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Impact assessment as a key tool for Better Regulation

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Better Regulation Agenda: Better Rules for Better Results

The European Commission is committed to design, deliver and implement high quality interventions.
Policy Design using Impact Assessment

- proportionate
- transparent
- high quality
- evidence-based
- unbiased
- embedded in the policy cycle
- prepared collectively by Commission’s services
- open to Stakeholders views
- comprehensive

IA

STRUCTURE REFLECTION

INFORM POLICY MAKING

COLLECT EVIDENCE

CONDUCT ANALYSIS
Impact Assessment: key analytical questions

- What is the problem and why is it a problem?
- Why should the EU act?
- What should be achieved?
- What are the various options to achieve the objectives?
- What are their economic, environment and social impacts and who will be affected?
- How will monitoring and retrospective evaluation be organised?
- Comparison in terms of effectiveness and efficiency

IA Analysis

PROBLEM DEFINITION
MONITORING AND EVALUATION
COMPARISON OF THE OPTIONS
ASSESSMENT OF IMPACTS
IDENTIFY POLICY OPTIONS
SETTING OBJECTIVES
SUBSIDIARITY TEST
Impact Assessment: key procedural steps
Conclusions

• IA is an essential component of Better Regulation
• IA supports and does not replace decision making
• Attention to credible and transparent evidence
• Distinguish between evidence and opinion