



The Czech health-impact assessment -
Tool to achieve "Health in all policies"
Development and experience from
MATRA project

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Introduction

- HIA - how we understand it
- History
 - preventive supervision
 - H.R.A.
- One step before

- Act On the Protection of Public Health
- entitles the authorities of Public Health Protection to state an opinion about the protected interests of public health, including the evaluation and management of health risks.

Health in all policies - HiAP

- The greatest scope for improving the public's health lies outside the control of the health sector
- In practice it means that health arguments are taken into account in decision making with relevance to the determinants of health.



Incorporating health considerations

- Involving health specialists and health authorities
- Involving health requirements
- Reducing health impact of activities



Incorporating health considerations

- National level
- Regional level
- Local level

Incorporating health considerations

Prerequisites:

- Legislative tools
- Skilled professionals
- Adequate health authorities
- Intersectoral cooperation

Basis

- Directive 2001/42/EC of 27 June 2001 on the assessment of the effects of certain plans and programmes on the environment
And inclusion of the health into the SEA
- Protocol on Strategic Environmental Assessment to the Convention on Environmental Impact Assessment in a transboundary Context
Kyjev 2003

Requirement of Health inputs in SEA protocol

- in all fields of application
- in all steps of the assessment
 - ◆ Screening (Art. 5)
 - ◆ Scoping (Art. 6)
 - ◆ Report (Art. 7)
 - ◆ Decision (Art. 11)
 - ◆ Monitoring (Art. 12)
- through consultation with health authorities (Art. 9)

Legislative tools

These requirements were implemented into the Czech legislation in

- Act No. 100/2001 Coll.

„On Environmental Impact Assessment amended by Act No.93/2004 Coll -in the wording of the Act No.186/2006 Coll.

The beginning -theory

No experiece with such type of tasks

Story

- Searching information

- ◆ Metodological materials
- ◆ Description of experience
- ◆ Publication

Decision to work out the manual

Moving theory into the practice

- Work in SEA team
- Identify potential health impact
- Health relevancy
- broader determinants of health
(social determinants, lifestyle and access to health care)

Regional activity

- Seminar for regional
 - Public health professionals
 - projectants
 - state administration and
 - local government
- Building capacity
- Explaining how and why it is essential
- Will be continue in other regions

Matra-flex project

- We needed to improve our skills
- to widen our abilities and
- to exchange experience
- Bring the best practice
- „Health impact assessment (HIA) in public health in the Czech Republic“



Health impact assessment (HIA) in public health in the CR

- Three preparatory meeting
- Training course "training of trainers"
- Training course for mixed group of specialists
- Study visit in Netherlands



Health impact assessment (HIA) in public health in the CR

What the participant should have learned

Better understanding

- when and how to use HIA,
- what are disadvantages of HIA
- broad model of health and willingness to share their knowledge with others



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How the project help us?

- We made sure that our practice has right direction
- We can compare conditions and accession to the HIA - not only one way is possible

Conclusions

- Recent EU regulations have stimulated further implementation of HIA
- New way of thinking is not possible to reach without practice
- Improvement of the intersectoral cooperation is necessary
- Further building capacity and improving skills is way to success
- It is a long way and there is always something to improve



Thank you for your attention









