

“WORKING WITH INTEGRATED IMPACT ASSESSMENT IN THE EU”

7 - 8 JUNE 2012

Programme

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Thursday, 7 June 2012

- 08.00am **Welcome and introductions**
Presentation of the lecturers and the seminar objectives
- 08.15am **Smart Regulation and Impact Assessments in comparative perspective**
- 09.15am **The analytical steps in a European Commission (EC) Impact Assessment**
- 10.15am *Coffee Break*
- 10.30am **The organisational and procedural features of the EC impact assessment system**
- 11.30pm **Introduction to the exercises and case-studies**
- 12.00pm *Break*
- 12.45pm **Group Exercise 1 – Analytical Steps of an EC IA: Problem Definition, Objectives, Policy Options**
- 13.30pm **Debriefing Group Exercise 1 – presentation and discussion of Problem Definition, Objectives and Policy Options**
- 14.30pm *End of the Day 1*

Friday, 8 June 2012

- 08.00am **Introduction and Wrap up of outstanding issues Day 1**
- 08.15am **Defining and reducing administrative burdens: the standard cost model**
- 09.00am **Group Exercise 2 and Debriefing - Determining Administrative Costs in legislation**
- 09.45am *Coffee break*
- 10.15am **Impact Assessment of reform rules applicable to Services of General Economic Interest (SGEI)**
- 11.15am **Group Exercise 3 – Policy options for Services of General Economic Interest**
- 11.45am **Debriefing Exercise 3 – Discussion of options and outcome of the Commission IA**
- 12.15pm *Break*
- 13.00pm **Quantitative tools and techniques for Impact Assessments**
- 13.30pm **Group Exercise 4 and Debriefing – Impact analysis and options comparison**
- 14.30pm *End of the seminar*

Description

This two-day training seminar offers participants an intensive and practical introduction to integrated (social, environmental and economic) Impact Assessment (IA) used in the European Commission. This key tool for Smart Regulation is becoming increasingly central to the policy-making and legislative processes of the European Union and is also applied in EU member states.

Objectives

By the end of the seminar, participants will understand:

- why impact assessment has become an ever more important part of the policy-making and legislative processes in the European Union;
- the key analytical steps followed by the European Commission in preparing an impact assessment;
- the logic and approach of the main quantitative and qualitative techniques and tools for carrying out an impact assessment;
- the opportunities for stakeholder input into the preparation of the (European Commission) impact assessments;
- the set of essential tools, resources and institutions required to establish an effective system to generate high-quality impact assessments;
- the possibilities of national authorities to work with and respond to European impact assessments.

The emphasis of the seminar is very much directed towards offering participants a practical understanding of this increasingly important policy-development tool.

Method

A combination of presentations, case studies and group exercises, as well as experience sharing between participants. The seminar is developed with a strong emphasis on practical and hands-on information on how to read and develop an impact analysis. The exercises are systematically tailored on real cases and impact assessments, which will allow the participants to confront their own exercise results with the real impact assessments carried out by the European Commission and/or a member state.

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