

Checklist 1

Key information needed for an Environmental and Social Impact Assessment (ESIA) or Heritage Impact Assessment (HIA) for renewable energy projects related to World Heritage

1.1 – Information renewable energy project proponents need for planning a project with potential impacts on a World Heritage property

This checklist includes an overview of the information that renewable energy project proponents should obtain at the early stages of the planning process from the bodies charged with the protection and conservation of World Heritage properties:

- the property's Statement of Outstanding Universal Value
- information on other relevant heritage values
- list of all attributes conveying Outstanding Universal Value and other relevant heritage values
- comprehensive maps of the property, including the property's boundaries and buffer zone(s)
- documentation on key visual axes, panoramas and views that are important for the protection of the property's Outstanding Universal Value; this may include Visual Impact Assessments and other visual and historical studies
- presence of sensitive species' habitats and migratory routes
- overview of all relevant rights holders, communities and stakeholders

1.2 – Information for those in charge of the management and conservation of the World Heritage property

This checklist includes an indicative overview of information that representatives of heritage agencies, site managers and practitioners involved in the impact assessment process should obtain. When requesting this information, the Precautionary Principle should be considered with regard to the best- and worst-case scenarios for a project proposal:

- outline of the proposed renewable energy project, including any planning document providing details on the proposed project
- area proposed for the renewable energy project
- scale of the proposed project
- information concerning the proposed number, layout and location of the renewable energy installations and ancillary facilities
- information concerning the design (including size, colour and form) of the renewable energy installations

project life cycle: commissioning and development time frame, expected lifetime of the renewable energy installation, end-of-life and decommissioning strategies