

New roads versus landscape

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Linear transport infrastructure projects cut not only environmental connections but also landscapes and their particular characteristics. Therefore the presentation focuses on ecological connections from visual and ecological point of view. The goal is to present current situation and a progress in the protection of the mentioned above, visual and ecological connections in Poland. In the past landscape features were merely described in environmental impact assessment reports for linear infrastructure projects. Nowadays, mitigation measures regarding negative visual influence are presented or included into multi-criteria analysis (depending of type of landscape and strength of impact) more often. The research is based on the analysis of existing environmental documentation of big infrastructural transport projects. The presentation contains three examples of such projects, where the issue of landscape protection has been considered. Nevertheless there are still a lot of questions to answer, whether visual aspects of a landscape should affect a decision on either the construction or the location of projects or whether every kind of a landscape should be protected and how to balance the environment needs and the esthetic feelings of road users.