

Working with Impact Assessment at the EU Level

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This two-day course is an intensive practical introduction to impact assessment in EU decision-making. It will show you why impact assessment has become an increasingly important part of the policy-making and legislative processes in the EU. You will discuss the key analytical steps followed by the European Commission in preparing an impact assessment, and you will become familiar with the main quantitative and qualitative tools available. Finally, it gives you a forum for considering the opportunities for stakeholder and Member State input into the preparation of European Commission impact assessments, as well as the inter-institutional dimensions and challenges.

How you will learn

The seminar includes a combination of presentations, guest lectures, case studies and, most importantly, group exercises. You will also benefit from experience exchanges with your fellow participants.

What you will gain

You will gain a practical understanding of this increasingly important policy development tool. You will therefore be better equipped to participate directly in such processes, and you will be able to provide input into the exercises carried out by the EU institutions as part of the elaboration of EU legislation.

Who will benefit

Officials from ministries and agencies who are responsible for following policy dossiers at the EU level.

Programme

THURSDAY 9 NOVEMBER 2017

- 08.45 **Registration of participants**
- 09.00 **Welcome and introduction**
Presentation of the lecturers and the seminar objectives
Dr Theo Jans, Associate Professor, EIPA, Maastricht
- 09.15 **Better Regulation and Impact Assessments in comparative perspective**
A brief presentation of the European Better Regulation strategy and the role of Impact Assessments in these efforts to improve the quality of the regulatory environment.
- 10.45 Coffee break
- 11.00 **The analytical steps in a European Commission (EC) Impact Assessment**
Presentation of the key features of the EC Impact Assessments and a thorough discussion of the key analytical steps in Impact Assessments: problem definition, objectives, policy options, impact analysis, selection and ranking, monitoring and evaluation.
- 12.00 **The organisational and procedural features of the EC Impact Assessment system**
The procedures, documents, actors, deadlines and quality control involved in EC Impact Assessments are discussed. The presentation concentrates on a number of practical features of the process (e.g. interservice groups, Regulatory Scrutiny board, translation, types of IA documents, etc.), which should help national officials in identifying and understanding the key features of an IA.
- 13.00 Lunch break
- 14.00 **Introduction to the exercises and case studies**
The exercises are modeled on two different EC Impact Assessments: one primarily contains qualitative analysis; the other provides elaborate quantitative analysis and monetisation. Both cases are presented by the lecturer and the participants are asked to study a number of documents in preparation of the exercises.
- 14.30 **Group exercise 1 – Analytical steps of an EC IA: problem definition, objectives, policy options**
The participants are divided into separate groups and, based on a number of documents and data, they are asked to develop the first steps of an IA. They will need to describe a problem definition, objectives and at least three policy options. While conducting the group work, participants will be guided and assisted by the lecturer who will monitor the work progress.
- 15.30 Coffee break

- 16.00 **Debriefing group exercise 1 – Presentation and discussion of problem definition, objectives and policy options**
The 'rapporteur' of each group presents their group's work and the first steps of the Impact Assessments. The different results are discussed and commented on by the participants and by the lecturer. Following the discussion of the different group contributions, the actual IAs as drafted by the EC will be presented by the lecturer.

17.00 **End of first day**

17.15 Reception

FRIDAY 10 NOVEMBER 2017

- 09.15 **Defining and reducing administrative burdens: the standard cost model**
A discussion of compliance and administrative costs in EC legislative proposals and implementing measures. The Standard Cost Model is introduced with a succinct analysis of the tool's strengths and weaknesses.

10.00 **Group exercise 2 and debriefing – Determining administrative costs in legislation**

The participants receive a piece of legislation and are asked to calculate the administrative costs involved. Following their calculations, they are asked to develop an administrative burden reduction proposal. The group work is followed by a plenary debriefing during which the real calculations and reductions are unveiled.

11.00 Coffee break

11.30 **Quantitative tools and techniques for Impact Assessments**

An overview of the main tools used to conduct a quantitative analysis in the framework of an IA. The logic and appropriateness of the different tools are discussed and the participants receive guidance on which techniques can best be used for certain purposes. Based on case study materials, the quantitative techniques used for the analysis of different policy options are discussed.

Dr Wim Marneffe, UHasselt, Belgium

12.45 Lunch break

14.00 **Group exercise 3 – Cost-benefit analysis: assessing costs and option selection.**

A case-study regarding emissions of cars, will constitute the basis for an exercise on cost-benefit reasoning and selection. The participants carry out a working group assignment, followed by a collective debriefing guided by the lecturer. Finally, the participants will be asked to present the quantitative techniques they consider using for the case-study developed in their respective workings groups (see day 1).

Dr Wim Marneffe

16.00 **Evaluation and end of the seminar**

General Information

Programme

The programme will commence on Thursday 9 November at 09.00 and will finish on Friday 10 November at 16.00. Registration of participants on Thursday 9 November starts at 08.45.

Course venue

European Institute of Public Administration (EIPA)
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Working language

The course will be conducted in English.

Fee

EIPA members' fee*: €900
Regular fee: €1000

The fee includes documentation, two lunches, a reception and refreshments. Accommodation and travel costs are at the expense of the participants or their administration. Note that reductions cannot be accumulated. For more information: <http://seminars.eipa.eu> (Training courses - Discount policy)

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- **Designhotel Maastricht – Hampshire Eden**
www.hampshire-hotels.com/eipa
- **Bastion Hotel**
www.bastionhotels.nl/en/eipa.html

Meals

Lunches and the reception will be served at a restaurant in town. Should you require a special menu (e.g. vegetarian, diabetic), please inform the Programme Organiser so that this can be arranged.

Registration

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Confirmation

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

Payment

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