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Streamlining tools in NL and quality control of EA in brief

Workshop streamlining energy projects Cambridge

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NCEA operations

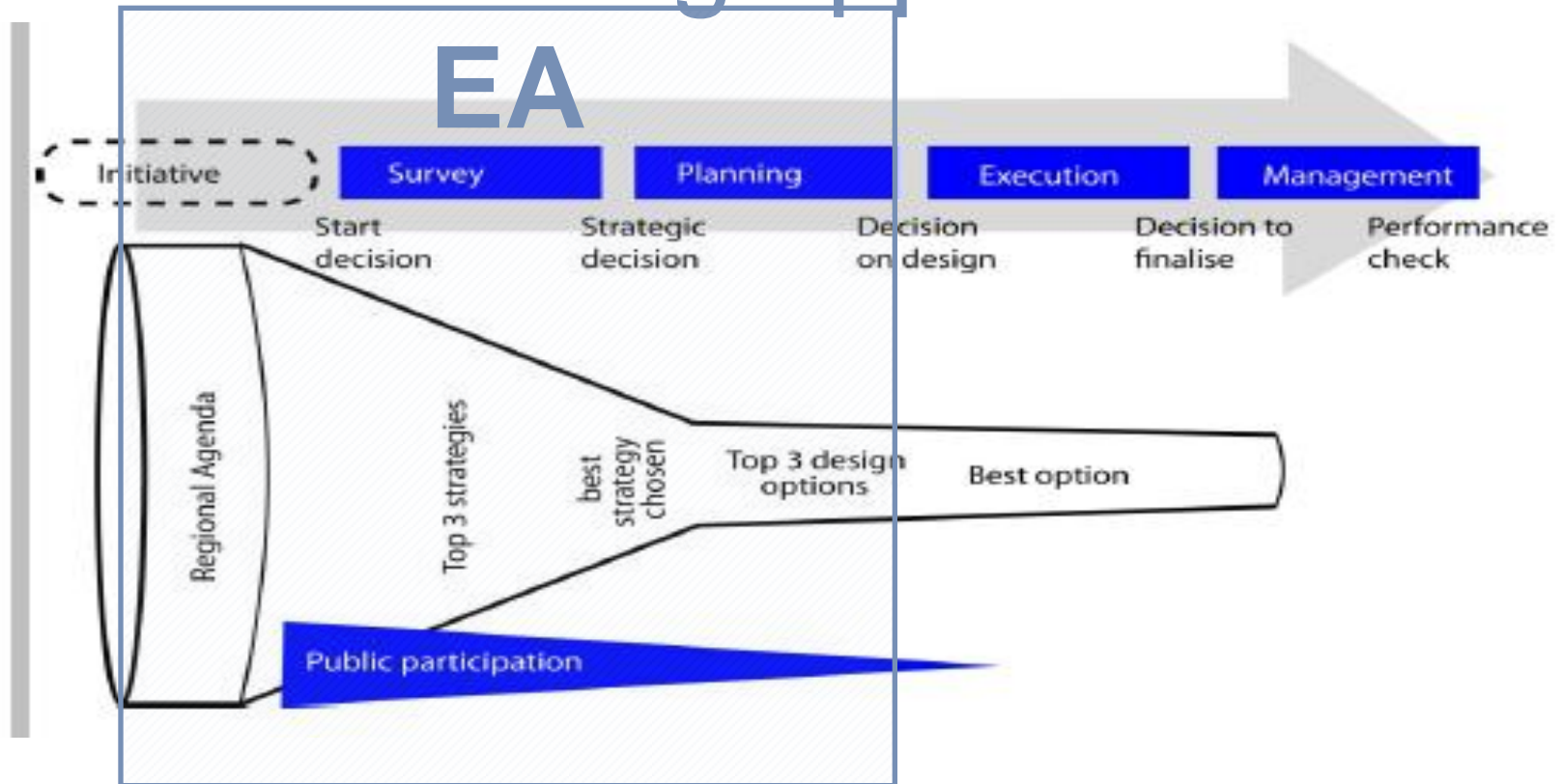
- Independent expert body with a statutory basis established in 1987, reviews all SEA and most EIA, including energy sector
- NCEA works with independent experts in working groups
- Technical (not administrative) advise / review on EA! NCEA does not advise on the plan decision itself
- NCEA takes into account stakeholder opinions
- NCEA also checks whether the plan complies with existing plans, policies and standards

Streamlining tools NL

- Elverding approach (origin transport infrastructure), 2008
- Regulation for coordination by national government (RCR), basis in Spatial planning, Gas, Mining and Electricity Acts, 2008
- Crisis and Recovery Act (CHW), 2010
- Environmental licensing Act (Wabo), 2008

p.m. in NL combined system of EIA/SEA

Elverding approach



Key features:

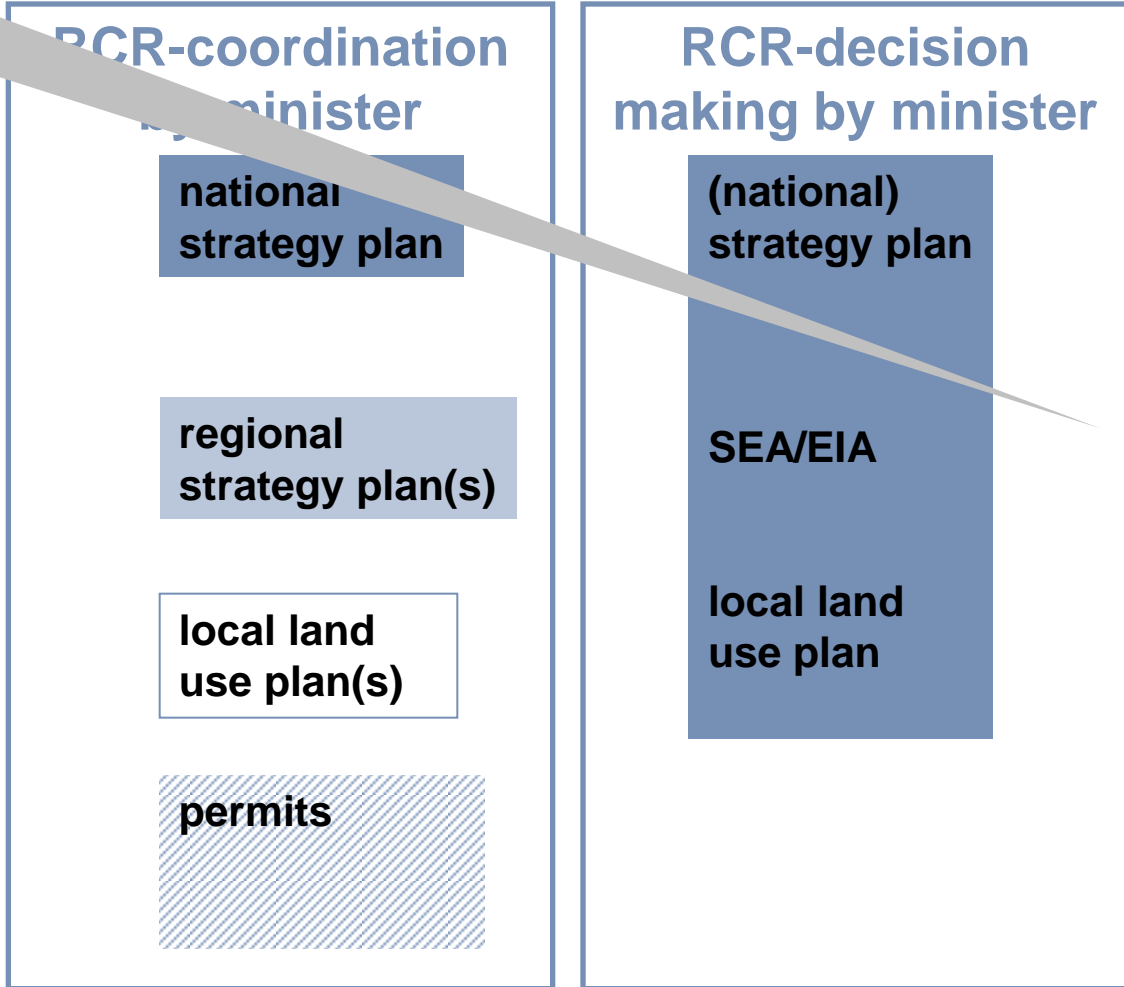
- Together with public and stakeholders funneling to solution in phases
- Level of detail adjusted to questions at hand

RCR and CHW (1)

Funnel approach similar to Elverding

CHW, both and open to more type of energy projects

- national government
- provinces
- municipalities
- multiple authorities



RCR and CHW (2)

Key features

- Minister has power to make final decision's
- Tailor-made streamlined procedures
- Priority access to the Supreme court and 'standing' ('Schutznorm') by appeals



Environmental licensing Act (Wabo)

- Single (integrated) permit for several activities (if desired)
- Risk 'scope of EA' too wide, because of scoping in practice no change



Quality control

EA in streamlined processes

NCEA experiences

- Concept of broad exploration and funneling of alternatives present in EA, not always by default. Guardian of concept strategic funnel
- Position to propose controversial content EA
- Contribution/review content funneling, help with answering questions on right tier and appropriate detail, sometimes (voluntary) phased review

Summary

- Strategic funneling of alternative strategies and design options
- Tailor-made simplified procedures, less and/or simultaneously decision making
- In funnel quality of information is essential, preventing going back in the funnel
- NCEA guardian of concept strategic funnel

Thank you

