



# Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) in Transition Countries

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## Purpose of the Course:

Countries in Central and Eastern Europe and the former Soviet Union are now paying special attention to environmental regulations, most of which are being drafted for the first time. This follows a regional increase in awareness of the need to solve existing problems and prevent further ones as part of their economic development. In most of the countries where legislative progress has been made, there has been a recognition that Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) will play a major role in future planning and development. Where EIA has been undertaken it has most frequently followed the pattern used in the EU. A few people in some countries have some expertise in EIA, but there is a great need for detailed and specific training on the role, implementation, management and monitoring of EIA studies for particular projects.

## Course Description:

This two-week multidisciplinary course will draw participants from universities and field practitioners (ministries, consultancies, and industry, including major utilities), all of which will be called upon to play major roles in future EIA in their own countries. The course will cover elements of policy, economics, socio-demographics and legal aspects of EIA. There will be lectures and discussion groups, as well as workshops, to enable the participants not only to further their knowledge but also to see how it can be put into practice.

## Course Dates:

July 15-28, 1996

## Application Deadline:

April 1, 1996