



The national project "Tools for HIA"

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Tools for HIA

Aim

Draft of HIA Guidelines, tools and methods for evaluators and proposers

Duration

- 24 months

Financing

- 300.000 Euro – Funded by Ministry of Health

Dates and deadlines:

- Project start : March 24, 2014
- Conclusion : March 23, 2016



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Partners:

- Regione Emilia-Romagna
- Regione Piemonte;
- Regione Lombardia;
- Regione Veneto;
- Regione Friuli Venezia Giulia;
- Regione Marche;
- Regione Umbria;
- Regione Puglia;
- Regione Sicilia;
- Regione Toscana;
- Regione Sardegna;
- Provincia Autonoma di Trento;
- National Research Council Pisa;
- National Institute of Health
- Institute for Environmental Protection and Research - ISPRA



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The starting point...

HIA Integration into decision-making:

- lack of HIA tools and rules
- Health component assessment within EIA and SEA required by national laws

But...how?



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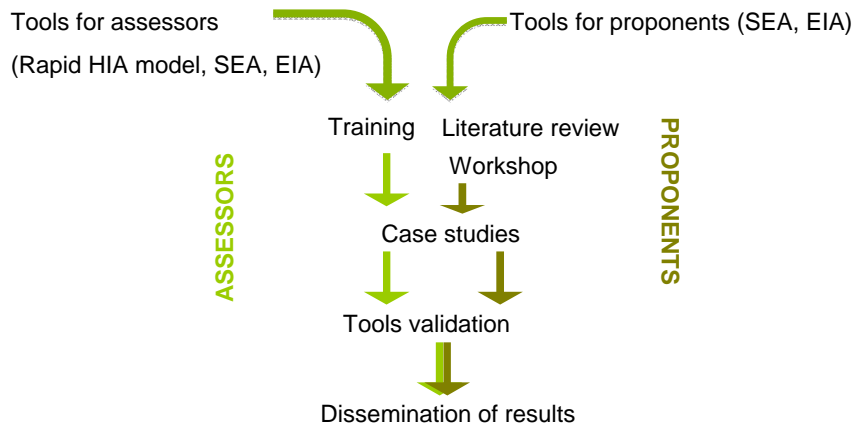
Need to provide **guidelines, methods** and **tools** for:

-Assessors: better qualify the evaluations of public health assessors

-Proponents: give indications to the proponents to develop adequately the health component as part of the EIA and SEA procedures.



Structure of the project:





Expected output:

HIA national Guideline

Methodological premises

Tools

Tools for evaluators

Tools for proponents

Rapid HIA computerized tools for assessors

Case studies

Stakeholder engagement



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Tools for assessors:

Rapid HIA tool for Public Health professionals (VISPA)

Aim: revise rapid HIA tools to support the expression of the evaluations of the Departments of prevention in Services Conference





Tools for assessors:

Context: " **Conferenza dei Servizi** " Committee *

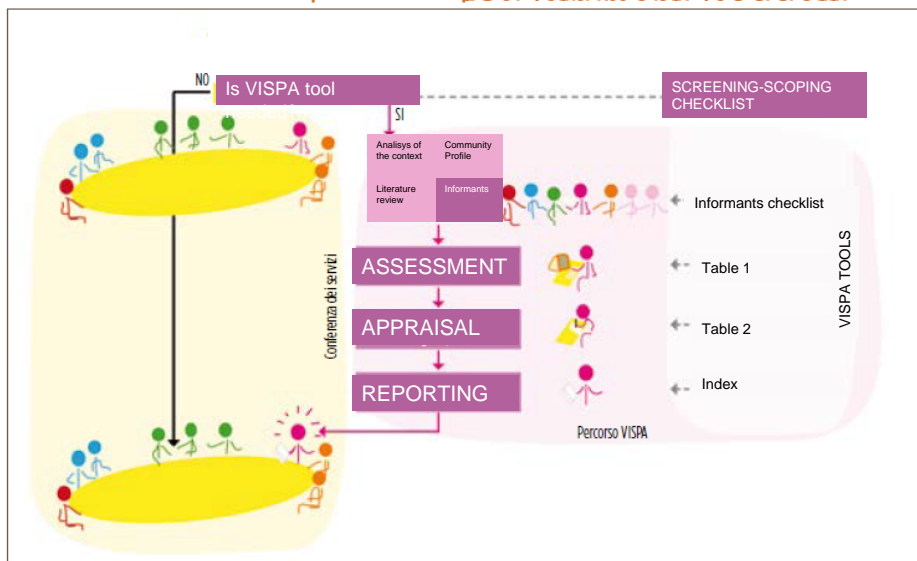
Target: Small projects, punctual decision

ü Assessment of plans and projects

ü Stakeholder engagement (Committee members)



VISPA Rapid HIA procedure





VISPA Rapid HIA Tools

PHASES	TOOLS	SUBJECTS
Screening - Scoping	Check 1	DofPH operator
Size of the plan/ project Effects on the political economic/social context Effectiveness of the process/ added values	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 6 ITEMS • 6 ITEMS • 4 ITEMS 	
Assessment - Identifying Health Impacts	Check 2 – 3	Key informers
Subjects involved are those familiar with the project <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-around; align-items: center;"> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px;">Context analysis</div> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px;">Community profile</div> </div> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-around; align-items: center; margin-top: 5px;"> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px;">Literature review</div> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; background-color: #90EE90;">Consultation</div> </div>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Identify key DofH • Connect health to the proposal • Describe impacts, Populations, Actions required, Responsibilities 	CS participants EPA operators Public officers Proponent Decision makers
Appraisal	Table 1 - 2	DofPH operator
Summarize and score impacts Rank positive and negative impacts Judge evidence	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 5 areas of concern • Weight scores • 4 categories 	
Recommendations	Scheme	DofPH operator
Reporting	Scheme	DofPH operator



Form VISPA to "Tools 4 HIA"

- Involve more territories
- Computerize VISPA Tools and review them after 2 years

In addition:



More tools for other evaluation procedures related to reference documents for proposers (tools for proponents)



Tools for proponents

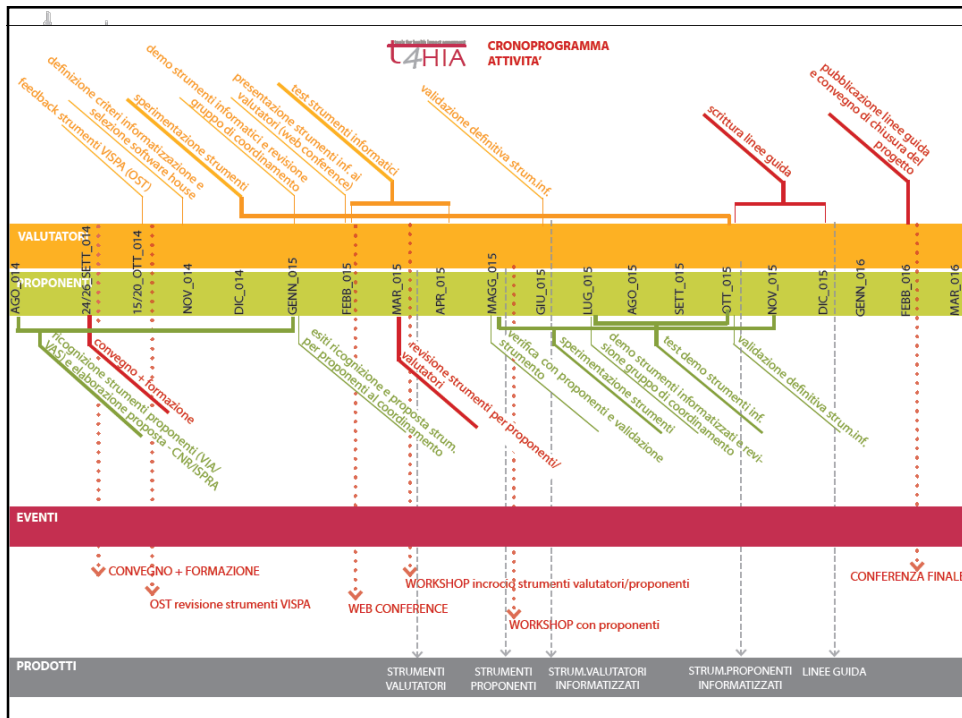
EIA: Guidelines for assessment of the Health component within EIA (Regione Lombardia guidelines)

- Basic elements of a scoping phase
- Quantitative assessment of the expected impacts on the health of the population affected (epidemiological tools/risk assessment tools)
- Datas? All available and relevant health data

SEA: Similar approach (starting from literature review)



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References:

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Ebook: HIA in Italy “state of the art”

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(available from the end of may 2015, english version too)

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