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# Reflection on international requirements for the cross-border consultation

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- DIRECTIVE 2001/42/EC on the assessment of the effects of certain plans and programmes on the environment
  - EA to be carried out before during the preparation of a plan or programme and before its adoption or submission to the legislative procedure
  - Environmental Report is prepared in which the likely significant effects on the environment evaluated
  - Transboundary consultation organised



- Where **a Member State considers** that the implementation of a planning document being prepared in relation to its territory is likely to have significant effects on the environment in another Member State,
- Where **a Member State** likely to be significantly affected so **requests**, the Member State in whose territory the planning document is being prepared shall,
  - Before its adoption, **forward a copy of the draft** planning document and the **Environmental Report** to the other Member State



- a **Member State** likely to be significantly **affected** indicate to the other Member State whether it **wishes** to enter into **consultations**
- the Member States enter into consultations concerning the likely transboundary **environmental effects** of implementing the planning document and the **measures** envisaged to reduce or eliminate such effects



- Where Member States enter into consultations, they shall agree, at the beginning of such consultations, on a **reasonable timeframe** for the duration of the consultations.
- the **results** of any transboundary consultations shall be **taken into account** during the preparation of the planning document and before its adoption.



- UN ECE The Convention on Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) in a Transboundary Context, adopted in 1991.

**Supplemented by**

- Protocol on Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA): work initiated in 2001, adopted in Kiev in 2003 , entered into force in 2010