The background of the slide is a dark blue globe with glowing blue energy lines and arcs overlaid on it, suggesting a global energy network.

POLICY GUIDELINES ON SMALL HYDROPOWER

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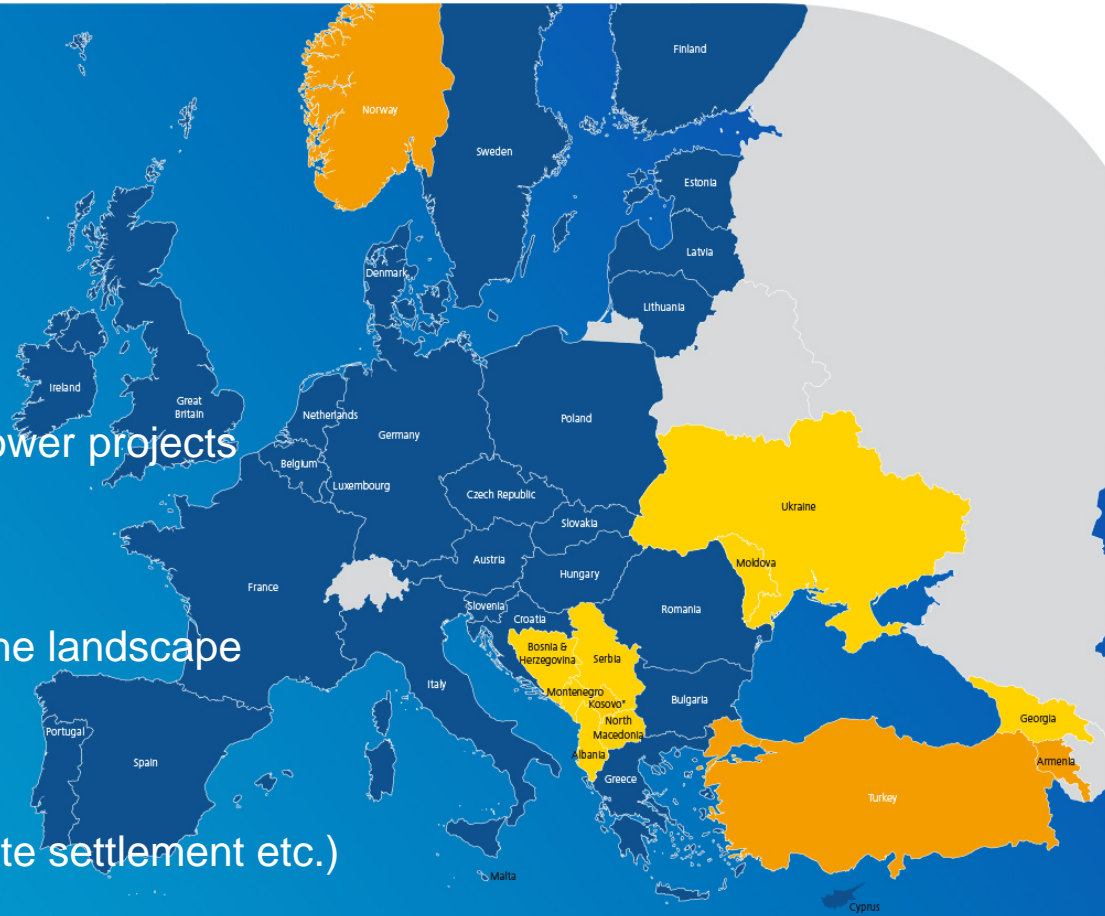
The Energy Community Environmental Acquis

- ☀ **Directive 2011/92/EU (EIA)** – after entry into force (updated - amendments by 2014/52/EU)
- ☀ **Directive 2001/42/EC (SEA)** - as of 31 March 2018
- ☀ **Directive 1999/32/EC (SiF)** – as of 1 January 2012 (updated - amendments by (EU) 2016/802)
- ☀ **Directive 2001/80/EC (LCP)** – as of 1 January 2018
- ☀ **Directive 2010/75/EU (IED), Chapter III and Annex V of**
1 Jan 2018 (construction and operation of new generating plants)
1 Jan 2028 (existing plants)
- ☀ **Directive 2004/35/EC (ELD)** – as of 1 January 2021
- ☀ **Directive 79/409/EEC (Wild Birds), Art. 4(2)** – after entry into force

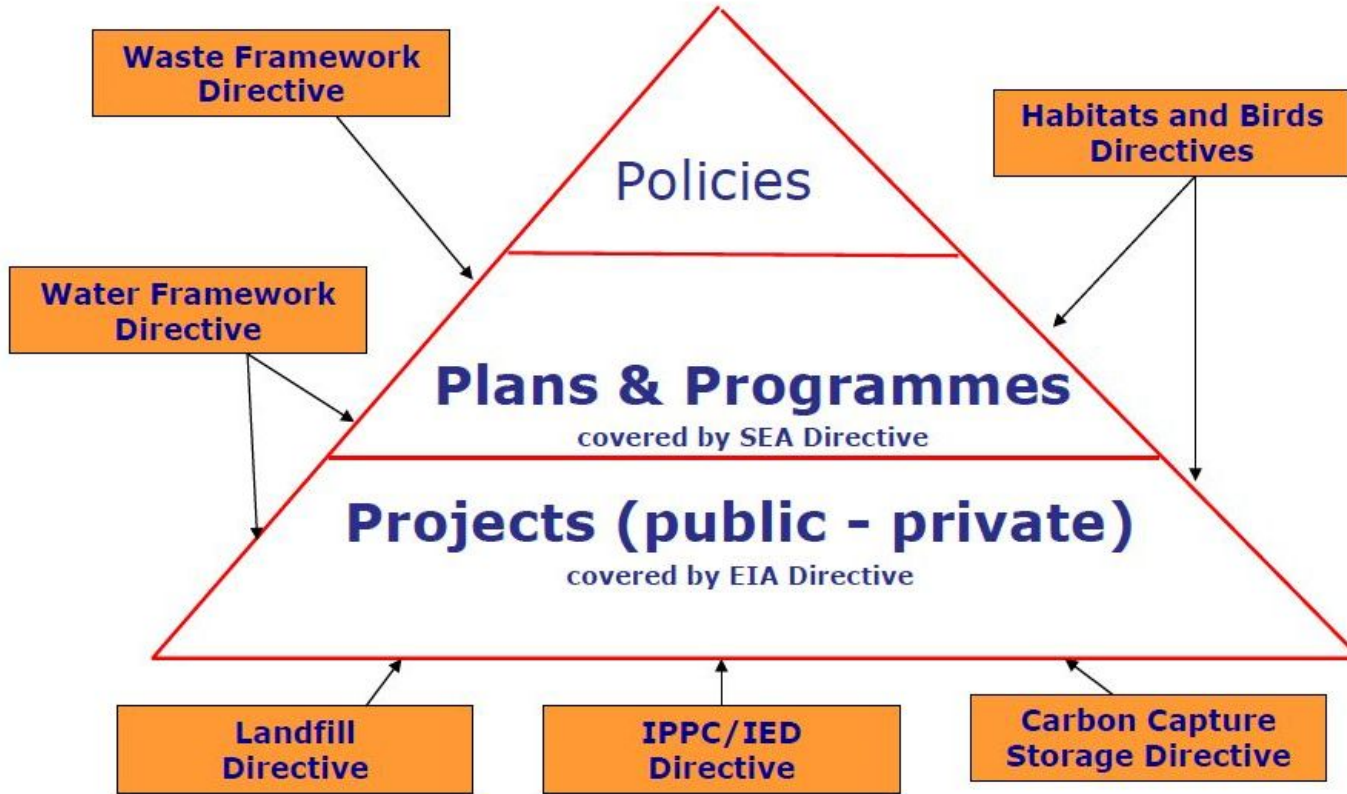
- ☀ **Growing number of complaints in the area**
- ☀ **ECS statement Nov 2018**
 - support to renewables projects in general, energy efficiency first
 - responsible and compliant utilisation of hydropower
 - concerns of local communities have to be taken seriously
 - EIA and SEA
 - public participation
 - announcement of stakeholder consultation and development of Policy Guidelines for small HPPs
- ☀ **Sustainability Forum June 2019**
- ☀ **19th Environmental Task Force November 2019**

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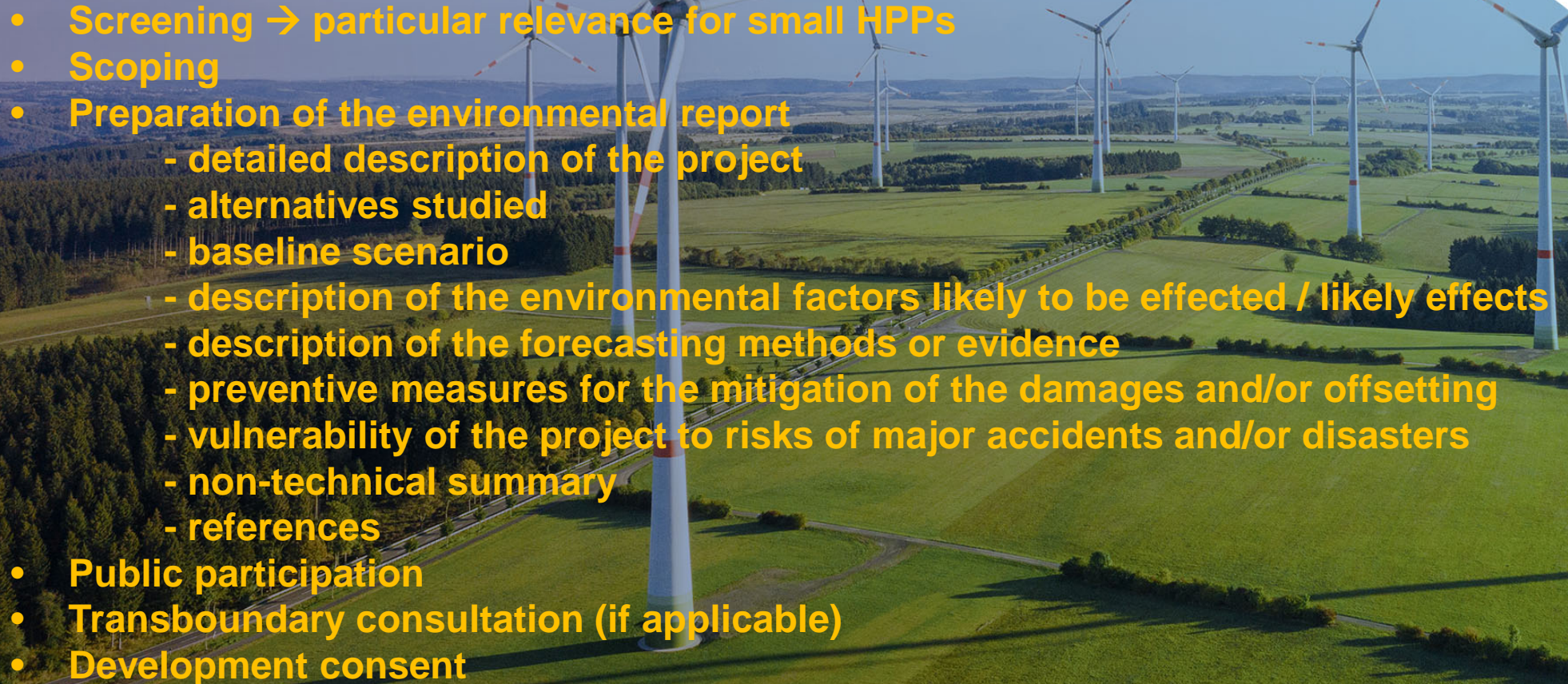
- Executive summary
- Introduction
- Main HPP project types
- Environmental issues related to small hydropower projects
 - Population and human health
 - Biodiversity
 - Land, soil, air and climate
 - Material assets, cultural heritage and the landscape
- Renewables
- Environmental assessments
- Support schemes and State aid relevance
- Role of the EnC institutions (monitoring, dispute settlement etc.)



Environmental Assessments



Steps in the EIA procedure

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- A wide-angle photograph of a wind farm in a rural landscape. Several white wind turbines with red-tipped blades are scattered across rolling green hills under a clear blue sky. A road or path runs through the middle ground, and a dense forest is visible on the left side of the image.
- Screening → particular relevance for small HPPs
 - Scoping
 - Preparation of the environmental report
 - detailed description of the project
 - alternatives studied
 - baseline scenario
 - description of the environmental factors likely to be effected / likely effects
 - description of the forecasting methods or evidence
 - preventive measures for the mitigation of the damages and/or offsetting
 - vulnerability of the project to risks of major accidents and/or disasters
 - non-technical summary
 - references
 - Public participation
 - Transboundary consultation (if applicable)
 - Development consent



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