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How to Implement Economic Reforms

Improving Regulatory Impact Analysis (RIA) in South East Europe

AGENDA

**Ministry of Economy and Regional Development
Belgrade, Serbia
30 - 31 October 2007**

TUESDAY 30 OCTOBER 2007

*Address: Bulevar Kralja Aleksandra Street, no.15.
First floor*

08:30-09:00 REGISTRATION AND WELCOME COFFEE

09:00-09:30 OPENING SESSION

Opening remarks:

- **Mr. Velimir Gavrilovic**, Assistant Minister, Ministry of Economy and Regional Development, Serbia.
- **Mr. Anthony O'Sullivan**, Head of the Private Sector Development Division, OECD.
- **Mr. Edward Donelan**, Principal Administrator, SIGMA Programme, OECD.

PART A: OVERVIEW OF REGIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL EXPERIENCE

09:30-11:00 SESSION I – INTEGRATING RIA INTO A REGULATORY REFORM STRATEGY: INTERNATIONAL PRACTICES

Chair: Mr. Anthony O'Sullivan, Head of the Private Sector Development Division, OECD.

RIA has been developed during more than three decades in different OECD countries. The OECD has served as a platform for developing a framework for RIA based on good practices, encouraging exchange between practicing countries. Today most OECD countries systematically use RIA, many developing countries are on their way to set up an RIA system. Their general goal is to improve the quality of regulation and contribute to ensuring adequate conditions for economic growth.

This session explores international common practices, as well as the different approaches that have helped adapting RIA to adequate its results to the needs of a particular regulatory system, and to fit it into the policy making process.

Speakers

- **Ms. Delia Rodrigo**, Policy Analyst, Regulatory Policy Division, OECD.
- **Mrs. Andreja Marusic**, Secretary Team Leader, Council for Regulatory Reform, Serbia.
- **Mr. Krisztian Orban**, Better Regulation Adviser, Ministry of Justice and Law Enforcement, Hungary.
- **Dr. Panagiotis Karkatsoulis**, Policy Advisor, Hellenic Ministry of the Interior, Greece.

Questions for discussion

- What are the key elements to set up and to consolidate RIA?
- What are the international practices for setting up an RIA system?
- What options are available for international co-operation on RIA?

11:00-11:30 Coffee Break

11:30-13:00

SESSION II – RIA SYSTEMS IN THE SEE COUNTRIES

Chair: Mr. Anthony O’Sullivan, Head of the Private Sector Development Division, OECD.

Several initiatives aiming at the improvement of regulatory governance have been already launched in South East Europe. Parts of these efforts include the introduction of Regulatory Impact Analysis as a policy tool to improve the stock and flow of regulation. This first session of the seminar serves to discuss current programmes in the region, lessons learnt so far, evaluation of outcomes, and challenges ahead.

Speakers

- **Mr. Lazar Ristic**, Foreign Investment Advisory Services, World Bank Group.
- **Dr. Cesar Cordova**, Director, Jacobs & Associates, Europe.
- **Mr. Eugeniu Osmochescu**, Regulatory Reform Specialist, DAI Europe.
- **Mr. Vedran Antoljak**, Managing Partner, Sense Consulting, Croatia.
- **Ms. Slavica Penev**, Senior Researcher Fellow, Economics Institute, Serbia.

Questions for discussion

- What have been the steps taken to integrate RIA into a broad regulatory reform initiative in SEE?
- What is the political support for RIA in each country?
- How has an RIA model been established in practical terms?
- Which obstacles have been encountered by practitioners in the region?

13:00-14:30

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PART B: LEVERAGING RIA AS A PRACTICAL TOOL FOR POLICY MAKING

14:30- 16:00

SESSION III – IMPROVING INSTITUTIONAL AND HUMAN CAPACITIES FOR RIA

Chair: Mr. Edward Donelan, Principal Administrator, SIGMA Programme, OECD.

Solid building blocks for an adequate framework to consolidate RIA are related to institutional and human capacities. On the first place, RIA implementation will be useful only if there is a common understanding of this policy tool and its use. Secondly, it will not have positive results unless expectations are supported by realistic resources. Thirdly, there should be a coordinated and coherent work inside the administration.

These are only a few requisites for RIA improvement. This session presents an opportunity to explore the institutional settings to frame RIA, the efforts to have RIA as a common practice for rule makers and users, and the methodologies of RIA taking into account constraints of emerging markets (for example effective cost-benefit analysis).

Speakers

- **Mr. Krisztian Orban**, Better Regulation Adviser, Ministry of Justice and Law Enforcement, Hungary.
- **Mr. Mario Martelli**, Managing Partner, Agora 2000, Italy.
- **Mr. Pedro Andres-Amo**, Policy Analyst, Regulatory Policy Division, OECD.
- **Mr. Jordan Trajkovski**, Economic Advisor for Regulatory Reform, Cabinet of the Deputy Prime Minister for Economic Affairs, FYR Macedonia.

Questions for discussion:

- What kind of coordination mechanisms should be put in practice?
- The role of oversight bodies for regulatory reform – How to make them work for RIA?
- What are the human and technical requirements for designing and implementing RIA?

16:00-16:15**Coffee Break****16:15-17:30****SESSION IV – LEVERAGING RIA TO MAKE REFORMS HAPPEN**

Chair: Mr. Edward Donelan, Principal Administrator, SIGMA Programme, OECD.

Having an effective and efficient institutional and human framework for RIA will not be enough to consolidate RIA unless it is well placed in the policy making process. To reach this, challenges are numerous and complex.

Experience reveals significant vested interests opposing common use of RIA. Usually, some risk averse positions see RIA interfering decision-making capacities. Others critic that there could be a high risk of capture of the policy making process.

This session brings together expertise to discuss how opposition to RIA manifests, how to deal with it and to build confidence and support for this policy tool. Once RIA becomes an objective evidence-based policy tool, it should be communicated to the general public and to different regulatory powers, familiarising the political culture with RIA and encouraging public participation in the regulatory processes. Communicating RIA results to the general public promotes support for regulatory decisions.

Speakers

- **Mr. Daniel Trnka**, Director, Department for Regulatory Reform and Public Administration Quality, Ministry of Interior, Czech Republic.
- **Dr. Panagiotis Karkatsoulis**, Policy Advisor, Hellenic Ministry of the Interior, Greece.
- **Mr. Eugeniu Osmochescu**, Regulatory Reform Specialist, DAI Europe.

Questions for discussion

- Regarding RIA design and inclusion in the policy making process: How to best target RIA? What are the most urgent needs in the region?
- What are the most efficient tools to ensure RIA is well understood by the general public?
- How can RIA be used to find support for reform?

20.00**DINNER AT RESTAURANT MADERA****HOSTED BY THE MINISTRY OF ECONOMY AND REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT**

WEDNESDAY 31 OCTOBER 2007

*Address: Vojkovičeva St., no.10
-1 and first floor*

08:45-11:00 SESSION V – WORKSHOP ON RIA

To complement the seminar on the first day, a more practical session under the format of a workshop will give participants the opportunity to see more in detail some components of an RIA. The experience will encourage the share of experiences and team working.

Participants will form small discussion groups to conduct case study exercises to map the costs and benefits of new regulations. This exercise of policy dialogue aims at finding solutions to common problems and establishing contacts with other countries' practices.

See the document "NOTES FOR SESSION V: WORKSHOP ON RIA" for the agenda of the workshop.

11:00-11:15 Coffee Break

11:15-12:00 CONCLUSIONS AND DEFINITION OF THE WORK PROGRAMME 2007/ 2008

The conclusion of the event will mainly cover:

- Presentation of results and synthesis of the seminar and workshop
- Definition of the future programme of work for the initiative
- Summary of emerging recommendations on how to address key challenges for RIA in SEE countries