

## **THE QUALITY OF ENVIRONMENTAL STATEMENTS IN GREECE**

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### **ABSTRACT**

A total of 72 Environmental Statements (ESs) submitted to planning authorities in Greece were evaluated using the “Lee-Colley Review Package” developed at the EIA Centre, University of Manchester, United Kingdom. The scope of the study was to assess the quality of the ESs produced in Greece. The overall findings are that 60% of the ESs are unsatisfactory while the main factors influencing their quality appeared to be: a) the length of the ES; b) the type of the project; c) the project category; d) the experience of the consultant; e) the experience of the responsible authority; and f) the type of the proponent. On the other hand, the main deficiencies identified deal with: a) the consideration of alternatives and mitigation measures; b) the description of the environment; c) the prediction & evaluation of impacts; d) the public participation; e) the scoping process; and f) the non-technical summary.