



# Improving environmental assessment by adopting good practices and tools of multi-criteria decision analysis (IMPERIA)

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# The IMPERIA project aims to identify, develop and provide good practices and new tools for EIA and SEA projects in order to improve their quality and effectiveness

## To reach the goal we

- analyse realized EIA and SEA projects and identify good practices
- study application opportunities of structuring tools and MCDA methods
- develop criteria and approach to impact significance determination
- suggest new practices and ideas for stakeholder involvement and enhanced public participation
- demonstrate and evaluate methods and tools in real-life EIA and SEA projects
- co-operate with IA practitioners to ensure that our results meet the true needs of authorities, consultants and other EIA practitioners
- frequently inform practitioners from our results

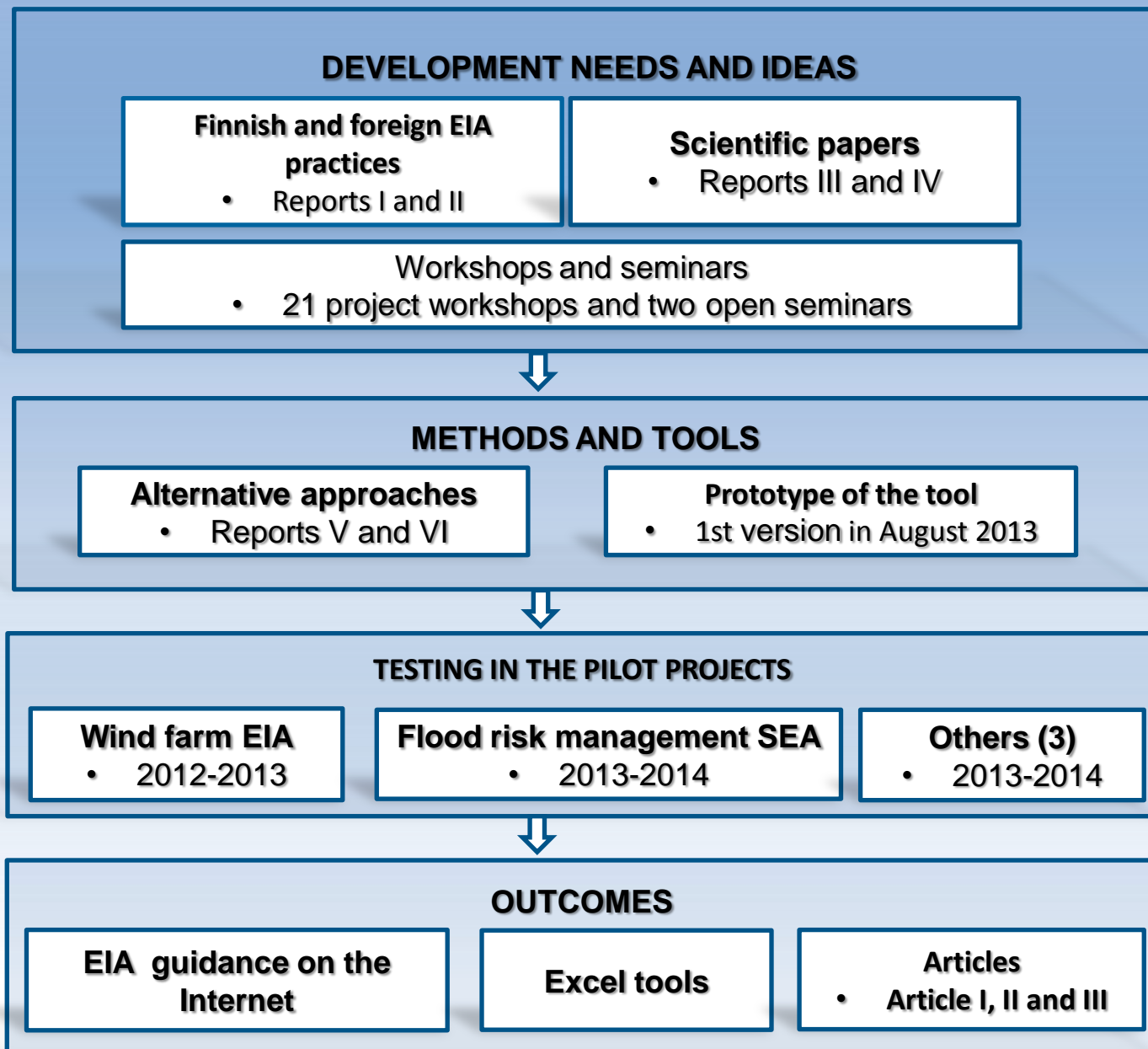
## Major outcomes

- Internet- and MCDA –based tools
- new ways to realize EIA and SEA tasks
- internetEIA –guidance
- seminars
- education material and courses
- reports and scientific articles

Application of practices and tools originating from multi-criteria decision analysis is in central role

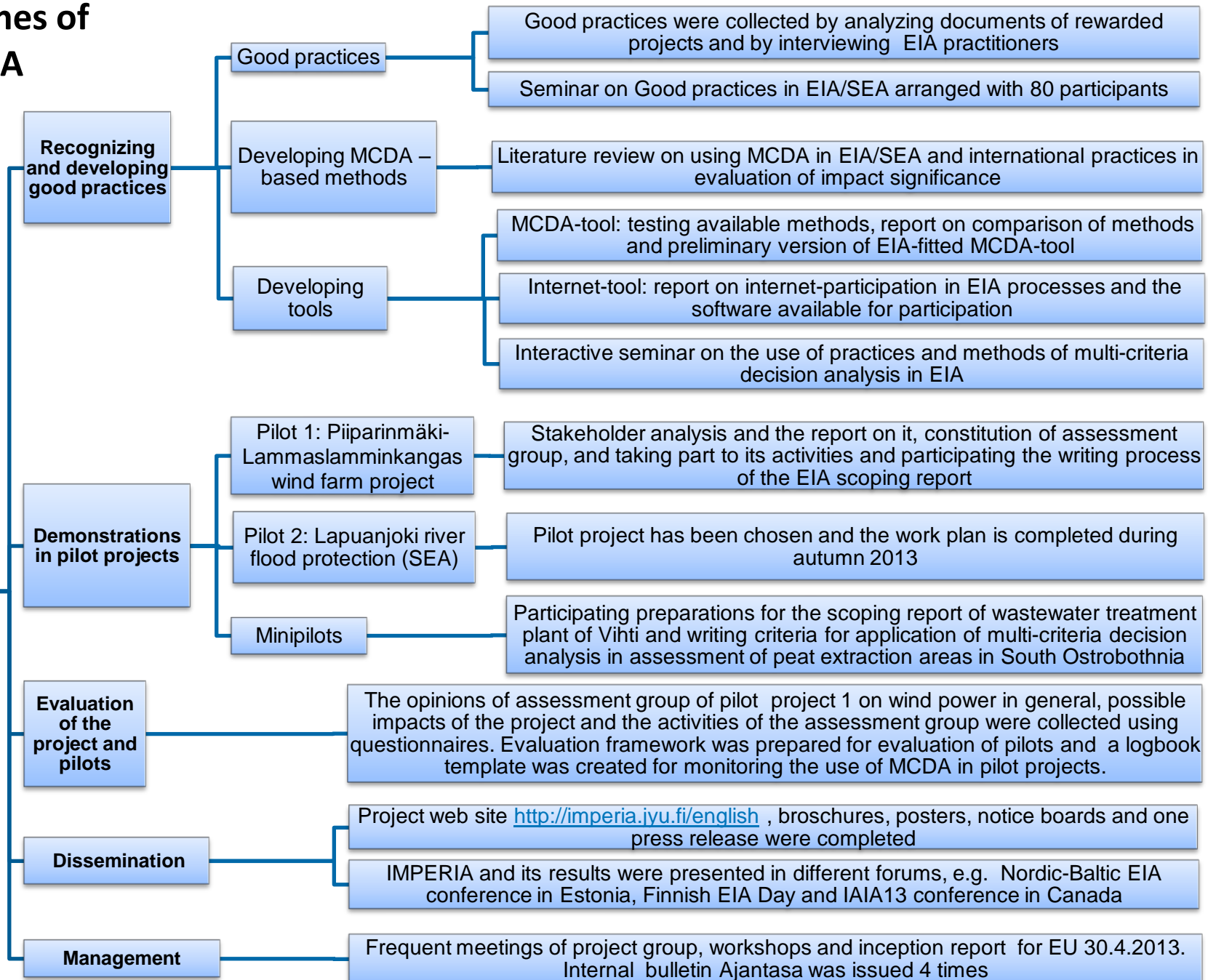


# Major outcomes of the IMPERIA project during the first year



# Outcomes of IMPERIA

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# Reports

## Development needs and ideas

- Report I: Luodemäki S, Grönlund S, Marttunen M (2013) Good practices in EIA/SEA in Finland
- Report II: Ikäheimo E (2013) Impact Significance Assessment and Evaluation of Alternatives – International Guidelines and Cases
- Report III: Karjalainen TP, Neste J (2013) A literature review – The use of multi-criteria decision analysis in Environmental Impact Assessment
- Report IV: Marttunen M, Vienonen S, Koivisto U (2013) Impact significance determination – literature review

## Methods and tools

- Report V: Mustajoki J, Marttunen M, Luodemäki S (2013) The experiences of Internet participation
- Report VI: Mustajoki J, Marttunen (2013) Comparison of Multi-Criteria Decision Analytical Software – Searching for ideas for developing a new EIA-specific multi-criteria software

## Outcomes

- Article I: Karjalainen TP, Marttunen M, Sarkki S, Rytönen A-M (2013) Integrating ecosystem services into environmental impact assessment: An analytic–deliberative approach. Environ Impact Assess Rev 40:54–64 (in press).
- Article II: Marttunen M, Mustajoki J, Dufva M, Karjalainen T (2013) How to design and realize participation of stakeholders in MCDA processes? A framework for selecting an appropriate approach. EURO Journal on Decision Processes - Special Issue on Environmental Decision Making. Submitted.
- Article III: Mustajoki M, Marttunen M, Karjalainen TP, Hokkanen J, Vehmas A (2013) Developing practices for supporting EIA with Multi-Criteria Decision Analysis. Proceedings of the 33rd Conference of the International Association for Impact Assessment (IAIA13), Calgary, Alberta, Canada, 13–16 May 2013.

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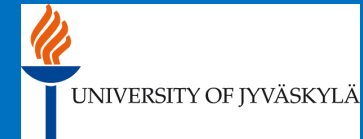


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