

Hellenic-Romanian Cooperation on Environmental Impact Assessment in a Transboundary Context

The present Hellenic - Romanian research project (Bucharest-Athens, 2003) deals with environmental impact assessment (EIA) in a transboundary context at sub-regional level. Its principal aim is to help the Administrations of both countries, Greece and Romania, to develop and organize their EIA bilateral cooperation on the firm basis of the Espoo Convention. The project is financed by the Hellenic Ministry of Foreign Affairs in the framework of the Hellenic International Development Cooperation (HELLENIC AID).

Environmental impact assessment constitutes one of the *leading instruments* of modern environmental policy and law. At the international level, the Espoo Convention is a benchmark for multilateral environmental agreements, a central point of reference in the development of international environmental protection through treaty law. At European Union level, the catalytic role of the EIA directive 85/337 as amended by directive 97/11/EC in shaping the Community environmental and sustainable development policy is well-known and recognized.

The newly adopted directive on Strategic Environmental Assessment (2001/42/EC) enhanced the system of environmental protection covering the effects of certain plans and programmes which are likely to have significant effects on the environment, in the framework of promoting sustainable development. At the national level, in both countries, the political and legal/scientific discussion on environmental law and policy issues is concerned to a large degree with questions related to the appropriate drafting, interpretation and implementation of the "environmental impact assessment"-rules. Thus, the legal instrument of EIA is of equal importance as regards each side of this triangular relationship (international-Community-national legislation).

Therefore, the present project synthesizes the detailed study of EIA-elements of all these three legal spheres, in order to examine and evaluate the legal, administrative and institutional prerequisites for the effective application of this leading environmental law and policy instrument also to the *transboundary and sub-regional* environmental relations of Greece and Romania.

From a practical point of view the project can prove of great assistance to the administrations of both countries. Developing an effective and forward looking sub-regional EIA cooperation is, without question, a great challenge for the Southeastern European region. Many countries in Southeastern Europe are still in an unpleasant economic situation. Governments in the region have to carry out infrastructure projects and to modernize existing industrial and other units, in order to foster

development. New works and activities have to be planned, in order to fight unemployment and to promote social cohesion. Works and activities, plans and programmes have to be planned and carried out in an ecologically sound way within the carrying capacity of ecosystems.

CVs comprise the profile of the scientific experts participating in the project.

CONTRIBUTIONS contain the experts' research papers

DOCUMENTS list environmental treaties, EC directives, national legislation and factual papers as maps and tables with EIA relevance.

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