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FICHA de la Asignatura

TITLE: ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT Tutor: Eduardo Moreno Cuesta
ECTS: 6 Semester 1, 2

Description

The Module covers the:

- purpose and aims of EIA;
- EIA administration and practice;
- concept of associated assessment processes;
- key elements of the EIA process;
- role of public participation;
- stages that follow EIA;
- the costs and benefits of undertaking EIA

Aims

The aim of the Module is to provide understanding of EIA and confidence with its application and limitations.

Learning outcomes

By the end of the module students should be able to:

- appreciate the purpose and role of EIA in the decision-making process;
- understand the strengths of EIA in regard to environmental management;
- understand the screening process;
- understand the scoping process and how it is applied;
- know the options for estimating environmental and social impacts;
- know the format of an EIA Report (Environmental Impact Statement, or Environmental Statement);
- appreciate the factors that assist, and detract, from the usefulness of the EIA Report;
- understand the purpose of developing follow-up procedures, and the options for designing these procedures.

Syllabus indicative content

- The Module Sections are:
 1. Background
 2. Law, Policy and Institutional Arrangements
 3. Public involvement
 4. Screening
 5. Scoping
 6. Impact analysis
 7. Mitigation and impact management
 8. EIA reporting
 9. Decision making
 10. Implementation and follow-up

Assessment

During the course students will be required to submit tasks. Types of activities, number and deadlines will be discussed with the students the first week of the course. The evaluation will be a pondered average of all the Tasks (50%), course attendance (30%) and class participation (20%).

Reading list

André, P. (2004) Environmental assessment for sustainable development : processes, actors and practice
Caroll, B. (2002) Environmental impact assessment handbook : a practical guide for planners, developers and communities
Glasson, J. (2005) Introduction to environmental impact assessment
Jain, R.K. (1981) Environmental impact analysis: a new dimension in decision making



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