

CEER Training on Regulatory Impact Assessments

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COURSE PROGRAMME

One of the key tools for delivering sound and effective regulations is Regulatory Impact Assessments (RIAs). The Organisation for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD) in its Regulatory Policy Outlook 2015 sees the need to use Regulatory Impact Assessments, to engage stakeholders in the development of regulatory proposals and to apply systematic ex post evaluations in order to achieve the objectives of effective regulation.

National Regulatory Authorities play an important role in improving the way regulations are developed, implemented and evaluated. In addition, public authorities including NRAs are being required to report on their performance and regulatory burden costs, in an effort to identify and reduce those costs. RIA requirements on energy regulators have been in place in some countries for years, whilst for others the RIA concept is new. NRAs need a core set of economists or staff with quantitative skills to undertake RIAs.

This newly-designed CEER course will help deliver this expertise to NRA staff. The programme will cover the fundamental principles of RIAs and how RIAs can help NRAs in their pursuit of better regulation objectives. It will include practical exercises and case studies of best practices on how to conduct RIAs at the European and national levels. Through case studies participants will gain some insights into the national approaches of using RIAs to gravitate towards better regulation objectives.

Thursday, 14 September 2017
10:00-16:45

WELCOME AND INTRODUCTION

10:00-10:15 Opening remarks and round-table introduction of the participants.

- **Ms Una Shortall, CEER Deputy Secretary General**

SESSION 1 REGULATORY IMPACT ASSESSMENTS (RIAs) AND THEIR RELEVANCE TO THE WORK OF NATIONAL REGULATORY AUTHORITIES (NRAs)

RIAs are powerful tools that support the process of policy making by contributing a rational decision framework that examines the cost, benefits and impacts of potential regulatory options. While RIAs are widely used in general policy making terms, they are highly relevant and directly applicable for NRAs. This session will explore the fundamental principles of RIAs and how RIAs help NRAs in their pursuit of better regulation objectives.

10:15-11:00 Introduction to Regulatory Impact Assessments (RIAs) and their relevance to the work of NRAs – some international best practices (Australia and the European Commission).

- **Ms Una Shortall, CEER Deputy Secretary General**

Q&A

11:00-11:45 OECD's recommendations on evidence-based policy through RIAs.

- **Ms Anna Pietikainen, OECD**

Q&A

11:45-12:45 Impact Assessment – a closer look at one in practice: household tariff reform.

- **Mr Emanuele Regalini, AEEGSI**

Q&A

12:45-13:45 Lunch Break – CEER Office

SESSION 2 BEST PRACTICES OF REGULATORY IMPACT ASSESSMENTS AT EUROPEAN AND NATIONAL LEVELS

While RIAs are widely used across the globe, there is no single model in implementing this regulatory policy tool. This session will discuss the toolbox necessary to conduct a good RIAs. Case studies will provide participants with some insights and tips from NRAs experienced in conducting RIAs using sample RIAs.

13:45-14:45 Case study 1: European Commission's Impact Assessment on the Clean Energy Package Proposals – steps involved and lessons learned.

- **Mr Augustijn Van Haasteren, European Commission**

Q&A

14:45-15:30 Case study 2: Ofgem's approach to Impact Assessments and the tricky issues (e.g. monetising costs and benefits).

- **Mr Francisco Moraiz, Ofgem**

Q&A

15:30-15:45 Coffee break

15:45-16:30 Case study 2: Ofgem's approach to Impact Assessments – a practical exercise.

- **Mr Francisco Moraiz, Ofgem**

16:30-16:45 Wrap up of the course.

- **Ms Una Shortall, CEER Deputy Secretary General**

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