

This screening template has been drafted by the SEA Focal Point based on the SEA Regulations and is being distributed in document format for ease of use. Submitted versions shall only be considered if they align with this original version also available on the SEA website.

<b>Part A – Plan/Programme (PP) &amp; Responsible Authority (RA)</b>	
Title of PP:	
Responsible Authority:	
Contact Person:	Position:
Contact Address:	
Email:	Telephone:
Date:	
As per S.L., when more than one entity is responsible for the PP (or parts thereof), a single responsible authority should be nominated by agreement between the authorities responsible for the PP.	

<b>Part B – General Information about the Plan/Programme (PP)</b>
Purpose of PP:
Period Covered by PP:
Envisaged updates/modifications:
Area covered by PP (also attach map):
Summary of PP content:

Part C – Applicability of the SEA Regulations		
Criterion	Yes/No	Explanation
<b>Exemptions – Regulation 4(9)</b>		
Is the PP’s sole purpose to serve national defence or civil emergency? <b>OR</b>		
Is this a financial or budget PP?		
<b>Qualification of PP - Regulation 3</b>		
Is the PP subject to preparation and/or adoption by a national, regional, or local authority? <b>OR</b>		
Is the PP prepared by an authority for adoption through legislative procedure by Parliament or Government? <b>AND</b>		
Is the PP required by legislative, regulatory, or administrative provisions?		
<b>Regulations 4(1) to 4(4)</b>		
<p>The SEA Regulations require that a strategic environmental assessment, in accordance with regulations 5 to 10, shall be carried out by the responsible authority for PPs referred to in sub-regulations 4(2) to 4(4) which are likely to have significant environmental effects, as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) Regulation 4(2) identifies PPs that are already considered to have a significant environmental effect. Moreover, Regulation 4(2)(b) requires liaison with the Environment and Resources Authority (ERA) as the authority responsible for the Habitats Directive and protection of Special Areas of Conservation (SACs) and Special Protection Areas (SPAs).</li> <li>(ii) Responsible authorities should determine, in line with the provisions of the SEA Regulations, whether PPs identified in Regulations 4(3) to 4(4) are likely to have significant environmental effects [also see Regulation 4(5) below].</li> </ul>		

<b>Regulation 4(2) – SEA required automatically</b>		
Is the PP prepared for agriculture, forestry, fisheries, energy, industry, transport, waste management, water management, telecommunications, tourism, town and country planning or land use? <b>AND</b>		
Does the PP set the framework for future development consent of projects listed in Annexes I and II to the EIA Directive (85/337/EEC – as updated by Directive 2014/52/EU). [These Annexes are transposed as Schedule 1 in the national EIA Regulations] <b>OR</b>		
Will the PP, in view of its likely effect on sites, require an assessment (Appropriate Assessment) under Articles 6 or 7 of the Habitats Directive (92/43/EEC)?		
<b>Regulation 4(3) – Applied only for PPs referred in 4(2)</b>		
Does the PP in 4(2) determine the use of small areas at a local level? <b>OR</b>		
Is it a minor modification of a PP referred in 4(2)?		
<b>Regulation 4(4) – Applied only for PPs <u>not</u> referred in 4(2)</b>		
Is the PP, which set the framework for future development consent of projects, likely to have a significant effect on the environment?		

**Part D – Determining the Likely Significance of Effects on the Environment referred to in Regulation 4(5) (Schedule II)**

<b>Regulation 4(5) – Applied for PPs referred to in 4(3) and 4(4)</b>		
<b>Criteria</b>	<b>Likely to have significant environmental effects? Yes/No</b>	<b>Explanation on the significant environmental effects (both positive and negative)</b>
<b>Characteristics of the PP</b>		
The degree to which the PP sets a framework for projects and other activities, either with regard to the location, nature, size and operating condition; or by allocating resources		
The degree to which the PP influences other plans and programmes including those in a hierarchy		
The relevance of the PP for the integration of environmental considerations in particular with a view to promoting sustainable development		
Environmental problems relevant to the PP		
The relevance of the PP for the implementation of community legislation on the environment (eg. PPs linked to waste management		

or water protection)		
<b>Characteristics of the effects and area likely to be affected</b>		
The probability, duration, frequency, and reversibility of the effects		
The cumulative nature of the effects		
The transboundary nature of the effects		
The risks to human health or the environment (eg. due to accidents)		
The magnitude and spatial extent of the effects (geographical area and size of population likely to be affected)		
The value and vulnerability of the area likely to be affected due to: I) Special natural characteristics or cultural heritage II) Exceeded environmental quality standards or limit values III) Intensive land use		
The effects on areas or landscapes which have recognized national, community or international protection status		

**Part E – Summary of Environmental Effects**

Provide a comprehensive statement on the significant environmental effects of the PP.

**Part F – Screening Outcome**

Following the screening, as required under the Strategic Environmental Assessment regulations, including all required consultations, the RA is of the view that:

- A SEA is required because the PP falls under the scope of regulation 4(2)
- A SEA is required because the PP falls under the scope of regulation 4(3) and is likely to have significant environmental effects
- A SEA is required because the PP falls under the scope of regulation 4(4) and is likely to have significant environmental effects
- A SEA is not required because the PP is unlikely to have significant environmental effects

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Name of Officer responsible for this report

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Signature of Officer responsible for this report

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Name and Stamp of Responsible Authority

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Date

**Notes to Responsible Authority**

A signed copy of this document should be provided to the SEA Focal Point after conducting all consultations. The RA should also attach:

- the draft plan/programme
- a copy of the public notification obligatory under Regulation 4(7)
- If appropriate, a copy of the notification for public participation (see Schedule III Article 5 (3) to S.L.549.61)
- Copy of consultation correspondence by the Responsible Authorities to designated authorities

