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EIA and waste economy





„Waste” and impact assessment

Waste economy and management

- *Waste Framework Directive (2008/98)*
- *Act on Waste dated XII.2012*
 - *Waste economy*

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*waste prevention + waste generation
+ waste management*

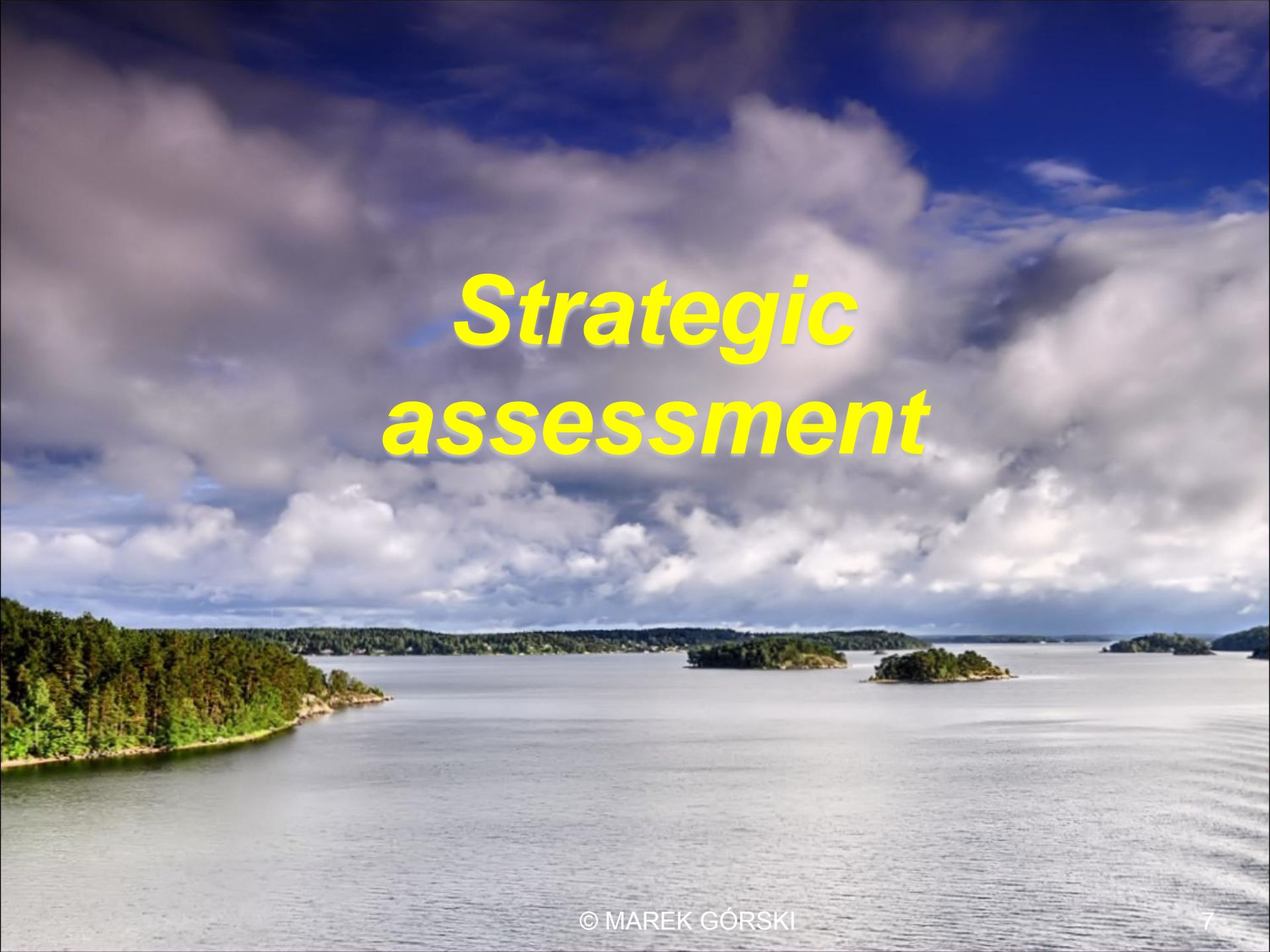
- *Waste management – actions aiming to ensure the use or, where that is not possible, proper disposal of generated waste*

Preventive character of waste regulations

- **Framework Directive thesis no 6** – *"the first objective of any waste policy should be to minimise the negative effects of the generation and management of waste on human health and the environment."*
- **Thesis no 8** – *the objective of waste regulations and of actions based on these regulations should be to focus on reducing the environmental impacts of waste generation and waste management.*

Waste prevention actions

- *Measures taken before a substance, material or product has become waste, that reduce:*
 - a) the quantity of waste, including through the re-use of products or the extension of the life span of products;*
 - b) the adverse impacts of the generated waste on the environment and human health; or*
 - c) the content of harmful substances in materials and products.*

The background of the slide is a wide-angle photograph of a calm body of water, likely a lake or a wide river. In the foreground, the water's surface is slightly rippled. To the left, a dark, densely forested shoreline curves into the water. In the middle ground, several small, tree-covered islands are scattered across the water. The far shore is also visible, covered in a thick forest. The sky is a deep blue, filled with large, white, and grey clouds that add a sense of drama and depth to the scene.

Strategic assessment

Strategic assessment of environmental impact

- Directive 2001/42/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council
- Act dated 3.10.2008 – section IV
- Strategic assessment – projects of policies, strategies, plans or programmes in given fields (including waste management), as long as they constitute basis for the implementation of projects with possible significant environmental impact

Projects with possible significant environmental impact

- Directive 2011/92 – Annex I and Annex II
- Polish law – regulation dated November 2010
- Differences in the scope of the concept – a wider range of projects classified as having "possible significant environmental impact in Polish law"
- Result – potentially wider scope of strategic assessment

Waste Management Plans

- **Framework Directive 2008/98**
- Article 28 (2) – the role of waste management plans
- Directive's objectives pursued by the plans – waste management hierarchy
- Article 28 (3) - guidelines on the content of the plans
- The scope of strategic assessment of waste management plans

Strategic assessment of other documents such as plans, programs and strategies

- The problem of addressing the question of waste management and waste economy - in particular waste prevention
- The role of the rule formulated in Annex I (g) of Directive 2001/42



Project's impact assessment

Projects with possible significant environmental impact

- Specific types of projects related to waste management –
 - Recovery and disposal of waste outside installations
 - Waste collection centres
- Waste economy in the assessment of projects other than those associated with waste management – obligation to take into account waste related rules (in waste management and also waste economy in general).

