

# Latest Developments in the field of Better Regulation in the European Union: Key Principles, Concepts and Practices

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# Introduction

## Target group

Given that Better Regulation affects all policy areas, attendance to the seminar will be important for officials from most Ministries and agencies, particularly those who are required to work with Better Regulation tools and approaches, such as Impact Assessment, Simplification, Administrative Burden measurements, Consultation and Implementation. It will also be of interest to stakeholder groups and policy researchers.

## Description

As Better Regulation – the strategy to simplify and improve the regulatory environment for citizens and businesses – continues to be a key priority for politicians and public administrations at all levels of government in and beyond the European Union, it is becoming increasingly important for public officials, businesses, NGOs and social movements, to understand what Better Regulation is about and what it is likely to mean for them.

## Method

The seminar will be interactive and will combine lectures, case

studies, and group work. Participants will be encouraged to share their own experiences of working with Better Regulation tools and methods.

## Objectives

By the end of the seminar, participants will understand:

- why Better Regulation has been highlighted as a key policy priority within the European Union Institutions and Member States;
- the key principles underlying the development of Better Regulation strategies across the European Union;
- the potential opportunities and challenges for public administrations and stakeholders from introducing and applying Better Regulation practices across Government;
- how the main Better Regulation practices are being applied in the EU Institutions and in Member States, and the lessons learned from their application.
- what the latest developments are at the European policy level regarding better regulation activities.

# Programme

## DAY 1

- 09.00 Registration of Participants
- 09.15 Welcome & Introduction**  
*Theo Jans, Senior Lecturer, EIPA, Maastricht (NL)*
- 09.30 An Introduction to Better Regulation Principles, Concepts and Actions**  
*Theo Jans*
- 10.45 Coffee break
- 11.00 Cutting red tape. The Commission's approach to administrative burden reduction**  
*Aleid Van Der Zwan (TBC), DG Enterprise & Industry, European Commission, Brussels (BE)*
- 11.45 A stake holder perspective on better regulation and administrative burden reduction**  
*Jim Murray, Former Director, The European Consumers' Organisation (BEUC), member of the "Stoiber group", Brussels (BE)*
- 12.30 Lunch break
- 14.00 Lessons from The Netherlands**  
*Brian Huijts, Regulatory Reform Group, The Hague (NL)*
- 14.45 Better Regulation experiences in Belgium and Flanders**  
*Officials from the Federal and Regional Better Regulation departments*
- 15.30 Coffee break
- 16.00 Towards a common European Better Regulation agenda**  
*Contribution from British, Danish and/or Dutch officials on future Better Regulation initiatives*
- 17.15 Round-up of Day 1**

## DAY 2

- 09.00 Welcome to Day 2 and outstanding issues from Day 1**
- 09.15 How the EU consults. Better Regulation and consultation practices**  
*Alan Hardacre, Lecturer, EIPA, Maastricht (NL)*
- 10.00 Coffee break
- 10.30 The use of scientific expertise and agencies. EU agencies as a tool for Better Regulation**  
*Cosimo Monda, Senior Lecturer, EIPA, Maastricht (NL)*
- 11.30 Risk regulation in EU policy-making**  
*Lorenzo Allio, Independent policy analyst and consultant*
- 12.30 Lunch break
- 14.00 Impact assessments and internal quality control in the European Commission**  
*Robert Scharrenborg (TBC), Secretariat-General, European Commission, Brussels (BE)*
- 14.45 Coffee break
- 15.15 Ex post policy evaluation in the European Commission**  
*Svend Jacobsen (TBC), Secretariat-General, European Commission, Brussels (BE)*
- 16.00 Smarter European coordination of timely and correct implementation of EU legislation across the EU 27**  
*Michael Kaeding, Lecturer, EIPA, Maastricht (NL)*
- 17.00 End of seminar**

# General Information

## Programme

The programme will commence on Day 1 at 09.00 and will finish on Day 2 around 17.00.

## Seminar Venue

### \* 15-16 March 2010 – Brussels

The seminar will take place at the Scotland House, Rond-Point Schuman 6, BE - 1040 Brussels, Belgium, tel.: +32 (0)2 282 8315, fax: +32 (0)2 282 8317.

### \* 18-19 October 2010 – Maastricht

The seminar will take place at the Bordeaux Conference Room (1.16) of the European Institute of Public Administration, O.L. Vrouweplein 22, NL-6211 HE Maastricht, tel.: +31.43.3296222, fax: +31.43.3296296.

## Working language

The seminar will be conducted in English.

## Fee

The participation fee is €825 and includes documentation, 2 lunches and refreshments. Accommodation and travel costs are at the expense of the participants or their administration.

## Hotel reservations

If overnight stay is required when attending the Brussels seminar on 15-16 March 2010, we kindly request you or your organisation to make the necessary hotel arrangements.

If overnight stay is required when attending the Maastricht seminar on 18-19 October 2010, you can make use of the following EIPA offer: Hotel Beaumont\*\*\*\* ([www.beaumont.nl](http://www.beaumont.nl)) at a rate of

± € 102 p.p.n., incl. breakfast and tourist tax. The hotel is in the city centre and close to our Institute, ±10 minutes walk. Should you wish to make use of this possibility, please indicate the dates of arrival and departure on the registration form. Payment is to be made directly and personally to the hotel on checking out. Please note that if you register after the closing date, hotel reservations cannot be guaranteed.

## Meals

Lunches will take place at the venue. Should you require a special menu (e.g. vegetarian, diabetic), please inform the Programme Organiser so that this can be arranged.

## Registration

Kindly complete the registration form and return it before the closing date (mentioned on the registration form) to Ms Esther Haenen, Programme Organiser, European Institute of Public Administration, P.O. Box 1229, NL-6201 BE Maastricht. Tel.: +31.43.3296246; fax: +31.43.3296296; e-mail: [e.haenen@eipa.eu](mailto:e.haenen@eipa.eu). You can also submit the online registration form. Please go to [www.eipa.eu](http://www.eipa.eu) and click on EIPA seminars website.

## Confirmation

Confirmation of registration will be forwarded to participants on receipt of the completed registration form.

## Payment

Prior payment is a condition for participation. Please indicate the method of payment on the registration form. For cancellations received after the closing date indicated on the registration form we will have to charge an administration fee of € 150 unless a replacement participant is found.



# Registration Form

## Latest Developments in the field of Better Regulation in the European Union: Key Principles, Concepts and Practices

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Surname: ..... Title: ..... M/F  
First name: .....  
Current position: .....  
Organisation: .....  
Department: .....  
Work address: .....  
Postal code & town: ..... Country: .....  
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E-mail address: .....

- 15-16 March 2010, Brussels, Closing date: 1 March 2010 – Proj. no.: 1011301  
 18-19 October, Maastricht, Closing date: 1 October 2010 – Proj. no.: 1011302

### Payment / p: 1011301/1011302

The participation fee includes participation in the seminar, documentation, 2 lunches and beverages  
Discount of 10% (Please check first the conditions at [www.eipa.eu](http://www.eipa.eu) (FAQ – special discounts))

€ 825

discount

### Method of payment

Bank transfer

The participants or their administration will receive an invoice for the payment of the registration fee.

Invoice address (if different from the abovementioned address):

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E-mail: .....

Credit card

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### HOTEL RESERVATION

Please reserve hotel accommodation for me at Hotel Beaumont (only when participating on 18-19 October 2010)

Date of arrival: ..... Date of departure: ..... No. of nights: .....

No hotel reservation required.

### MEALS

Lunch day 1:  will attend  will not attend Lunch day 2:  will attend  will not attend

Vegetarian:  yes  Fish allowed:  yes  no Other dietary requirements: .....

**As the number of places is limited, please return the completed registration form before closing date to:**

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