of session |

Lunch break

Three Presentations – The importance of (IMP)³-Themes

- 14:00 Impact assessment as procedural framework for risk governance (Stefan Greiving, GE)
14:30 The use of thresholds (Roger Gebbels, UK)
15:00 Enhancing policy-making – linking HIA and EIA (Carlos Dora, WHO)

Coffee break

Final Session

- Chair: Peter Schneidewind (OIR)
15:30 Statement of the representative of DG Environment (David Aspinwall, EU DG Environment)
15:50 Plenary discussion with short reports from the parallel sessions
17:30 End of discussion + wrap up

The European Directive on environmental impact assessments (EIA) of those projects which are likely to have significant effects on the environment (Directive 85/337/EEC as amended by Directive 97/11/EC) was enacted almost 20 years ago.

The Commission evaluated its application and effectiveness and found various weaknesses as well as considerable variability in the Member States' implementation. As a result, the EU has launched a project within the 6th framework programme to assess some aspects of the application of EIA within the EU.

(IMP)³ - IMProving the IMPlimentation of Environmental IMPact Assessment explores the different forms of application in the EU Member States focusing on three issues:

- Human health: a better incorporation of human health aspects into EIA
- Risk: an increase in the consistency of risk assessments regarding various sources of risks (natural hazards, accidents, sabotage)
- Projects subject to EIA: a survey of project types, criteria and thresholds according to the EU-directive.

The analysis of the application of EIA in these three fields is based on combined inputs of more than 180 experts across Europe via a questionnaire and detailed interviews with another 50 EIA-experts in Europe, USA and Canada.

In the Conference "Improving European EIA Application", the results of this research will be presented and discussed with selected experts. Beyond that, the issues health, risk and project types will be discussed within a broader view, analysing the social context of these topics.

The Conference addresses EIA experts within the public administration, the private sector and the scientific community as well as experts in risk management and health impact assessment with interests in project development.

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