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The report consists of two parts:

Part 1. Title: Internet Participation in Environmental Impact Assessment – Experiences of Internet Participation and Comparison of Application Opportunities of the Tools in EIA Projects

Summary: In this report, we compare the application opportunities of the existing Internet-based participation tools in EIA projects with an aim to get experiences for developing new practices and tools for facilitating the public participation in EIA. This work is part of the IMPERIA project for improving environmental assessment by adopting good practices and tools of multi-criteria decision analysis. In order to focus our work to the most relevant issues, we first discuss the needs for the tools that we have identified in workshops and theme interviews of experts and EIA practitioners. Then, we report the results of our comparison study of six different tools for Internet participation. Finally, we discuss the pros and cons of the different tools and the application opportunities of these in EIA, as well as give suggestions for the further development work in the IMPERIA project.

Part 2. Title: Experiences of Resident Surveys

Summary: This report contains experiences of resident surveys in EIA-projects. Surveys were directed to residents living in impact areas of projects. Survey results can be used especially in social impact assessment.

