Recent Trends in Impact Assessment in Europe and their implications for using impact assessment in the development of European Union Policies

Workshop

Hotel Esplanade, Zagreb, Croatia

June 14, 2013

Purpose of workshop

The purpose of the workshop is to enable lawyers from the Government Legislation Office and key officials involved in the negotiation of European laws (Regulations and Directives) on the possible use of impact assessment in the preparation of national positions prior to negotiations. The Workshop will also examine ways to review European Directives so as to ensure legal measures to implement them represent fully the principles and policies set out in the Directives.
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<td>08:30 – 09:00</td>
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| 09:00 – 09:15| Joint Chair: The Government Legislation Office and SIGMA  
Ms Zdenka Pogarčić, Head of Office  
Mr Edward Donelan, Senior Adviser, SIGMA  
Introduction and explanation of objectives of the seminar |
| 09:15 -10:15| Speaker  
Ms Maja Bakran Marcich, Head of Sector for European Bilateral Affairs, Ministry of European and Foreign Affairs, Croatia  
Lessons learned in negotiations with the EU and challenges of a new role in preparation of national positions prior negotiations within the EU institutions  
Questions and contributions from officials in line ministries on issues of concern for them in relation to the use of RIA and their perceptions of challenges of negotiating specific regulations and directives. |
| 10:15 – 10:45| Coffee and informal discussions                                                                         |
| 10:45 – 11:45| Speaker  
Mr Lorenzo Allio, PhD, independent consultant  
Overview of recent developments in Europe in Regulatory Impact Assessment  
Q and A |
| 11:45 – 12:45| Speaker  
Ms Kate Starkey, Cabinet Office, UK  
Experience of the United Kingdom in using Regulatory Impact Assessment on the EU level  
Q and A |
| 12:45 - 13:45| Lunch                                                                                                    |
| 13:45 – 14:45| Speaker  
Ms Ana Maria Dobre, Romania, independent consultant  
Experience of Romania in using Regulatory Impact Assessment on the EU level  
Q and A |
| 14:45 – 15:00| Coffee and informal discussions                                                                         |
| 15:00 – 16:00| Speaker  
Ms Katarina Staronova, independent consultant  
Overview if development of Regulatory Impact Assessment in Eastern Europe  
Q and A |
| 16:00 – 16:30| Final Discussion and summary  
Joint Chair  
Ms Zdenka Pogarčić, Head of Office  
Mr Edward Donelan, Senior Adviser, SIGMA |