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)

CHW, both and open to more type of energy projects

RCR-coordination by minister
- national strategy plan
- regional strategy plan(s)
- local land use plan(s)
- permits

RCR-decision making by minister
- (national) strategy plan
- SEA/EIA
- local land use plan

Funnel approach similar to Elverding
- 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