



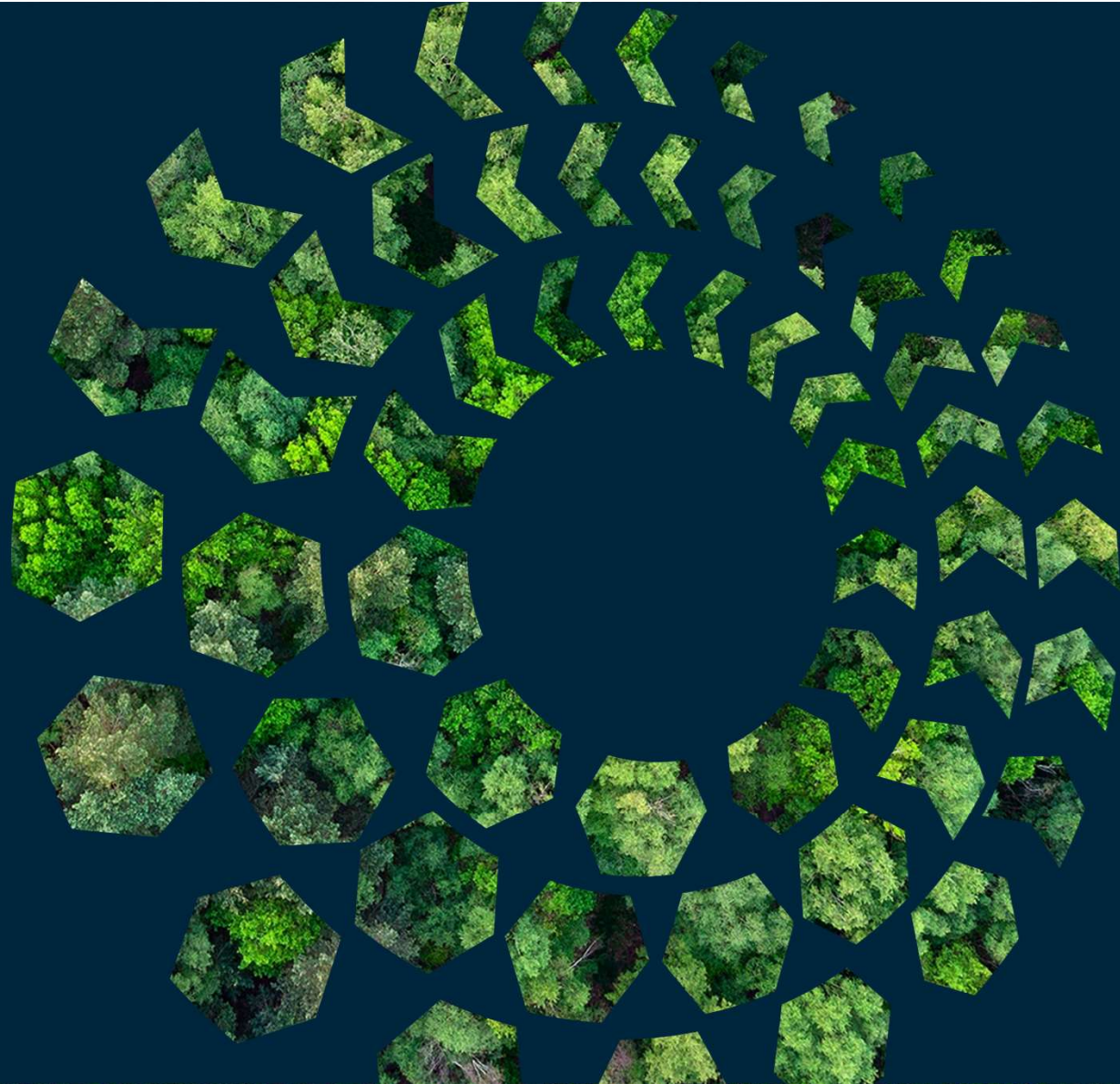
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IMPACT ASSESSMENT

Update from ISEP
Impact Assessment Network

Dr Rufus Howard, IA Policy Lead
Scottish EIA Conference, Thursday 2 October 2025



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Impact Assessment Network

- Steering Group – Elections soon
- Current Working Groups
 - Digital Impact Assessment
 - Health Impact Assessment
 - Social Impact Assessment
 - GHGs and Climate Impact Assessment
 - Strategic Impact Assessment
- EIA Quality Mark Scheme
- EIA Professional Register

Get involved! - [contact ia@isepglobal.org](mailto:ia@isepglobal.org)



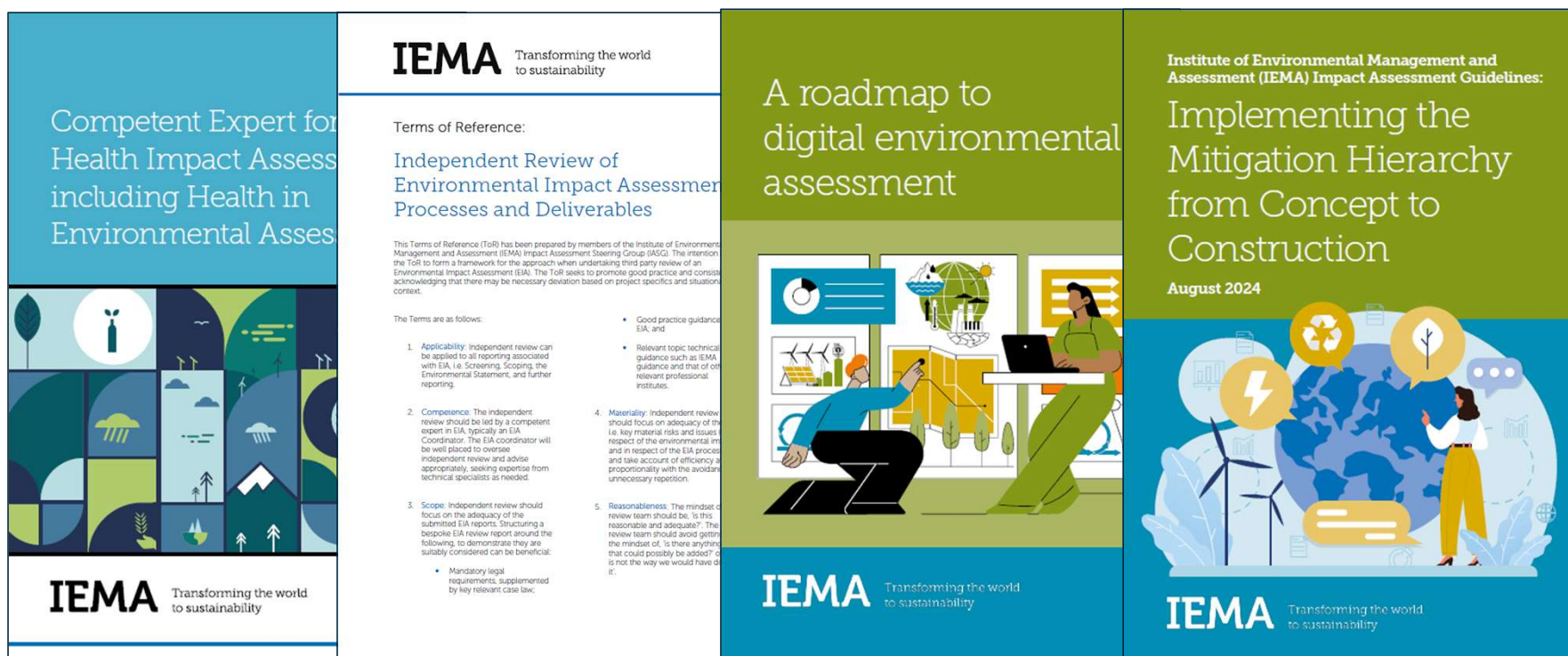
Policy and Practice

- Gov. Consultation Responses
- Policy Papers
- Round Tables
- IA Guides
- Webinars
- Outlook Journals
- Events

Members can see all our publications, webinars and other resources on our website – www.isepglobal.org

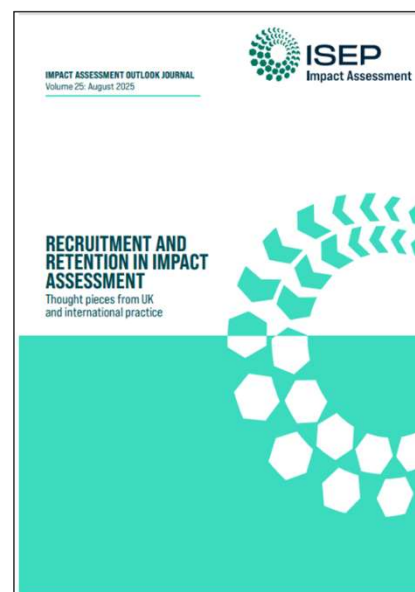
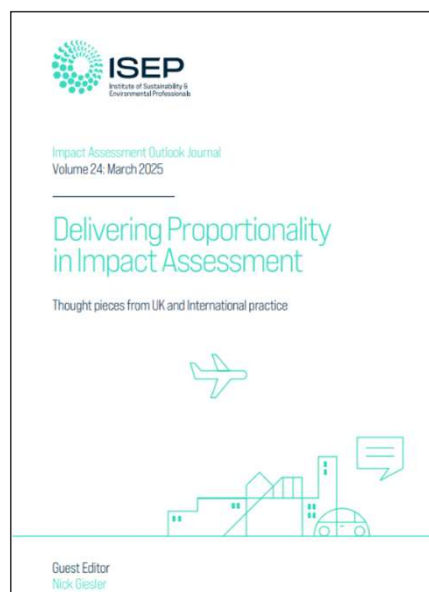


2024 Highlights – Impacting Practice in 2025



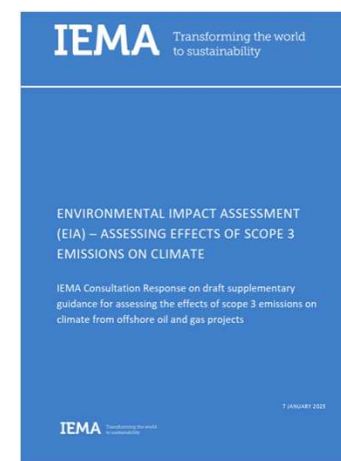
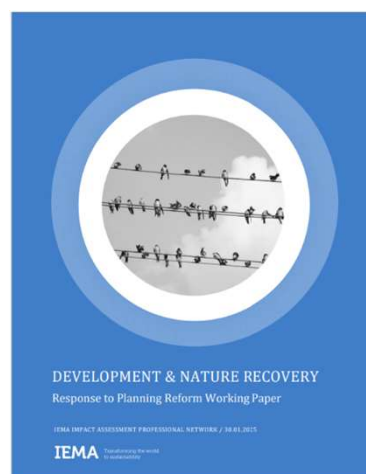
Impact Assessment Outlook Journals

- Vol. 23: International Best Practice in Impact Assessment
- Vol. 24: Delivering Proportionality in Impact Assessment
- Vol. 25: Recruitment and Retention in Impact Assessment
- Vol. 26: Considering Alternatives in Impact Assessment (coming Nov 2025)



Consultation Responses

- Streamlining infrastructure planning: response to Planning Reform Working Paper (February 2025)
- Development & nature recovery: response to Planning Reform Working Paper (January 2025)
- EIA: assessing the effects of scope 3 emissions on climate: response on draft supplementary guidance for assessing the effects of scope 3 emissions on climate from offshore oil and gas (January 2025)
- Response to the Environmental Audit Committee: environmental sustainability and housing growth inquiry (December 2024)



Advice Note: Supporting Mental Wellbeing in the Impact Assessment Profession

June 2025

- This Note addresses growing concerns around stress and mental health in EIA, offering practical strategies for individuals and organisations:
- **For individuals:** techniques like targeted time management, boundary setting, and mindfulness are recommended, alongside seeking support from colleagues and mental health resources.
- **For organisations:** strategies include resourcing projects adequately, fostering open communication, and implementing wellbeing initiatives like flexible working and stress management training.



Social Impact in Environmental Impact Assessment in the UK

Coming October 2025

- Landmark guidance putting people and communities at the heart of EIA
- Practical SIA framework for scoping, assessment, mitigation and benefits
- Promotes participatory methods that build trust and project legitimacy
- Includes checklists, policy insights and examples for confident practice
- Helps developers, regulators and communities deliver lasting benefits for people, places and nature



Strategic Impact Assessment

Coming January 2026

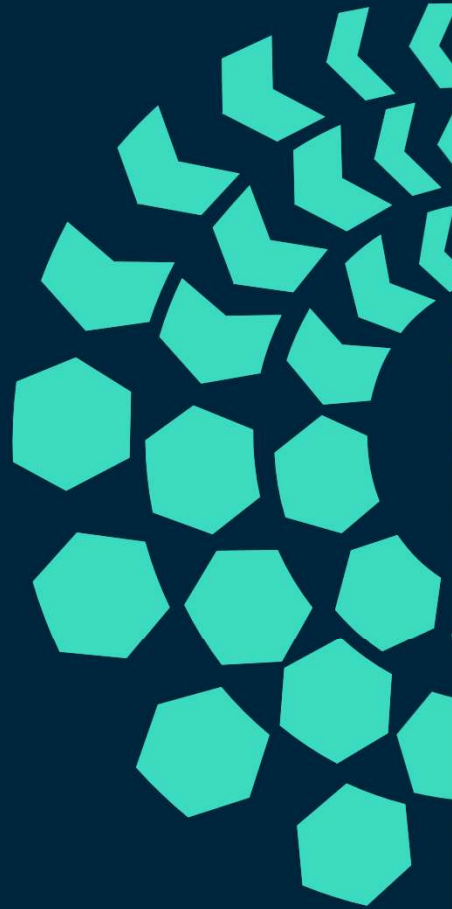
- Embedding the results of Strategic Impact Assessment (SEA, SA, IntIA) into plan or policy
- Proportionate reporting, digital reporting (map-based or otherwise), innovation in presentation of assessment matrices
- Impacts-led, outcomes-led or objectives-led
- Rigorous scoping linked to the context of the plan and its place in the planning hierarchy
- Mitigation and monitoring



**STRATEGIC
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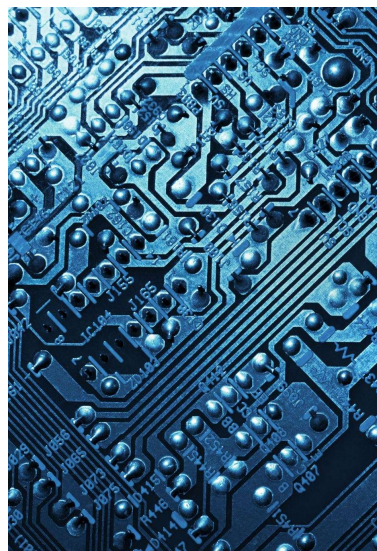
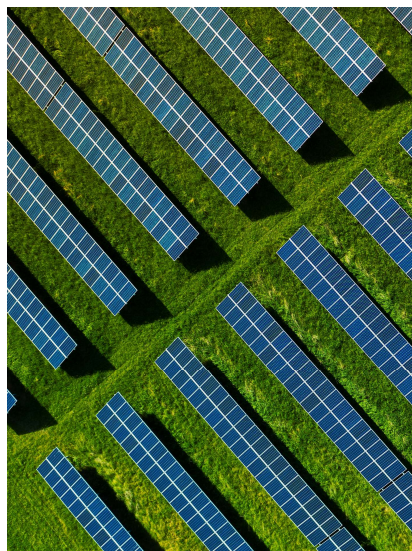
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Future Outputs



Upcoming Guides and Advice Notes in 2025-6

- Principles of AI use in Impact Assessment
- Solar PV on Agricultural land: Essential Components of Environmental Assessment and Reports
- Soil Health and Environmental Assessment
- UK Space Launch GHG Assessment
- Cumulative Effects Assessment Advice Note



Get involved in the ISEP Impact Assessment Network

- Sign up for updates and newsletters through 'MyISEP' on the ISEP website
- Email ia@isepglobal.org to:
 - Join a working group
 - Volunteer to Guest Edit a journal volume
 - Ask about joining the Impact Assessment Steering Group
 - Suggest new guides, advice notes, journal topics, or webinars
- Visit www.isepglobal.org/policy-and-practice/impact-assessment to find out more and access all the ISEP Impact Assessment resources.





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