

The Netherlands

In the news (in Dutch)

- *Zorgen over milieueffectrapportage in Nederland*
Milieueffectrapportage staat in Nederland onder druk, blijkt uit het onderzoeksrapport Milieueffectrapporten in Nederland: kwaliteit en kwantiteit, dat minister Van Nieuwenhuizen op 9 maart aan de Eerste en Tweede Kamer stuurde. De Commissie reageert met een brief op het rapport. Zij uit daarin haar zorgen. [↗](#)
- *Natuurherstel vraagt om scherpere keuzes*
Gebruik de ervaring in lopende natuurherstelprojecten bij de besteding van de 5 miljard die minister Schouten voor natuur ter beschikking stelt. Goed dat het belang van natuurherstel wordt gezien en dat de minister daar geld voor vrijmaakt. Natuurherstel blijkt nu al een uitdaging en klimaatverandering en bodemdaling maken het nog moeilijker om natuurdoelen te halen. De Commissie geeft de minister in overweging hier rekening mee te houden. [↗](#)
- *Toetsen? Nee, liever wegpoetsen*, Binnenlands Bestuur, 21 augustus 2020
Het aantal milieueffectrapportages is behoorlijk gedaald de afgelopen jaren. Over de rapporten die wel geschreven zijn, publiceerde Arcadis een kritische analyse. De Commissie m.e.r. trekt aan de bel. Binnenlands Bestuur sprak hierover met Eric van der Burg en Lourens Loeven, respectievelijk voorzitter en directeur van de Commissie. [↗](#)
- *Tijdig inzicht in milieueffecten biedt kansen voor de RES*
Hoe kan milieueffectrapportage bijdragen aan de RES? Vijf regio's onderzoeken dat in een pilot, samen met het Nationaal Programma RES en de Commissie. [↗](#)

Publications (in Dutch)

- *Onafhankelijke toets van omgevingseffecten. Juist nu. Drie essays.* [↗](#)
- *Hulpmiddelen op de weg naar een circulaire economie. In: Milieu, december 2020*
De term 'circulaire economie' is niet meer weg te denken. In steeds meer beleidsplannen en projecten is er aandacht voor dit onderwerp. Mooi, maar hoe geef je concreet handen en voeten aan die ambities? En welke rol kan milieueffectrapportage spelen? [↗](#)
- *Factsheet Circulariteit en milieueffectrapportage* [↗](#)

- *Jurisprudentie met conclusies voor de m.e.r.-praktijk: 27 uitspraken toegevoegd in 2019* [↗](#)
- *Periodieke annotaties m.e.r.-jurisprudentie.* In: Jurisprudentie Milieurecht. Den Haag: SDU

Film (in Dutch)

- *Korte film waarin pilot-regio's vertellen over hun ervaringen met de inzet van milieueffectrapportage bij een regionale energiestrategie* [↗](#)

In-house knowledge sessions (in Dutch)

- *3x Monitoring en evaluatie in m.e.r.* Commissie m.e.r., Utrecht
- *3x Omgevingsplan en milieueffectrapportage.* Commissie m.e.r., Utrecht
- *17x Omgevingsvisie en milieueffectrapportage.* Commissie m.e.r., Utrecht
- *2x Regionale energiestrategie en milieueffectrapportage.* Commissie m.e.r., Utrecht

Workshops and presentations (in Dutch)

- *Afscheidscongres voorzitters Commissie m.e.r., Utrecht*
- *Online slotbijeenkomst pilots RES en milieueffectrapportage. NP RES in samenwerking met de Commissie m.e.r., december 2020*
- *M.e.r.-cursus voor de gemeente Dordrecht.*
- *Presentatie voor Omgevingsdienst Noordzeekanaalgebied*
- *Basiscursus Milieurecht, onderdeel milieueffectrapportage. Geoplan, Utrecht*
- *Milieueffectrapportage 2.o. Cursus Berghauser Pont, Utrecht*
- *Milieueffectrapportage voor plannen en projecten. Cursus Geoplan, Utrecht*
- *Kennisuitwisseling met Staatstoezicht op de mijnen*
- *Kennisuitwisseling DCMR*
- *Kennisuitwisseling Havenbedrijf*
- *Kennisuitwisseling met het PBL*
- *Kennisuitwisseling met Inspectie leefomgeving en transport*

- *Environmental assessment and offshore windenergy.* Gastcollege Universiteit Utrecht
- Presentatie *RES en MER voor de Gelderse RES-regio's*
- Presentatie *RES en m.e.r.* NP RES en regiomanagers
- Deelname paneldiscussie *Praktijkfestival Ondergrond,* Amersfoort

International

Workshops in cooperation with IUCN-NL/ WWF-NL as part of the Shared Resources Joint Solutions (SRJS) programme

- Workshop (2 days) *SEA introduction* for representatives of local authorities and CSO's, in cooperation with ODC and IUCN NL, as part of the SRJS programme, Phnom Penh, Cambodia. March 2020
- Three presentations on *steps in an SEA process* and *SEA cases*, at the second SEA workshop for representatives of local authorities and CSO's, in cooperation with ODC and IUCN NL, as part of the SRJS programme. August 2020
- Host/facilitator webinar *Environmental Assessment in SRJS / An exchange!* for members and participants of the SRJS partnership. In cooperation with IUCN NL and WWF NL. November 2020
- Preparations Webinar *Multistakeholder approach*, in cooperation with SRJS partners and Wageningen University. November 2020
- Presentation *NCEA's advice on SEA for Land Use Planning in District 1 of Zamboanga del Norte - Reflections on the SEA Report* in cooperation with IUCN NL at the final seminar for district representatives. November 2020

Presentations and workshops

- Presentation *NCEA's ESY-mapping tool* in support of the development of an ESY mapping tool for the World Bank, World Bank offices, Washington D.C., USA. January 2020
- Workshop (3 days) *ESY Mapping* with representatives from various ministries, consultancies and academia. In co-production with SAIEA, Cairo, Egypt. January 2020
- Presentation *Introduction to SEA; reflection on planned SEA for Integrated Coastal Zone Management to representatives from various ministries, consultancies and academia*, Cairo, Egypt. January 2020

- Workshop (3 days) *ESY Mapping* with representatives from various ministries, consultancies, academia and CSO's. Bamako, Mali. January 2020
- Workshop (3 days) *SEA for Off-shore oil and gas development in Myanmar* on request of the Myanmar Ministry of Energy. In co-production with Norwegian Oil for development fund, in Nye Pay Taw, Myanmar. January 2020
- Workshop (2 days) *Introduction on SEA* for Staff OBPE and Ministry of Environment, Bujumbura, Burundi. February 2020
- Workshop (2 days) *ESIA in Burundi* for Junior staff OBPE and Ministry of Environment, in Bujumbura, Burundi. February 2020
- Guest lecture *The NCEA's international work: what have we learned?* Utrecht University, Utrecht, The Netherlands. February 2020
- Guest lecture *Strategic planning of the hydropower sector, SEA and other tools* at the World Bank, Washington D.C. USA, February 2020
- Guest lecture *Comparative evaluation of EIA effectiveness in Georgia and Ghana.* Utrecht University, Utrecht, The Netherlands. March 2020.
- Guest lecture *Strategic Planning of the hydropower sector, SEA and other tools* at NETHCOLD annual meeting, Delft University. Delft. March 2020
- Presentation *The Sourou case, decentralisation of governance* at a session on fragile zones organised by the Sahel Alliance. May 2020
- Chair / facilitator webinar *Environmental Assessment: an opportunity for Sustainable Development in West Africa?* In cooperation with SIFEE-CNEE-I'AOAEE for environmental practitioners. June 2020
- Presentation of cases at webinar *Tools to stimulate dialogue for inclusiveness and ownership* in the IGG session on inclusiveness in environmental assessment for staff of Ministry of Foreign Affairs. June 2020
- Key-note speaker / panelist for the launch of the new IGF Guidance for Governments: *Improving legal frameworks for environmental and social impact assessment and management.* July 2020
- Presentation on *ESIA and SEA* at the *E-learning seminar series* for the Indonesian-Dutch Jakarta Coastal Development Masterplan Indonesia. September 2020
- Presentation *The Dutch sustainable energy transition: impact assessment "all over". How does SEA fit in?* At the webinar *Strategic Ideas worth Sharing: a European conference on Strategic Planning & SEA* organised by the Tallinn Forum, September 2020

- Chair *Rethinking Environmental and Social Impact Assessment at the Early Phase of Mine Development*, dedicated session at the Annual Meeting of IGF (Intergovernmental Forum on Mining, Minerals, Metals and Sustainable Development). October 2020
- Presentation on *Assessment of the environmental and social impacts regarding the reuse of dredged material in the Netherlands and Colombia*, for representatives of several ministries such as Transport and Environment, as part of a series of knowledge exchange webinars between Colombia and The Netherlands. October 2020
- Presentation *strengthening of IA systems in Egypt with a focus on the water sector*. Cairo Water Week, Cairo, Egypt. October 2020
- Several online presentations on *SEA for landscape planning in Guinea*, to a variety of stakeholders in the Bafing Falémé landscape, Guinea, October – November 2020
- Workshop (4 days) *SEA Introduction* for staff of the Senegal River Development Organisation (OMVS). November 2020
- Organisation/presentations *SEA Refresher course* (4 days) for ITP-SEA alumni in Cambodia. November 2020
- Training session on *SEA principles, screening phase* for local representatives from government-, professional-, youth- and women associations and CSO's. Selingue, Mali. November 2020
- Presentation *Main Findings of the Sustainability Advice on the IWRM plan of the Sourou* with representatives from the Dutch Embassy, Bamako, Mali. November 2020
- Presentation and facilitation of workshop on *SEA for landscape planning in the Bafing Falémé landscape* with the Interministerial Committee for the Moyen Bafing, Conakry, Guinea, November 2020
- Training session on *Governance proces to include Health better within the ESIA proces: Roles and responsibilities, challenges and perspectives* for government representatives and consultants from various African countries. December 2020
- Webinar *Power of Voices – future cooperation*. Organised by WWF NL, the NCEA contributed with three resource persons / cases. December 2020
- Webinar series (4 sessions) *Managing the risks of Hazardous Substances with EIA*, jointly with the Jordan Ministry for Environment for ESIA practioners in Jordan. December 2020

Publications

- *How SEA contributed to conflict prevention. The case of the Sourou river plain in Mali*. Policy paper by Fransje Molenaar (Clingendael) & Sibout Nooteboom (NCEA), 2020. [↗](#)
- *Environmental Assessment in Landscape Management - Ten Cases* by NCEA, IUCN NL, WWF NL, the Netherlands Ministry of Foreign Affairs, p. 34, 2020 [↗](#)
- *How to strengthen the independence of IA reviewers and practitioners* by Rob Verheem (NCEA) in Impact Assessment and Project Appraisal, published online November 2020 and in print Vol. 39, Issue 1 (2021) Pages 80-81. [↗](#)
- Contribution to: *SEA for Infrastructure corridors in Bolivia - three case studies*, June 2020
- Infographic ESIA process [↗](#)

Animations (short videos)

- Screening – step one in the ESIA process [↗](#)
- Scoping – step two in the ESIA process [↗](#)
- Strategic Environmental Assessment for Local Planning in The Philippines [↗](#)