

THE MISSING LINK: CAN WE FOLLOW-UP WITHOUT ESIA?

IAIA'19 Evolution or Revolution: Where next for Impact Assessment?

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Why Follow-up?

Can we Follow-up
without Environmental &
Social Impact
Assessment (ESIA)?



1970s Demolition for metro



North-South [Noord/Zuid] Line



Heritage house Impacted by settlement due to leakage

"We started the change but it wasn't enough. We needed to do more, but in our own organisation, we couldn't get the organisation to move. Not even our director, who was really into the neighbourhood and listening to the people and the city, he couldn't get his technical project managers to change the way they were working."

Project Liaison (2005 – 2010)

"...after 2008 [the Vizelgracht incident], they [the municipality] became a lot more generous, so people thought, finally the city is listening to us, but then we had the possibilities to be more generous. Until that time we were very limited in budget as well."

Project Liaison (2005 – 2010)

Municipality of Amsterdam, n.d.



Temporary sewer bypass
decorated at Christmas

"It is a good idea to discuss these sorts of [social] impacts in advance"

"For the people in the area, it is difficult for them to understand the impacts and benefits. Maybe a tool like impact assessment would help them understand"

Municipality of Amsterdam Project Manager (2011 – Present)

Can we Follow-up without
Environmental & Social Impact
Assessment (ESIA)? *Yes!*

but.... it requires *governance*
support



How do we facilitate
accountability for
decision-making on long-term
impacts?

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