



European Cooperation among Ministers Responsible for Public Administration and Better Regulation

Informal Group of Directors and Experts for Better Regulation

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Better Regulation Group

Setting up of an informal group reporting, as appropriate, to the Ministers for Public Administration and Better regulation, and incorporating :

- ✓ the Directors for Better Regulation
- ✓ the experts of the Mandelkern group

Enlargement

The meeting of Ministers for Public Administration and Better regulation, the meeting of Directors and experts for Better Regulation will be open to the acceding Countries and to the candidate Countries.

Calendar of meetings and events

8-9 October 2003 (Naples)

European Conference on better regulation

23-24 October 2003 (Rome)

**Meeting of the Directors and Experts of
Better Regulation**

Areas of cooperation

- ✓ Regulatory Impact Assessment (RIA)
- ✓ Public consultation
- ✓ Simplification
- ✓ Codification
- ✓ Transposition of EC law
- ✓ Training programs on Better regulation

Mandate of the informal group

- ✓ Monitoring the progress of member States on relevant issues;
- ✓ Exchange good practices among member States, **acceding** and **candidate Countries**;
- ✓ **Proposal** of start up of common activities and actions among member States, acceding and candidate Countries.

Working Method

Setting up of a “Better Regulation troika” for a preliminary definition of the working plan

Working Plan

Put forward a working plan and report, as appropriate, to the Ministers of Public Administration and Better Regulation



Working Plan – Main Issues and actions

- ✓ Regulatory Impact Assessment
- ✓ Simplification
- ✓ Training
- ✓ Performance Indicators

Future developments:

- ✓ Inter Institutional Agreement
- ✓ Council *Ad hoc* working party

Regulatory Impact Assessment - I

To launch a common action based on:

Separately assessing directives -- already assessed by the European Commission -- according to national procedures and standards, in order to:

- ✓ Provide the Commission towards a first evaluation of the action plan;
- ✓ Analyse methodologies and approaches at Commission and Member States level and their interaction;
- ✓ Compare common points and proceed with the elaboration of a RIA Common Framework at EU level.



Regulatory Impact Assessment - II

To launch a common action based on:

Separately assessing according to national procedures and standards, national measures, with a specific impact on business and competitiveness (e.g. start up of business, shops opening hours) in order to:

- ✓ Analyse and exchange good practices through the expertise of the countries that have a RIA procedure;
- ✓ Compare common points and proceed with the elaboration of a RIA Common Framework among EU Member States.



Simplification

Presentation of national Simplification programs and policies, focusing in particular on:

- ✓ Procedures related to the start up of productive activities (impact on enterprises)
- ✓ Procedures related to specific life events (citizens)
- ✓ Structures, instruments, methodologies and time frame that have been set up

Concrete suggestions for EU's simplification program and proposals for the identification of possible indicators



Training on Better Regulation

Encouraging and improving joint training programs, workshops and seminars at EU level for officials on better regulation



Performance Indicators

Consider how indicators of performance in relation to Better Regulation might be progressed at National and European level, in order to:

- compare the performance of Member States and of the Commission
- look at progress over time
- identify particular areas of difficulty



European Conferences on Better Regulation

The Italian Presidency hosted a European Conference for the discussion of better regulation policies and instruments, with the aim of:

- ✓ Encourage Countries to learn from each other's experiences;
- ✓ Increase know how and capacities at national and regional level.



Website

Planning of a data base where all the information and good practices for each area of cooperation and each Country are available



Inter Institutional Agreement

Essential element for the effectiveness of the European Institutions

- ✓ Official ceremony of signature of the IIA during the Italian Presidency;
- ✓ Implementation of the strategies of the IIA.



“*Ad hoc*” Working party

Setting up of an *ad hoc* working party on better regulation, reporting to the Council, with the mandate of:

- ✓ monitoring the implementation of the Commission's Action Plan;
- ✓ providing a forum for member States to exchange experiences and discuss new developments in the area of better regulation.

