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EIA in the EU: past, present and future

Abstract

In this presentation, I will reflect on the development of EIA in EU member states, working along various stages of the development of the EIA Directive, starting from the early 1980s. In this context, I will draw on the professional literature on EIA and establish possible linkages of advancements in the understanding of EIA with the various revisions of the Directive. Furthermore, I will present results of interviews conducted with a number of experts (practitioners and academics) who were involved in EIA activities since the early days of its application.