



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

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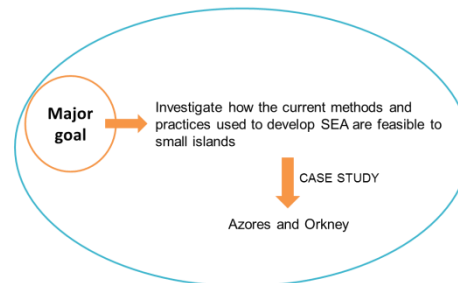


Objectives

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.

Research goals



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

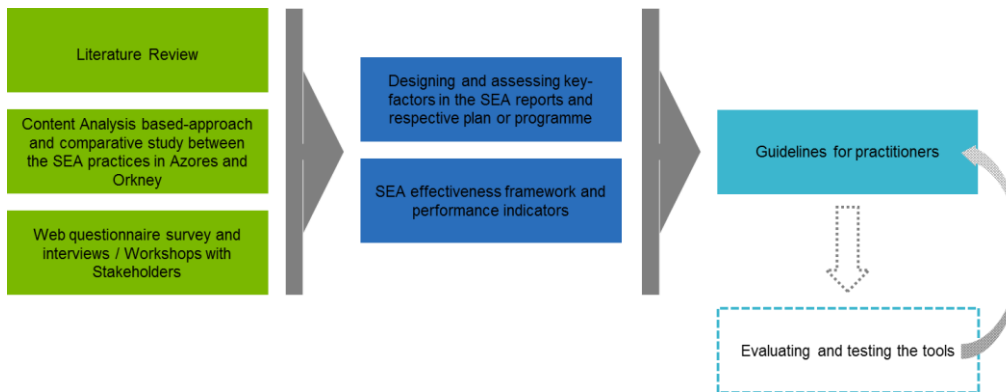
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Yesnaby, Mainland, Orkney. Photo by Alexandra Polido

Methodology



Skara Brae, Mainland, Orkney. Photo by Alexandra Polido

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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