# **SCIENCESPRINGDAY**

**Research** goals

Major

goal



#### DCEA – Department of Environmental Sciences and Engineering

# Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA) key-factors and effectiveness in Small Islands

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Investigate how the current methods and

Azores and Orkney

Evaluating and testing the tools

Contribution to the understanding of the key factors to include in SEA of policies, plans and programmes in island-specific applications

small islands

practices used to develop SEA are feasible to

CASE STUDY

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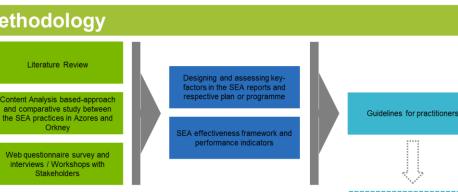
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## **Objectives**

#### Background

- · European Small Islands (ESI) use as SEA baseline legal framework the SEA Directive and the national legal framework;
- There is a need to develop capacity in the • ESI so as to ensure effective implementation of the SEA Directive;
- There is a need to reduce planning costs and approval times.

## Methodology





## **Expected Results**

The research aims to be a contribution for SEA knowledge and development, and it is also expected:

- ✓ to integrate sustainability into the decision-making processes of particular territorial contexts;
- ✓ to enhance SEA practices in small islands territories through the understanding of the key factors for those territories;
- ✓ to achieve cost-effective SEA and decision-making processes in specific territories through an effectiveness framework and performance indicators;
- ✓ to help practitioners develop effective SEA.



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