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
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

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?
Tools for HIA

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:

Tools for assessors (Rapid HIA model, SEA, EIA)
- Training
- Literature review
- Workshop
- Case studies
- Tools validation
- Dissemination of results

Tools for proponents (SEA, EIA)
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Expected output:

HIA national Guideline

Methodological premises

Tools
- Tools for evaluators
- Tools for proponents

Rapid HIA computerized tools for assessors
- Case studies
- Stakeholder engagement

**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
- Assessment of plans and projects
- Stakeholder engagement (Committee members)

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VISPA Rapid HIA procedure

**VISPA TOOLS**

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### VISPA Rapid HIA Tools

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### 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)

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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)
- Data? All available and relevant health data

SEA: Similar approach (starting from literature review)
References:

VISPA Tools: [www.saluter.it/vispa](http://www.saluter.it/vispa)

Ebook: HIA in Italy “state of the art”
[www.arpa.emr.it/ebook](http://www.arpa.emr.it/ebook)
(available from the end of may 2015, english version too)

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